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BY virtue of Her Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to Her Majesty's Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Tuesday the Sixth day of this instant November, to be then here holden.
Tuesday 6th November 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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

Elections.—Ordered, That all Members who are returned for two or more places in any part of the United Kingdom do make their Election for which of the places they will serve, within one week after it shall appear that there is no question upon the Return for that place; and if anything 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.—The Question being put, 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:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 217.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. John Cartwright: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

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 Kenneth Anthony Bradshaw, Esquire, C.B., the Clerk of the House.

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

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

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 Malawi and the President of Mexico on State Visits during the next twelve months, to paying a State Visit to Portugal in March, and to visiting the Caribbean in the autumn on the occasion of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in the Bahamas.

My Government consider as their highest priority the maintenance of national security and the preservation of peace. They will accordingly continue to play an active part in the Atlantic Alliance. They will promote Western defence interests outside the NATO area. They will make vigorous efforts to combat international terrorism.

With the allies of the United Kingdom, my Government will contribute to arms control and disarmament negotiations and will work for the resumption of negotiations where these have been broken off. They will work continually for a greater atmosphere of trust between East and West.

Following the agreement at Fontainebleau on the fairer sharing of the Community's budget burden and on the overall control of Community spending, my Government look forward to the further development of the European Community. They will continue to press for improvements in the Common Agricultural Policy and for completion of the common market in goods and services. They will work for the early conclusion of the negotiations to enable Spain and Portugal to join the Community, and to conclude a new agreement to succeed the Lome Convention.

My Government will continue fully to discharge their obligations to the people of the Falkland Islands, while seeking more normal relations between this country and Argentina. They will consider the views expressed by the people of Hong Kong on the draft agreement with China, and report to Parliament. They reaffirm their commitment to the people of Gibraltar and hope to see the early implementation of the Lisbon statement.

My Government will continue to work for a settlement in Namibia, a solution to the Arab/Israel dispute and the restoration of the independence and non-aligned status of Afghanistan.

My Government will continue fully to support the Commonwealth, to play a constructive role at the United Nations, to maintain a substantial aid programme, and to encourage investment in developing countries.

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My Government will continue to work closely with other nations and international institutions to strengthen and spread economic recovery; and to co-operate on issues connected with the settlement of international debts.

Members of the House of Commons,

Estimates for the public service will be laid before you.
My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

My Government will continue to pursue policies founded on sound money and lower public borrowing and aimed at securing a further reduction in inflation. While noting that the numbers of people in work are steadily rising, my Government remains deeply concerned about unemployment and will continue policies designed to achieve better opportunities for employment and to help the unemployed obtain the training or work experience needed to fill them.

Firm control of public spending will be maintained. My Government will work for a more flexible and competitive economy through lower taxation, further reform of the tax system, increased efficiency in the public sector and encouragement of initiative and enterprise which will sustain rising living standards.

In order to promote efficiency and growth, my Government will continue their policies of exposing state-owned businesses to competition and, where appropriate, returning them to the private sector. A Bill will be introduced to increase competition in the provision of local bus services in Great Britain and to transfer to the private sector the operations of the National Bus Company.

A Bill will be introduced to increase competition in retail banking by completing the transition of the Trustee Savings Banks to private sector status.

Bills will be introduced to reform insolvency law in England and Wales, and in Scotland, and to remove the statutory levy on cinema admissions and establish an environment for the film and cinema industries free from regulation.

A Bill will be introduced to abolish the Greater London Council and the metropolitan county councils.

Legislation will be introduced to extend the franchise to certain British citizens resident abroad, to change absent voting arrangements in order to enable those on holiday to vote, and to increase the parliamentary election deposit but reduce the threshold for forfeiture. A Bill will be introduced to establish a national prosecution service independent of the police in England and Wales and to enable the Attorney General to refer Crown Court sentences for the opinion of the Court of Appeal. A further Bill will establish a new and comprehensive statutory framework governing the interception of communications.

Measures will be introduced for the administration of justice in England and Wales and making further reforms in the law following reports of the Law Commission. There will be a measure dealing with the international aspects of child abduction and the custody of children.

A Bill will be introduced to improve the occupational pension rights of people who leave schemes before pensionable age and to ensure that members are able to obtain information about their schemes.

Legislation will be introduced for the better protection of food and the environment.

A Bill will be introduced to give parents of children educated at public expense the right to exempt them from corporal punishment. My Government will continue to develop policies to raise educational standards.

My Government will encourage the constitutional parties in Northern Ireland to consider how powers can be restored to local administration on a basis acceptable to all sides of the community, and will seek to maintain good relations with the Government of the Republic of Ireland. The security forces will continue to receive my Government's full support.

Bills will be introduced to establish trustee bodies to manage certain Scottish institutions, and to reform Scots law, including provisions on matrimonial property and financial provision on divorce, following Reports by the Scottish Law Commission.

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 Paul Bryan);

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. Peter Lloyd.)

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

Paper presented by Her Majesty’s Command after the Prorogation of Parliament on 31st October 1984 and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office pursuant to Standing Order No. 140 (Presentation of command papers), and ordered to lie upon the Table:


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:

Thursday 1st November 1984


Friday 2nd November 1984

Clean Air,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd October 1984, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1649).

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 16th October 1984, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1715), and

(2) 22nd October 1984, entitled the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1716).

Monday 5th November 1984


Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 29th October 1984, entitled the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1697),

(2) 29th October 1984, entitled the Social Security Benefit (Dependency, Claims and Payments and Hospital In-Patients) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1699),

(3) 29th October 1984, entitled the Social Security (Savings for Existing Beneficiaries) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1696),

(4) 30th October 1984, entitled the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1698),

(5) 31st October 1984, entitled the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1703), and


Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd October 1984, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1658).

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Tuesday 6th November 1984:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

International Development Association,—Copy of the Report of the International Development Association, dated 24th May 1984, on the seventh replenishment of IDA resources [by Command] [Cmnd. 9402].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly on the Department of Agriculture Consultation Paper on the development of horse breeding and racing in Northern Ireland [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th October 1984, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R.(N.I.), 1984, No. 361),
(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R.(N.I.), 1984, No. 360), and
(3) the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 362)
[by Act].

Development of Rural Wales,—Copy of the Accounts of the Development Board for Rural Wales for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 4].

Distribution of German Enemy Property,—Copy of the Account of the Administrator of German Enemy Property for the two years ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 3].

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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

[No. 2.]

Wednesday 7th November 1984.

PRAYERS.

Lochaber Water Power 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 Lochaber Water Power; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 13th November and to be printed [Bill 3].

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 7th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 6-i].

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 7th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 11-i].

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 7th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-i].

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

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That 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.

New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill,—Mr. Secretary Jenkin, supported by Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Ian Gow, and Sir George Young, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to certain matters connected with new towns; to amend paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 31 to the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 4].

Mineral Workings Bill,—Mr. Secretary Jenkin, supported by Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary King, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. John Moore, and Mr. Neil MacFarlane, presented a Bill to repeal certain provisions of the Mineral Workings
Acts 1951 and 1971, to transfer the assets of the Ironstone Restoration Fund to the British Steel Corporation, to make further provisions about agricultural ironstone land and forestry on ironstone land, to confer powers in connection with the reclamation, improvement or bringing into use of certain land, 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 2].

Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Hurd, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Attorney General, Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Mr. Nicholas Scott, and Mr. Chris Patten, presented a Bill to make further provision for preventing personation at elections in Northern Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 1].

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

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

In paragraph (3) the word 'twelve' shall be substituted for the word 'ten' in line 16; and in paragraph (6) the word 'nine' shall be substituted for the word 'ten' in line 41;

(2) Private Members' Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 18th and 25th January, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd February, 19th and 26th April, 3rd, 10th and 17th May and 5th July;

(3) Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business on 30th November, 7th and 14th December, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March and 7th June; and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Wednesday 14th November, Wednesday 21st November, Wednesday 28th November, Wednesday 13th February, Wednesday 20th February, Wednesday 27th February, Wednesday 6th March, Wednesday 13th March and Wednesday 22nd May;

(4) on Monday 17th December, Monday 11th February, Monday 13th May and Monday 1st 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 29th November, Thursday 24th January, Thursday 25th April and Thursday 13th June; and

(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);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Wallace, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth: 15.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That—

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

In paragraph (3) the word 'twelve' shall be substituted for the word 'ten' in line 16; and in paragraph (6) the word 'nine' shall be substituted for the word 'ten' in line 41;

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(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 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-eight minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Wednesday 7th November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Broadcasting,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Welsh Fourth Channel Authority for the ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:


Overseas Aid,—Draft of an Order, entitled the International Development Association (Seventh Replenishment) Order 1984 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th October 1984, entitled the Local Authority Stocks and Bonds (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1652) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Science and Technology,—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the Economic and Social Research Council, and
(2) the Science and Engineering Research Council
for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 25th October 1984, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1675) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Northern Ireland Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Liverpool Corporation,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th October 1984, entitled the Liverpool Corporation Act 1966 (Extension of Time) 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].

Mr. John Biffen:

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 30th October 1984, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping Act 1981 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1695), and
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1688) [by Act].
Patents.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th October 1984, entitled the Patents Etc. (Democratic Republic of the Sudan) (Convention) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1694) [by Act].

Pensions.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th October 1984, entitled the Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Amendment (No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1687) [by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by the University of Oxford on—
(1) 24th May 1984, and
(2) 6th June 1984,
amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th November 1984, entitled the Butter Subsidy (Protection of Community Arrangements) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1739) [by Act].

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

Forestry,—Account of the Forestry Fund (Grant in Aid) for the year ended 31st March 1984 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed together with the Appropriation Accounts (Class III) [No. 64-III].


Science and Technology,—Accounts of—
(1) the Agricultural Research Council,
(2) the Medical Research Council,
(3) the Natural Environment Research Council,
(4) the Science and Engineering Research Council, and
(5) the Social Science Research Council
for the year ended 31st March 1984 ; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed together with the Appropriation Accounts (Class X) [No. 614-VII].

CHAIRMEN'S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 127 (Chairmen's Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Stan Crowther, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Sir Phillip Holland, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. David Knox, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Michael Morris, Sir Michael Shaw, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. John Spence, and Sir John Wells to be members of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

Thursday 8th November 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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 the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [The implementation of dairy quotas].

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 14].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 14].

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 November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 15-i].
National Heritage (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Younger, supported by Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Allan Stewart, Mr. John MacKay, and Mr. John Moore, presented a Bill to transfer responsibility for the Royal Scottish Museum and the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland to a new Board of Trustees of the National Museums of Scotland, to establish a Board of Trustees of the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, to make provision as to the status, functions and powers of the new Boards, and as to the property to be held by them, to make further provision as to the Boards of Trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland and the National Library of Scotland, to confer on the Secretary of State power to make grants for cultural and scientific purposes, to amend the Public Records (Scotland) Act 1937 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].

Friendly Societies Bill,—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. Norman Lamont, and Mr. Alex Fletcher, presented a Bill to validate certain contracts of insurance entered into by registered friendly societies before 1st June 1984 and to modify, with both retrospective and prospective effect, provisions relating to the financial limits in section 64 of the Friendly Societies Act 1974 and section 332 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 7].

Films Bill,—Mr. Secretary Tebbit, supported by Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Kenneth Baker, and Mr. Norman Lamont, presented a Bill to repeal the Films Acts 1960 to 1980; to make further provision with respect of the financing of films; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 6].

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 6th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the 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 M. Gibson and others in West Germany for securing certain democratic rights for British citizens resident outside the United Kingdom was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.) 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.]
Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th November 1984, entitled the National Health Service (Family Practitioner Committees: Transitional) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1735) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st October 1984, entitled the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) and Housing Benefits Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1728) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Companies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st October 1984, entitled the Companies (Alteration of Table A etc) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1717) [by Act].

Telecommunications,—Copies of—

(1) a Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Mercury Communications Limited, and

(2) an Order, dated 6th November 1984, entitled the Public Telecommunications System Designation (Mercury Communications Limited) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1741)

[by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Meat and Livestock Commission for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

[No. 4.]

Friday 9th November 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from people of North Staffordshire for the defence of the National Health Service was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Civil Aviation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ridley, supported by Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Jenkin, Mr. John Moore, and Mr. Michael Spicer, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the imposition of limits on aircraft movements at aerodromes designated by the Secretary of State, including provision with respect to the functions of the British Airports Authority in connection with any such limits; to make further provision for securing the most effective use of aerodromes; and to make provision for reducing the indebtedness of the Civil Aviation Authority in connection with the disposal of certain aerodromes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 12th November and to be printed [Bill 8].

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 6th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

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

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Question being again proposed, That a 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 it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 12th November.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 12th November.

[Adjourmed at 2.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 9th November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th October 1984, entitled the Pensions Increase (Federated Superannuation Scheme for Nurses and Hospital Officers) (Civil Service) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1751) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Development of Inventions,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Housing,—Copies of Orders, dated 30th October 1984, entitled—

(1) the Grants by Local Authorities (Repairs Grants for Airey Houses) (Eligible Expense Limits) (Variation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1700),
(2) the Grants by Local Authorities (Repairs Grants for Airey Houses) (Revocation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1718), and
(3) the Housing Defects (Expenditure Limit) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1705)

[by Act].

[No. 5.]

Monday 12th November 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Autumn Statement 1984,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a copy of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement 1984.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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 November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 6-ii].

Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Affairs Committee in the last Session of Parliament to be printed [No. 17].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 5) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1306) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1452) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (People's Republic of China) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Crown Agents Commencing Capital Debt Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Mr. Dennis Skinner, Member for Bolsover, 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), ordered him to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's sitting:—And he withdrew accordingly.

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address)—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 6th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words 'but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech proposes to continue policies which imperil Britain's industry and relentlessly increase unemployment and fails to propose any effective measures to rebuild the nation's industrial base and create new opportunities for employment.'—(Mr. John Smith.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Donald Thompson: 353.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Derek Arthur Russell Brown for a public inquiry into the case of Brown v. Norfolk County Council and Broadland District 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 Windsor and Maidenhead for the introduction of a benefit payable to all registered blind people over the age of 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,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. John Major.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 12th November 1984

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 1984 [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 12].
Mr. John Moore:

Appropriation Accounts.— Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Defence and Civil Services for Classes IV and V for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 19-IV].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security.— Copy of the Report by the Government Actuary on the draft Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2) Order 1984 [by Command] [Cmd. 9386].

Social Security.— Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1984, entitled the Social Security (Contributions Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1756) [by Act].

Social Security,— Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2) Order 1984, and
(2) the Social Security (Treasury Supplement to Contributions) (No. 2) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Road Traffic,— Copy of Regulations, dated 30th September 1984, entitled the Special Road (Llanddulas to Colwyn Bay) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1719) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland Assembly,— Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on the Proposal for a draft Foreign Limitation Periods (Northern Ireland) Order [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Coal Industry,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Coal Industry (Limit on Deficit Grants) Order 1984, and
(2) the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,— Copies of Orders in Council, dated 30th October 1984, entitled—
(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Disablement Awards) (No. 2) Order 1984,
(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Attributable and Non-attributable Death Awards) (No. 2) Order 1984,
(3) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Disablement Awards) (No. 2) Order 1984,
(4) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Locally Engaged Ratings' Disablement) (No. 2) Order 1984,
(5) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Locally Engaged Ratings Widows' Attributable Pensions) (No. 2) Order 1984,
(6) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Disablement Awards) (No. 2) Order 1984,
(7) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Widows' Attributable Pensions) (No. 2) Order 1984,
(8) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Non-Effective Benefits and Family Pensions) (No. 2) Order 1984, and
(9) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Widows' Attributable Pensions) (No. 2) Order 1984 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Parliamentary Papers,— Alphabetical index to the Bills, House of Commons Papers and Command Papers in the House of Commons set of parliamentary papers with notes on the volume arrangement and summary of legislation, Session 1983-84, Forty-ninth Parliament, First Session, 32nd and 33rd Elizabeth II, 22nd June 1983 to 31st October 1984; to be printed [No. 23].

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

Law Commissions,— Statement by the Lord Chancellor with regard to the pension provisions of a Law Commissioner [by Act].
Mr. Speaker's Certificate

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 National Heritage (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 6.]

Tuesday 13th November 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bills.—The Standing Orders of 31st July and 24th, 29th and 30th October relating to the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill, the Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill, the Dartmoor Commons Bill, the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill, the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill, and the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill, suspended in the last Session of Parliament, being read;

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 and second time and committed.

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, second and third time, and passed.

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 and second time and committed.

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 and second time and ordered to lie upon the Table.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill.—A Bill to empower London Regional Transport to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on London Regional Transport; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and ordered to be read the third 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, second and third time, and passed.

Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Bill.—The House according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 31).—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting applications of Standing Order No. 31 (Closure of debate) during Session 1983-84, (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:
Delegated Legislation.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Instruments considered in Session 1983-84 by the Joint Committee and the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments respectively pursuant to their orders of reference, showing in each case the numbers of Instruments subject to the different forms of parliamentary procedure and of those within the Committees’ orders of reference for which no parliamentary procedure is prescribed by statute, and the numbers drawn to the special attention of the House or of both Houses distinguishing the ground in the Committees’ orders of reference upon which such attention was invited; and of the numbers of Instruments considered by a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and by the House respectively, in Session 1983-84, showing the number where the question on the proceedings relating thereto was put forthwith under Standing Order No. 79(5).—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Private Bills and Private Business.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders introduced into this House and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in Session 1983-84:

Of all Private Bills, Hybrid Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Session 1983-84 were reported on by Committees on Opposed Bills or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the names of the selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last day of the sitting of each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each selected Member served; the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills of which the Preambles were reported to have been proved; the Bills of which the Preambles were reported to have been not proved; and, in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Order ought or ought not to be confirmed;

Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Session 1983-84 were referred by the Committee of Selection to the Committee on Unopposed Bills, together with the names of the Members who served on the Committee; the number of days on which the Committee sat; and the number of days on which each Member attended;

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

Public Bills.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Public Bills, distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during Session 1983-84 showing:

(1) the number which received the Royal Assent, and

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

Select Committees.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Select Committees, except Business Committees, in Session 1983-84, with the Sub-Committees appointed by them; the number of the meetings of each and the number of meetings each Member attended; and the number of Members who served on Select Committees; together with the total cost (estimated where necessary) in respect of each Select Committee and Sub-Committee for the financial year 1983-84 of:—the attendance of witnes-
Sittings of the House,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the days on which the House sat in Session 1983-84, stating for each day the day of the month and day of the week, the hour of the meeting, and the hour of the adjournment; and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after the time appointed for the interruption of business.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Standing Committees,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1983-84, of (1) the total number and the names of all Members (including and distinguishing Chairmen) who have been appointed to serve on one or more of the Standing Committees showing, with regard to each of such Members, the number of sittings to which he was summoned and at which he was present; (2) the number of Bills, Estimates, Matters and other items referred to Standing Committees pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.) or Standing Order No. 80 (Standing Committees on European Community Documents) considered by all and by each of the Standing Committees, the number of sittings of each Committee and the titles of all Bills, Estimates, Matters and other items as above considered by a Committee, distinguishing where a Bill was a Government Bill or was brought from the House of Lords, and showing in the case of each Bill, Estimate, Matter and other item, the particular Committee by whom it was considered, the number of sittings at which it was considered and the number of Members present at each of those sittings.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Special Procedure Orders,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Special Procedure Orders presented in Session 1983-84; the number withdrawn; the number against which Petitions or copies of Petitions were deposited; the number of Petitions of General Objection and for Amendment respectively considered by the Chairmen; the number of such Petitions certified by the Chairmen as proper to be received, and the number certified by them as being Petitions of General Objection and for Amendment respectively; the number referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses; the number reported with Amendments by a Joint Committee, and the number in relation to which a Joint Committee reported that the Order be not approved; and the number of Bills introduced for the confirmation of Special Procedure Orders:

Of Special Procedure Orders which, in Session 1983-84, were referred to a Joint Committee, together with the names of the Commons Members who served on each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; and the number of days on which each such Member attended.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some 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 Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 13th November.

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

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 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].

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 the 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 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].

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 Nottinghamshire; to confer further powers on the Nottinghamshire 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 [Nottinghamshire County 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].

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

(1) Every instrument which is laid before each House of Parliament and upon which proceedings may be or might have been taken in either House of Parliament, in pursuance of an Act of Parliament; being
   (a) a statutory instrument, or a draft of a statutory instrument;
   (b) a scheme, or an amendment of a scheme, or draft thereof, requiring approval by statutory instrument;
   (c) any other instrument (whether or not in draft), where the proceedings in pursuance of an Act of Parliament are proceedings by way of an affirmative resolution; or
   (d) an order subject to special parliamentary procedure; but excluding any Order in Council or draft Order in Council made or proposed to be made under paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974;

(2) Every general statutory instrument not within the foregoing classes, and not required to be laid before or to be subject to proceedings in the Commons only, but not including Measures under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 and instruments made under such Measures; with a view to determining whether the special attention of the House should be drawn to it on any of the following grounds—
   (i) that it imposes a charge on the public revenues or contains provisions requiring payments to be made to the Exchequer or any government department or to any local or public authority in consideration of any licence or consent or of any services to be rendered, or prescribes the amount of any such charge or payments;
   (ii) that it is made in pursuance of any enactment containing specific provisions excluding it from challenge in the courts, either at all times or after the expiration of a specific period;
   (iii) that it purports to have retrospective effect where the parent statute confers no express authority so to provide;
   (iv) that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the publication or in the laying of it before Parliament;
   (v) that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in sending a notification under the proviso to subsection (1) of section 4 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, 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; and

That the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons this day at a quarter-past Four o'clock.

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 Chairman 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-Committee 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; and

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.

Private Bills (Suspension).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a 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, each Agent for a Bill has deposited in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by him, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the last Session, viz.:—

Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords]
Hereford City Council Bill [Lords]
London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords]
Worcester City Council Bill [Lords].

Private Bills [Lords].—The Standing Orders of 31st July and 29th October, relating to Private Bills (Suspension), being read;

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

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

London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords].—The London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time and committed.

Worcester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Worcester City Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
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Private Bills [Lords].—The Standing Order of 31st July relating to the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], suspended in the last session of Parliament, being read; Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1538) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Industrial and Commercial Ratepayers (Consultation) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1355) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the National Health Service Functions (Directives to Authorities and Administration Arrangements) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1577) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Bread and Flour Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1304) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Bread and Flour (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1518) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Rating of Caravan Sites (Scotland) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 6th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words ‘but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech reaffirms policies which have already done severe damage to the British economy and will, in the future, further hold back the prospects of economic recovery’.—(Mr. Roy Hattersley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Austin Mitchell : 205.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Donald Thompson : 364.

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 offers no policies for reducing the level of unemployment’.—(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. Ian Wrigglesworth, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft : 200.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang : 364.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones : 352.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Sean Hughes : 202.

So the Question 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.

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Local Government (Supplementary Grants for Transport Purposes Specified Descriptions) Order 1984, dated 18th October 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker);

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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. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Dr. Rogert Thomas : 169.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government (Supplementary Grants for Transport Purposes Specified Descriptions) Order 1984, dated 18th October 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from George Jackson for his obtaining justice 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 seven minutes to One o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.53 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 13th November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Gift of Land,—Treasury Minute, dated 13th November 1984, concerning the Gift of Land to the Government of the Bahamas [by Command] [Cmnd. 9381].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Prisons,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland for 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9401].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Science and Technology,—Copies of the Reports of—

(1) the Agricultural and Food Research Council, and

(2) the Medical Research Council

for the year ended 31st March 1984 [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 September.

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Welsh Development Agency,—Copy of a Direction, dated 9th November 1984, given by the Secretary of State for Wales to the Welsh Development Agency [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Family Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, and
(2) the Road Traffic, Transport and Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1984.

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Merchant Shipping.—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences) (Conditions for Recognition) Regulations 1984, and
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences) (Mandatory Provisions) Regulations 1984.

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th November 1984, entitled the Butter (EEC Special Sale) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1765) [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 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 30].

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Property Services Agency: Defence Works in the Falklands Islands [by Act]; to be printed [No. 31].

MEMORANDUM
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Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:
(1) the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 5) Order 1984, the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1984 and the Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) Regulations 1984 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(2) the draft Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (People's Republic of China) Order 1984, the Bread and Flour Regulations 1984 and the Bread and Flour (Scotland) Regulations 1984 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(3) the Rating of Caravan Sites (Scotland) Order 1984 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(4) the draft Crown Agents Commencing Capital Debt Order 1984 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(5) the Industrial and Commercial Ratepayers (Consultation) Regulations 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
(6) the National Health Service Functions (Directions to Authorities and Administration Arrangements) Amendment Regulations 1984 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 7.]

Wednesday 14th November 1984

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (Suspension).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a Certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office that, in respect of the following Bill brought from the House of Lords, and upon which the proceedings were suspended in this House, the Agent for the Bill has deposited in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by him, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the last Session, viz.:

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].

Private Bills [Lords].—The Standing Orders of 31st July, relating to Private Bills (Suspension), being again read;
Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time and committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to the Standing Order of 31st July, That he had gone through the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Bill.—The Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Highland Regional Council (Uig Pier, Skye) 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 Highland Regional Council (Uig Pier, Skye): And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 20th November and to be printed [Bill 9].

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 the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 37].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, 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. 34-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 14th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 6-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 (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-i].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-i].

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 November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 11-Ii and -iii].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix I).

Selection (Standing Committees).—Mr. Marcus Fox 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 the 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.

Selection (Select Committees).—Mr. Marcus Fox 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.

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 14th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13-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 14th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-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 14th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 384].

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 14th November, together with Appendices.

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

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).

Schools and Further Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, believing that the future of the nation depends on developing the skills and abilities of all children and sharing the concern felt by parents and teachers about inadequate educational provision in many parts of the country, deplores the squeeze on education spending which, as reports of Her Majesty's Inspectorate have warned, are already threatening standards in schools and colleges, and believes that investment in education ought to be improved and increased—(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 'believes that the future of this nation depends on developing the skills and abilities of all children; congratulates Her Majesty's Government on its policies for raising standards of education for all abilities by action on the curriculum, examinations and teaching quality; and welcomes Her Majesty's Government's policies for securing the most effective use of the substantial resources available for the benefit of the education service', instead thereof.—(Secretary Sir Keith Joseph);

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: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 274.

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 future of this nation depends on developing the skills and abilities of all children; congratulates Her Majesty's Government on its policies for raising standards of education for all abilities by action on the curriculum, examinations and teaching quality; and welcomes Her Majesty's Government's policies for securing the most effective use of the substantial resources available for the benefit of the education service.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Crickhowell, Cwmdu, Llangattock, Llangenni and Llangynidr Community Councils against the closure of Cwrt-y-Gollen Infantry Training Depot, Crickhowell, Powys was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Possilpark, Ruchill and elsewhere in Glasgow for more drastic measures to deal with the problem of drug abuse and to curtail the activities of drug dealers was presented 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 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. John Major.)

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 I

Wednesday 14th November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Building and Buildings,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th October 1984, entitled the Building Standards (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1660) [by Act].
Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th October 1984, entitled the Meat Products and Spreadable Fish Products (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1714) [by Act].
Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission for the year ended 15th June 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 2].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Mr. John Biffen:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the Governing Body of Nuffield College, Oxford, on 5th June 1984, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Apple and Pear Development Council 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 they had taken into consideration the Petition presented against the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW1) 1984 and the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW2) 1984 by the Dartmoor Preservation Association, the Ramblers' Association, the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society, the British Archaeological Trust, the Council for the Protection of Rural England (Devon Branch), Transport 2000 (Devon Branch), Friends of the Earth Limited, the Long Distance Walkers Association and the Devon Alliance of Amenity Societies, and the Memorial of the Secretary of State for Transport; and that they had certified the Petition as proper to be received and as a Petition of General Objection and had determined that the Petitioners have a locus standi [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Sittings of the House,—Return to an Order yesterday for a Return relating to Sittings of the House.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel).—Mr. Marcus Fox 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. Ray Ellis, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. John Heddle, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Geoffrey Lothhouse, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. David Marshall, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Martin Redmond, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mrs. Angela Rumbold, Mr. Martin Stevens, and Mr. Dennis Walters.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox 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).—Mr. Marcus Fox 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 act as Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Dick Douglas, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael 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.—Mr. Marcus Fox 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, Sir John Farr, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Ernie Ross, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

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

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 Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 5) Order 1984 and the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. Tony Baldry, Mr. Stephen Dorrell, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Peter Griffiths, Mr. Richard Hickmet, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Mr. Robert Key, Mr. Ray Kidd, Mr. Tom Kirkwood, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Henry Mallin, Mr. Francis Maude, Mr. Michael Neuber, Mr. George Park, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. Dennis Skinner, and Mr. David Trippier.

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 Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Biggar, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Eric Cockram, Sir John Farr, Mr. Ted Garret, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Tom Hooson, Mr. Geraint Howells, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Ron Leighton, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boy, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. David Maclean, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Gerrard Neale, 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 Customs Duties (Amendment) Regulations 1984 and the Customs Duties (Amendment) Regulations 1984, viz.: Dr. John G. Blackburn, Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. Cecil Franks, Mr. Warren Hawksley, Mr. James Hill, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Roger King, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boy, Mr. John MacKay, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Ernie Ross, and Mr. Richard Wainwright.

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 Rating of Caravan Sites (Scotland) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Craigen, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst Mr. Ian Lang Mrs. Anna McCurley Mr. William McKelvey Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. David Marshall, and Mr. Gavin Strang.

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 Crown Agents Commencing Capital Debt Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Atkhen, Mr. Guy Barnet,
Mr. Graham Bright, Mr. William Cash, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. David Evennett, Mr. Roger Freeman, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Stuart Holland, Mr. Robert B. Jones, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. Alec Woodall, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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 Industrial and Commercial Ratepayers (Consultation) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Spencer Baitse, Mr. Vivian Bendall, Mr. Tim Brinton, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Christopher Chase, Mr. Den Dover, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mr. Robert Hayward, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Clare Short, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Jack Straw, Mr. William Waldegrave, and Mr. Michael Welsh.

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 National Health Service Functions (Directions to Authorities and Administration Arrangements) Amendment Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Jack Aspinwall, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Frank Dobson, Mr. Andrew Fauds, Mr. Tony Favell, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Richard Holt, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Dr. John Marek, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Roger Moate, and Mr. John Patten.

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).

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 in the last Session of Parliament: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Matters relating to HM Customs and Excise].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 39].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 39].

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 and to extend certain local enactments in force within the county of Surrey; to confer further powers on the Surrey County Council and local authorities in the county; to make further provision in regard to the environment, local government, improvement and finances of the county and those local authorities; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Surrey Bill [Lords]].

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of Twelve Lords to join with a 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 21st November at half-past Four o'clock.

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

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

Social Security.—Mr. Secretary Fowler, supported by Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Hurd, Mr. Secretary King, Mr. Barney Heyhoe, Mr. Tony Newton, and Mr. Ray Whitney, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to occupational pensions, social security and statutory sick pay; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 10].

Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elections (Northern Ireland) 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 desirous of checking electoral abuse in any part of the Kingdom and prepared to consider proposals to extend the responsibilities and powers of presiding officers, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which offers no satisfactory means of establishing that a person requesting a ballot paper is in fact the elector who he claims to be ", instead thereof.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. William Ross, the Reverend Martin Smyth : 14.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Tony Durant : 170.

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. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert : 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, the Reverend Martin Smyth : 14.

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.

Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill, it is expedient to authorise any increase attributable to the Act in the sums to be paid out of, or charged on and paid out of, the Consolidated Fund under any other enactment.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ryedale for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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 seven minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.53 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 15th November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 30, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 4th April 1984, fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil, originating in Tunisia, for the year ended 31st October 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9378].

European Communities (No. 33, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 27th March 1984, fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil, originating in Morocco, for the year ended 31st October 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9379].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st October 1984, entitled the Education (Grants for In-Service Training of Teachers) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1740) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:


Mr. Secretary Hurd:


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

Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 31),—Return to an Order [13th November] for a Return relating to Closure of Debate for Session 1983-84.

Public Bills,—Return to an Order [13th November] for a Return relating to Public Bills for Session 1983-84 ; to be printed [No. 16].

Government Trading Funds,—Copy of the Accounts of the Crown Suppliers 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. 40].

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., Dr. John Marek (nominated in respect of the National Health Service Functions (Directions to Authorities and Administration Arrangements) Amendment Regulations 1984) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jack Thompson.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 15th November 1984

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill ;

(2) Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments &c., in respect of the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 5) Order 1984 and the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1984 ;
Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) Regulations 1984;

Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (People's Republic of China) Order 1984;

Mr. Michael Morris Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Bread and Flour Regulations 1984 and the Bread and Flour (Scotland) Regulations 1984;

Mr. Hugh McCartney (Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Rating of Caravan Sites (Scotland) Order 1984;

Sir John Wells Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Crown Agents Commencing Capital Debt Order 1984;

Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Industrial and Commercial Ratepayers (Consultation) Regulations 1984; and

Sir Philip Holland Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the National Health Service Functions (Directions to Authorities and Administration Arrangements) Amendment Regulations 1984.

[No. 9.1]

Friday 16th November 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Friendly Societies Bill,—The Friendly Societies 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.)

Committee upon Monday 19th November.

Mineral Workings Bill,—The Mineral Workings Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of bills).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Mineral Workings Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in paying sums to the British Steel Corporation in respect of ironstone extracted by operators in the financial year ending on 31st March 1985;

(2) any expenses of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food incurred (whether in the form of grant or otherwise) under arrangements to bring worked ironstone land to a good state of cultivation and fertility.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Ways and Means,—Mineral Workings,—Resolved, That any Act resulting from the Mineral Workings Bill may—

(a) require the British Steel Corporation to pay to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food sums equal to expenses incurred by him (whether in the form of grant or otherwise) under arrangements to bring worked ironstone land to a good state of cultivation and fertility, and

(b) provide for the payment of those sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)
Social Services,—Ordered, That Mr. David Crouch be discharged from the Social Services Committee and Mr. Steve Norris be added.—(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. Donald Thompson);

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 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 adjourned till Monday 19th November.

[Adjourned at 12.9 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 16th November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Statistics of Trade,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th November 1984, entitled the Census of Production Order (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1762) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Licences and Licensing,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th October 1984, entitled the Fees (Increase) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 369) [by Act].

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

Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Copy of the Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ended 31st March 1984 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 41].

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. Jack Aspinwall and Mr. Esmond Bulmer (nominated in respect of the National Health Service Functions (Directions to Authorities and Administration Arrangements) Amendment Regulations 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eric Forth and Mr. Neil Thorne.

[No. 10.]


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

PRAYERS.

Trade,—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of Statistics relating to Overseas Trade of the United Kingdom for the year 1985 and for each month during 1985.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (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 19th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 46-i].
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 19th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 474].

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 November.

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

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 November.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Food Labelling Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1305) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Agricultural Holdings (Forms of Notice to Pay Rent or to Remedy) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1308) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (Units of Production) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1309) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Agricultural Land Tribunals (Succession to Agricultural Tenancies) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1301) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Registered Homes Tribunals Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1346) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Residential Care Homes Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1345) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Films Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Films 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. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Ian Lang: 216.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr. Roger Thomas, Mr. Ray Powell: 106.

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 (Commital of bills).

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Ways and Means Motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Films Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Secretary of State in connection with the giving of financial assistance under the Act.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)
Ways and Means,—Films,—Resolved, That, in connection with any Act resulting from the Films Bill ("the Act")—
(a) charges to income tax and corporation tax may be imposed by provisions made by or under the Act and restricting the operation of section 72(7) of the Finance Act 1982 (Expenditure on production and acquisition of films etc.); and
(b) it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums required to be so paid by virtue of the Act.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Consumer Protection,—Resolved, That the draft Gas Catalytic Heaters (Safety) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 22nd October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Alex Fletcher.)

Legal Aid and Advice,—Resolved, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1984, dated 16th October 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Legal Aid and Advice,—Resolved, That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1984, dated 16th October 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Resolved, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1984, dated 24th October 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. John MacKay.)

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Resolved, That the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1984, dated 24th October 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st October in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. John MacKay.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Barrow and Furness for the introduction of a benefit payable to all registered blind people over the age of 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. Tony Durant);
And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes past Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Paper delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 16th November 1984 pursuant to Standing Order No. 141 (Presentation of statutory instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th November 1984, entitled the Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1787) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 19th November 1984:

Mr. Ian Stewart:

European Communities,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Undertaking on Supplementary Finance for the Community) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th November 1984, entitled the Customs Duties (Greece) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1754) [by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (Optical Appliances) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1784) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

British Nationality,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1984, entitled the British Citizenship (Designated Service) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1766) [by Act].
Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 80, 1984).—Copy of an Undertaking made by the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Community meeting within the Council, at Luxembourg on 2nd and 3rd October 1984, to make payments to the Community in 1984 to finance the Supplementary and Amending Budget No. 1 [by Command] (Cmd. 9395).

Pensions.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 19th October 1984, entitled The Seychelles Public Officers', Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund (United Kingdom) (Amendment) Scheme 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Pensions.—List of exceptional awards of pensions and allowances to disabled members and the dependants of deceased members of the armed forces during the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Gas.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th November 1984, entitled the Gas (Meters) (Variation of Fees) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1785) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Opticians.—Copy of an Order of Council, dated 14th November 1984, entitled the Sale of Optical Appliances Order of Council 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1778) [by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of The Queen's College, Oxford, on 19th June 1984, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

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

National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of Health and Social Security: Statutory Sick Pay Scheme [by Act]; to be printed [No. 45].

[No. 11.]

Tuesday 20th November 1984.

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 its Address of 13th November, was pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

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

Private Bills [Lords] (Standing Order not previously inquired into complied with).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred after the First Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:

Worcester City Council Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a 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.:

Hereford City Council Bill [Lords].

Surrey Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.
Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Highland Regional Council (Uig Pier, Skye) Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Highland Regional Council (Uig Pier, Skye) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. 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 (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 20th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-ii].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-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 20th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 6-iv].

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 November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-ii].

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 20th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 49-i].

National Heritage (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill in relation to the principle of the Bill and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 51].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Crouch reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 5) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1306) and the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1452), referred to a Committee on 12th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 50].

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—The Lords communicate that they have made the following Order, viz.: That the Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] be referred to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Health and Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1158) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New Towns and Urban Development Corporations 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: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. John McWilliam: 121.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of bills).

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill (“the Act”) it is expedient to authorise—

(1) any payment out of the National Loans Fund, the Consolidated Fund or money provided by Parliament resulting from—

(a) increasing by, or by order made by virtue of, the Act, to an amount not exceeding £5,250 million, the limit on borrowing by new town development corporations and the Commission for the New Towns (“the Commission”); or

(b) increasing to £600 million, with power to increase by order to £800 million, the limit imposed on the amount of grants to and borrowing by urban development corporations by paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 31 to the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980;

and any payment into the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund resulting from such increases:

(2) the extinguishment by order of all or any liabilities—

(a) of a new town development corporation in respect of advances made to the corporation falling within section 60(a) of the New Towns Act 1981, subject to a limit of £1,750 million on the aggregate amount of liabilities authorised to be extinguished;

(b) of the Development Board for Rural Wales in respect of money borrowed under section 9(2)(a) of the Development of Rural Wales Act 1976 for the purposes of the Board’s functions in respect of the development of new towns; and

(c) of the Commission in respect of money lent or advanced by the Secretary of State to the Commission or a new town development corporation in the event of the dissolution of the Commission by the Secretary of State;

(3) the suspension by order of the repayment of the principal of or the payment and accrual of interest on sums—

(a) advanced to a new town development corporation or the Commission as mentioned in section 60(a) or (c) of the New Towns Act 1981; and

(b) specified by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury;

subject to a limit of £950 million or such greater amount not exceeding £1,300 million as may be specified by order on the aggregate of the loans authorised to be suspended;

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

(a) any expenses of a Minister of the Crown attributable to the provisions of the Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums which under any other enactment are paid out of money so provided; and

(5) the payment of any other sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Voters to produce prescribed documents).

Amendments (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 12, to leave out from the beginning to the second word “the” in page 2, line 3, and insert the word “if”.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
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Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Clifford Forsythe : 13.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 129.

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

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 residents of the constituency of Gillingham 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. Robert Boscawen.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes past One o'clock, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.18 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 20th November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:
Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 20th November 1984, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for the sale of the British Gas Corporation's oil interests [by Act].

Mr. John Moore:
Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Copy of a Note by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury on the Supply Estimates for the year ending 31st March 1985: Winter Supplementary Estimates and provisional outturn for the first half of the year [by Command].
Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Supplementary Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command] ; to be printed [No. 7].
Supply Estimates, 1985-86,—Estimates showing the services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1986 [by Command] ; to be printed [No. 8].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Shops,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into proposals to amend the Shops Acts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9376].
Coroners,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th November 1984, entitled the Lincolnshire (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1795) [by Act].
Horserace Betting Levy Board,—Copy of the Reports and Financial Statements of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Horserace Totalisator Board for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Criminal Statistics,—Copy of Criminal Statistics for Scotland for the years 1980 to 1982 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9403].
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 Lloyds Bank plc 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 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Supply Estimates 1985-86—Estimates for the House of Commons: Administration (Class XIII-A) for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1986 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 9].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission:

Supply Estimates, 1985-86,—Estimates for the House of Commons: Administration be voted for the National Audit Office (Class XIII-B) for the service of the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 29].

Supply Estimates, 1985-86,—Estimates for the National Audit Office (Class XIII-B) for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1986 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 28].

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

Law Commissions,—Statement by the Lord Chancellor with regard to the pension provisions of a Law Commissioner [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 20th November 1984

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

1. the New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill to Standing Committee A;
2. the Films Bill to Standing Committee B;
3. the Mineral Workings Bill to Standing Committee D;
4. the Health and Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
5. the Food Labelling Regulations 1984 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
6. the Agricultural Holdings (Forms of Notice to Pay Rent or to Remedy) Regulations 1984, the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (Units of Production) Order 1984 and the Agricultural Land Tribunals (Succession to Agricultural Tenancies) Order 1984 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
7. the Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Regulations 1984 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
8. the Registered Homes Tribunals Rules 1984 and the Residential Care Homes Regulations 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
9. the Social Security (General Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1984 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 12.]


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

PRAYERS.

Enfield, Southgate 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 the present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Enfield, Southgate, in the room of the honourable Sir Anthony George Berry, deceased.—(Mr. John Cope.)

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill,—A Motion being made, That the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) 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 it shall think fit.

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

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

Highland Regional Council (Uig Pier, Skye) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Highland Regional Council (Uig Pier, Skye) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

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, together with an Appendix: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [The Equal Opportunities Commission's Draft Code of Practice].

Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 59].

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

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 November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 6-v].

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. 5-ii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-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 21st November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 56-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. 58-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 21st November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13-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 21st November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 38-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 21st November.

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

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (People's Republic of China) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 12th November.

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

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Rating of Caravan Sites (Scotland) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 13th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 55].
Civil Aviation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Civil Aviation 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. Ian Lang, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Dr. Roger Thomas: 154.

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).

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chertsey and Walton for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Berkshire for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Grave disorder having arisen, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 27 (Power of Mr. Speaker to adjourn House or suspend sitting), suspended the sitting of the House for ten minutes.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And grave disorder having arisen in the House, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 27 (Power of Mr. Speaker to adjourn House or suspend sitting), it being then twenty-seven minutes past ten o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 21st November 1984

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 1983 [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Younger:
Transport.—Statement of increase of salary of the Chairman and members of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:
Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1984, amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Children.—Copy of the Second Report on the operation in England and Wales of those sections of the Children Act 1975 which are in force [by Act]; to be printed [No. 20].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Industrial Organisation and Development.—Copy of the Reports and Accounts of the Hosiery and Allied Trades Research Association for—
(1) the year ended 30th September 1982, and
(2) the year ended 30th September 1983
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Local Government Finance.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Audit Commission for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

National Heritage.—Copy of the Report of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on the proposal for a draft Road Traffic (Type Approval) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Public Passenger Vehicles.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th November 1984, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment, Use and Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1763) [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th November 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.L., 1984, No. 1761) [by Act].

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 New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill, viz.:
Mr. David Amess, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Den Dover, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Eric Forth, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Simon Hughes, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. William O’Brien, Mr. Allan Roberts, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Neil Thorne, Mr. John Watts, and Mr. Timothy Wood.

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 Films Bill, viz.:
Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Tim Brinton, Mr. Tom Clark, Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Roger Gale, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr. Robert Key, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Chris Smith, Dr. Roger Thomas, and Mr. David Trippier.

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 Mineral Workings Bill, viz.:
Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Michael CARTISS, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Geoffrey Dickens, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Roger Freeman, Mr. Roy Galley, Mr. Peter Griffiths, Mr. Warren Hawsley, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Ray Powell, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, and Mr. Michael Welsh.

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 Health and Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Stuart Bell, Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. John Major, Mr. Chris Patton, Mr. Ernie Roberts, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr. Derek Spencer, Mr. Stefan Terlezki, Mr. Malcolm Thornton, Mr. John Townend, Dr. Ian Twinn, Mr. Gary Waller, Mr. Mike Woodcock, and Mr. Tim Yeo.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Dr. Mark Hughes (nominated in respect of the Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) Regulation 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Home Robertson.

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 Food Labelling Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mrs. Peggy Ffarner, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. Bob McTaggart, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mr. Steve Norris, Mr. Phillip Oppenheim, Mr. Robert Parry, Sir David Price, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Nicholas Soames, Mr. John M. Taylor, Mr. Jack Thompson, 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 Agricultural Holdings (Forms of Notice to Pay Rent or to Remedy) Regulations 1984, the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (Units of Production) Order 1984, and the Agricultural Land Tribunals (Succession to Agricultural Tenancies) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mrs. Peggy Ffarner, Mr. Ted Garrett, Mrs. Margaret Ffarmer, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Robert Maclellan, Mr. Paul Marland, Sir John Page, Mr. Keith Raffan, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. Richard Ryder, Mr. Tony Speller, Mr. Michael Stern, Mr. Andrew Stewart, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. David Sumberg, and Mr. Tom Torney.

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 Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. James Couchman, Mr. Frank Dobson, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. John Powley, Mr. K. Harvey Proctor, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mrs. Angela Rumbold, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, and Sir Dudley Smith.

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 Registered Homes Tribunals Rules 1984 and the Residential Care Homes Regulations 1984, viz.: Margaret Beckett, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Michael McGuire, Dr. John Marek, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. John Patten, Mr. William Powell, Mr. Reg Prentice, Mr. Martin Redmond, Mr. Jonathan Sayeed, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Keith Speed, Mr. Martin Stevens, and Mr. Charles Wardle.

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 Social Security (General Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. David Alton, Margaret Beckett, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Dave Nellist, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Tom Sackville, Mr. Richard Shepherd, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Patrick Thompson, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Peter Thornham, Mr. John Whitfield, Mr. Ray Whitney, and Mr. Timothy Wood.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 21st November 1984

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committee), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Sir Philip Holland Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill;

(2) Mr. Stan Crowther Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Films Bill;
(3) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Mineral Workings Bill;

(4) Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Food Labelling Regulations 1984;

(5) Miss Betty Boothroyd Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Agricultural Holdings (Forms of Notice to Pay Rent or to Remedy) Regulations 1984, the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (Units of Production) Order 1984 and the Agricultural Land Tribunals (Succession to Agricultural Tenancies) Order 1984;

(6) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Regulations 1984;

(7) Mr. John Hunt Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Registered Homes Tribunals Rules 1984 and the Residential Care Homes Regulations 1984; and

(8) Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Social Security (General Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1984.

[No. 13.]

Thursday 22nd November 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 I).

Agriculture.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st and 22nd November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 64-i and 15-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 20th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-i].

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 Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1538), referred to a Committee on 13th November.

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

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir John Wells reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Crown Agents Commencing Capital Debt Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 12th November.

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

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments &c. the draft Industrial and Commercial Ratepayers (Consultation) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1355), referred to a Committee on 13th November.

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

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the National Health Service Functions (Directions to Authorities and Administration Arrangements) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1577), referred to a Committee on 13th November.

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 Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments and extend certain local statutory provisions in force within the county of Oxfordshire; to confer further powers on the Oxfordshire County Council and local authorities and parish councils 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 [Oxfordshire Bill [Lords].

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

That they have appointed a Committee on Sound Broadcasting;

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

That two be the Quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

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

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

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

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Representation of the People Bill,—Mr. Secretary Brittan, supported by Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. Secretary Hurd, and Mr. David Mellor, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to parliamentary elections in the United Kingdom and local government elections in Great Britain, to provide for combining polls taken on the same date at such elections and elections to the Assembly of the European Communities, to extend the franchise at elections to that Assembly, to amend the law relating to the effect of the demise of the Crown on the summoning and duration of a new Parliament and to repeal section 21(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1918: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 12].

Local Government Bill,—Mr. Secretary Jenkin, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, Mr. Secretary Tebbit, Mr. Secretary Ridley, and Mr. Kenneth Baker, presented a Bill to abolish the Greater London Council and the metropolitan county councils; to transfer their functions to the local authorities in their areas and, in some cases, to other bodies; and to provide for other matters consequential on, or connected with, the abolition of those councils; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 11].

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).

Public Expenditure on Overseas Aid,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House would firmly oppose any reduction in the real value of the already limited Overseas Aid budget; and would reject proposals to maintain this budget by cutting expenditure on the British Council or the BBC external services—(Mr. Russell Johnston);

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 ‘commends the Government’s substantial support for development in the Third World including the encouragement of trade and investment; welcomes its prompt response to the famine in Ethiopia and elsewhere; the maintenance of the Government’s planned aid programme consistent with its overall economic and foreign policy objectives; and endorses the Government’s continued support for the British Council and the BBC external services’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question:

Mr. A. J. Beith rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 311.

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 commends the Government's substantial support for development in the Third World including the encouragement of trade and investment; welcomes its prompt response to the famine in Ethiopia and elsewhere; approves the maintenance of the Government's planned aid programme consistent with its overall economic and foreign policy objectives; and endorses the Government's continued support for the British Council and the BBC external services.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Friendly Societies Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Consular Relations.—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 Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (People's Republic of China) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 22nd October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton): — It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Rating of Caravan Sites (Scotland) Order 1984, dated 8th October 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th October, in the Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton): — It was agreed to.

Civil Aviation Bill [Money, Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Civil Aviation Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Civil Aviation Bill, it is expedient to authorise the release of the Civil Aviation Authority from its liability to repay money lent to it under section 12(2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 or section 10(2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1971 up to a maximum of £6 million.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Social Security.—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 12th November, be approved.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Treasury Supplement to Contributions) (No. 2) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 12th November, be approved.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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 (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1756), dated 8th November 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th November, be annulled.—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Haynes : 58.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 162.

So the Question was negatived.

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. 5) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1506), dated 15th August 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th August, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd): — 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. 6) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1452), dated 11th September 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th September, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—It was agreed to.

Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Lords Message [20th November] communicating the Order, That the Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] be referred to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills, be now considered.—(Mr. Carol Mather.)

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Order.—(Mr. Carol Mather.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newcastle North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. Peter Lloyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 22nd November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 34, 1984).—Copy of Protocols, done at Brussels on 7th November 1983, to the Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria and to the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community [by Command] [Cmnd. 9380].

European Communities (No. 36, 1984).—Copy of a Convention, done at Brussels on 13th July 1984, 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. 9387].

Treaty Series (No. 78, 1984).—Copy of a Protocol, done at Brussels on 21st December 1979, amending the International Convention relating to the limitation of the liability of owners of sea-going ships dated 10th October 1957 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9388].

Mr. Secretary King:

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Social Security.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment and Temporary Provisions Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Companies.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Companies (Share Premium Account) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
1. the Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, and
2. the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [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 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 65].

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. William O'Brien (nominated in respect of the New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Sean Hughes.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. John Fraser (nominated in respect of the Food Labelling Regulations 1984); and had appointed in substitution Dr. Mark Hughes.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Frank Dobson (nominated in respect of the Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Regulations 1984); and had appointed in substitution Margaret Beckett.

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Thursday 22nd November 1984

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—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 Health and Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1984.

[No. 14.]
Friday 23rd November 1984.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from adult education students of the Portsmouth Institute of the Hampshire Local Education Authority against the imposition of value added tax on certain adult education courses was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 London Borough of Islington against the clawback of £1 from heating additions of nearly two million long term supplementary benefit recipients was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from pensioners in the North East for the enactment of legislation to repay the increase which has been lost to pensioners by the delay of one week in the annual up-rating was presented 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 Thanet for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Macclesfield for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Monklands for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ross, Cromarty and Skye for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix I).

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

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.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 26th November, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1)(b) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) the Motions in the name of Mr. Secretary Walker 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. Peter Lloyd.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 26th November, 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.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

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

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, it being then Three o'clock, till Monday 26th November.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Friday 23rd November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Pensions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th October 1984, entitled the Pensions Increase (Federated Superannuation Scheme for Nurses and Hospital Officers) (Civil Service) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1751) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Public Health.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1984, entitled the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the District of West Lindsey) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1780) [by Act].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Pensions.—The Pensions Increase (Federated Superannuation Scheme for Nurses and Hospital Officers) (Civil Service) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1751) [laid 9th November].

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. Allan Roberts (nominated in respect of the New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. William O'Brien.


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; and a Paper was withdrawn (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 26th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 6-vi].

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 26th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 67-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 26th November.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

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).

Further Reduction in Real Value and Purchasing Power of Social Security Benefits for Families of Miners on Strike.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, noting that the Government postponed revealing its provocative decision to make a further £1 deduction in social security benefits for the families of striking miners until the last possible moment in order to stifle debate, noting too that this increase of £1 was neither automatic nor necessary but gratuitously vindictive when it has been introduced after eight months of a bitter strike, believing also that this increased
disqualification of benefit will sharply inflame the bitterness of this dispute because it will be seen as the use of yet another weapon by the Government to starve the miners back to work through intensified financial hardship, calls upon the Government to withdraw this Order and to use negotiation, not the deprivation of families, wives and children, as the means to resolve this dispute—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 're-affirms the policy established by the Social Security (No. 2) Act 1980 that those on strike should be expected to contribute to the cost of maintaining their families; notes that, consequent on the general uprating of social security benefits, all but a tiny minority of strikers receiving supplementary benefit are being paid the same or more benefit, not less; acknowledges that the Government have as in previous years followed the requirements of the Act in uprating the “specified sum” to be deducted from benefit payable for strikers’ dependants; acknowledges that the National Coal Board has negotiated constructively in reaching a settlement with the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers on the central issues of the dispute; and condemns the failure of the National Union of Mineworkers either to meet its obligations to its members and their families or to move from its totally unreasonable position in negotiations', 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. John Maxton, Mr. Robin Corbett: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 279.

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. Tony Durant: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Robin Corbett: 187.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House re-affirms the policy established by the Social Security (No. 2) Act 1980 that those on strike should be expected to contribute to the cost of maintaining their families; notes that, consequent on the general uprating of social security benefits, all but a tiny minority of strikers receiving supplementary benefit are being paid the same or more benefit, not less; acknowledges that the Government have as in previous years followed the requirements of the Act in uprating the “specified sum” to be deducted from benefit payable for strikers’ dependants; acknowledges that the National Coal Board has negotiated constructively in reaching a settlement with the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers on the central issues of the dispute; and condemns the failure of the National Union of Mineworkers either to meet its obligations to its members and their families or to move from its totally unreasonable position in negotiations.

Social Security Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security 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 requirements that occupational pension schemes revalue deferred pensions and provide for more information to members and the decision to restore an arbitrary and unjustified cut in invalidity pension, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which sets insufficient standards for such pension schemes, permits more stringent conditions for entitlement to invalidity pensions and in addition extends the inadequate and inequitable system of statutory sick pay’, instead thereof.—(Mr. Michael Meacher.)

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

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

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Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Social Security Bill and the Ways and Means Motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Sean Hughes: 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Tony Durant: 217.

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).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Social Security Bill it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of a Minister of the Crown 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. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Ways and Means,—Social Security,—Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Social Security Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) 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; and

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of fees paid to the registrar of occupational pensions schemes.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Coal Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Coal Industry (Limit on Deficit Grants) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 12th November, be approved.—(Mr. David Hunt);

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And it being three hours after the first Motion had been entered upon, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [23rd November], to put the Questions necessary to dispose of the Motions relating to Coal Industry.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Eric Cockeram: 2.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Coal Industry (Limit on Deficit Grants) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 12th November, be approved.

Coal Industry,—Resolved, That the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 12th November, be approved.—(Mr. David Hunt)

Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations,—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 Crown Agents Commencing Debt Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 7th November, be approved.—(Mr. Donald Thompson):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the staff and pupils of Emerson Park School, Hornchurch, Essex for action to alleviate the distress of the starving in Ethiopia and other parts of Africa was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chelmsford for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living 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. Donald Thompson.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.7 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 26th November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Prisons (Scotland).—Copy of the Report on Prisons in Scotland for 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9400].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Public Health.—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th November 1984, entitled the Water (Sewerage Arrangements) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1788) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Petroleum.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd November 1984, entitled the Petroleum (Production) (Landward Areas) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1832) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Transport.—Statements of determination of pensions of—

(1) two former members of the British Airports Authority, and

(2) a member of the Civil Aviation Authority

[by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Opticians.—Copy of the Accounts of the General Optical Council for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

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

(1) the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on 29th June 1984, amending the Statutes of the College,

(2) the Governing Body of Nuffield College, Oxford, on 6th August 1984, amending the Statutes of the College,
(3) the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, on 5th July 1984, amending the Statutes of the College,
(4) the Governing Body of St. Hugh's College, Oxford, on 29th June 1984, amending the Statutes of the College,
(5) the University of Cambridge, on 8th June 1984, amending the Statutes of the University, and
(6) the University of Oxford, on 5th July 1984, amending the Statutes of the University

[by Act].

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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Minister for Overseas Development on the Petition [30th October] 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 [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Roads and Bridges (Scotland).—The draft Tay Road Bridge (Scheme) Approval Order 1984 [laid 8th November].

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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill,—The Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Hereford City Council Bill [Lords].—The Hereford City Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

Worcester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Worcester City Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented; and a Paper was withdrawn (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 27th November and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-iii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-iv].

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 November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 46-ii].

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 27th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 49-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Miss Betty Boothroyd reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Agricultural Holdings (Forms of Notice to Pay Rent or to Remedy) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1308), the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (Units of Production) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1309), and the Agricultural Land Tribunals (Succession to Agricultural Tenancies) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1301), referred to a Committee on 19th November.

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

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).

Natural Environment and the National Heritage of Britain.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises the widespread concern about the alarming deterioration of the natural environment; supports the conclusions of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, the Nature Conservancy Council, the Countryside Commission, and the National Heritage Memorial Fund, together with numerous voluntary organisations, which call for urgent legislation, greater government involvement and funding in order to protect the natural environment and national heritage; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to respond immediately with action and legislation.—(Dr. John Cunningham);

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 care and attention paid by Her Majesty's Government to the natural environment and the national heritage; pays tribute to the good progress made by the Nature Conservancy Council, the Countryside Commission, the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission and the National Heritage Memorial Fund; approves of the encouragement given to the many voluntary agencies in these areas; and notes the increased resources Her Majesty's Government propose to devote to protecting the environment and the heritage in 1985-86', instead thereof.—(Mr. William Waldegrave.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. James Hamilton: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 276.

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 recognises the care and attention paid by Her Majesty's Government to the natural environment and the national heritage; pays tribute to the good progress made by the Nature Conservancy Council, the Countryside Commission, the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission and the National Heritage Memorial Fund; approves of the encouragement given to the many voluntary agencies in these areas; and notes the increased resources Her Majesty's Government propose to devote to protecting the environment and the heritage in 1985-86.

Crisis in the Shipbuilding Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the deepening crisis in the British shipbuilding industry and the massive redundancies already announced and in prospect; and demands urgent action by the Government to maintain this vital industry.—(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 'recognises the efforts being made by the British shipbuilding industry to overcome its present difficulties; notes that the Government has provided over £1,000 million of taxpayers' money to British Shipbuilders since 1979; recognises that only by becoming more competitive can the British shipbuilding industry have a secure future; welcomes the efforts of the industry's management to achieve that objective; and endorses the Government's decision to return British Shipbuilders' warship building interests to the private sector as soon as possible', instead thereof.—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

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. Frank Haynes: 188.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 267.

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. Peter Lloyd: 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Frank Haynes: 185.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House recognises the efforts being made by the British shipbuilding industry to overcome its present difficulties; notes that the Government has provided over £1,000 million of taxpayers' money to British Shipbuilders since 1979; recognises that only by becoming more competitive can the British shipbuilding industry have a secure future; welcomes the efforts of the industry's management to achieve that objective; and endorses the Government's decision to return British Shipbuilders' warship building interests to the private sector as soon as possible.

Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Grants by Local Authorities (Appropriate Percentage and Exchequer Contribution) (Repairs Grant for Airey Houses) (Variation) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 22nd October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Sir George Young):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 84.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Grants by Local Authorities (Appropriate Percentage and Exchequer Contribution) (Repairs Grant for Airey Houses) (Variation) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 22nd October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.

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

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. Peter Lloyd):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown in consequence of any provision of the said Act.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Littleborough and Saddleworth for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented 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 South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. Peter Lloyd);
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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-eight minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.28 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 27th November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Ancient and Historical Monuments.—Copy of the Twenty-third Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland on the ancient and historical monuments of Argyll, Volume 5: Islay, Jura, Colonsay and Oronsay [by Command] [Cmnd. 9404].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 15th November 1984, entitled the Sedgemoor and Taunton Deane (Areas) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1793) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Highways,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th September 1984, entitled the Swansea-Manchester Trunk Road (Ruabon-Johnstown By-Pass) Compulsory Purchase Order 1984; 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 Hurd:

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 Liverpool Corporation Act 1966 (Extension of Time) Order 1984 [by Act].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Animals.—Draft Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1984 [laid 21st June, in the last Session of Parliament].

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. Denis Howell (nominated in respect of the Mineral Workings Bill); and had appointed in substitution Dr. David Clark.

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Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

(1) the Social Security Bill to Standing Committee E;
(2) the Civil Aviation Bill to Standing Committee F;
(3) the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee; and
(4) the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Lochmaddy and East Loch Tarbert (Improvement of Piers &c.) 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 Lochmaddy and East Loch Tarbert (Improvement of Piers &c.): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 4th December and to be printed [Bill 13].

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

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture 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 Effect of Feedstuff Prices on the U.K. Pig and Poultry Industries].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 77].

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 15-iii].

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 (First Report) [The Reports and Accounts of the Electricity and Gas Industries for 1983-84].

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 34].

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 (Second Report) [The Government's Response to the Committee's Ninth Report (Session 1983-84) on Energy Research, Development and Demonstration in the United Kingdom].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 75].

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

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; and to be printed [No. 76-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 (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-iii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-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 28th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 56-i and -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 it on 28th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 71-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 28th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-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 28th November. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-ii].

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 28th November. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-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 28th November. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 38-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 28th November. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 44-iii].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael Morris reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Bread and Flour Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1304) and the Bread and Flour (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1518), referred to a Committee on 13th November. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 74].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1303), referred to a Committee on 19th November. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 73].

Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of Regional Policy as it affects Scotland, being a matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

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

Clause No. 1 (Voters to produce prescribed documents).

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed, in page 1, line 12, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 14 on page 2 and insert the words ' in any case where the provisions of Rule 35, as amended by this section apply, unless the presiding officer decides, after taking into consideration any document produced to him, that there is no reasonable doubt that the voter is the elector or proxy he represents himself to be '.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. Cecil Walker, Mr. William Ross: 21.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 180.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 1, line 12, to leave out the word ' a ' and insert the word ' the '.—(Mr. Peter Robinson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Robinson, the Reverend Ian Paisley: 10.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 144.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 7 to 9 and insert the words—

'(1B) With a view to reaching his decision under the foregoing paragraph, the officer or clerk may invite the voter to produce to him a prescribed document or more than one prescribed document and shall, if the voter complies, take that document or documents into consideration in reaching his decision, without prejudice to consideration of any other evidence which the voter may produce'.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. Cecil Walker, Mr. William Ross: 12.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tony Durant: 136.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed, in page 2, line 16, at the end, to insert the words 'No document shall be required to be produced for voting purposes other than a document issued by or with the authority of the United Kingdom Government.'—The Reverend Ian Paisley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. Cecil Walker, Mr. William Ross: 12.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tony Durant: 136.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed, in page 2, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2A) The following shall be inserted after rule 36 (challenge of voter)—

'(36A) At the time a person applies for a ballot paper, a candidate or his election or polling agent may require the presiding officer or clerk to produce to him any document which that person has produced to the presiding officer or clerk under the foregoing provision of this section'.—(Mr. James Molyneaux.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. Cecil Walker, Mr. William Ross: 12.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tony Durant: 136.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 3, line 1, to leave out the words 'satisfactorily answering' and insert the words 'answering to the satisfaction of the presiding officer'.—(Mr. James Molyneaux.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 3, line 13, at the end, to add the words—

'(7) In this Act a prescribed document means one of the following documents, that is to say,

(a) a current GB or Northern Ireland driving licence;
(b) a current United Kingdom, United Kingdom Visitors, or Republic of Ireland passport;
(c) a current book for the payment of allowances, benefits or pensions issued by the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland;
(d) a medical card issued by the Northern Ireland Services Agency; and
(e) a marriage certificate issued by the Registrar General for England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland, in the case only of a woman married since the qualifying date for the register used in the election.

(8) The Secretary of State may by regulation under section 201 of the 1983 Act remove from or add to the documents listed in the preceding subsection'.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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 the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill. — The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Voters to produce prescribed documents).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 9) be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. A. Cecil Walker: 16.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Offences relating to prescribed documents).

Amendment (No. 12) made.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 4, line 7, to leave out the words 'to which this section applies'—(Mr. Harold McCusker.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed, in page 4, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

'(d) within the polling station inspect (in addition to presiding officer and clerk) the prescribed document before or after the ballot paper is delivered to the voter'—(Mr. Peter Robinson.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 to 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Citation, commencement and extent).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 126.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. Cecil Walker, Mr. William Ross: 13.

A Clause (Official poll cards)—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Peter Lloyd reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 15].

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Road Traffic Transport and Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved—(Mr. Chris Patten);

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And the Question being put:

Resolved, That the draft Road Traffic Transport and Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Family Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 7th November, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hertsmere for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. Ian Lang.)

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 28th November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Forestry.—Copy of Accounts of the Forestry Commission, Forestry Enterprise for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1].

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 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9391].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:


Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

International Immunities and Privileges.—Drafts of Orders in Council entitled—
1) the EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1984,
2) the Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984, and
3) the International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Museums and Galleries.—Copy of an Order, dated 26th November 1984, entitled the Armed Forces Museums (Designation of Institutions) No. 2 Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1850) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Industrial Development.—Copies of Orders, dated 26th November 1984, entitled—
1) the Assisted Areas Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1844),
2) the Regional Development Grant (Prescribed Percentage, Amount and Limit) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1843), and
3) the Regional Development Grant (Qualifying Activities) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1846)
[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 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 21].
Mr. Michael Jopling:

Forestry.—Copy of the Report of the Forestry Commission for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1].

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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [9th November] from the people of North Staffordshire for the defence of the National Health Service [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection that it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Social Security Bill, viz.: Margaret Beckett, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. James Couchman, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Roy Galley, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Alan Howarth, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Bill Michie, Mr. Tony Newton, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Jo Richardson, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Michael Stern, Mr. Ray Whitney, and Mr. Tim Yeo.

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 Civil Aviation Bill, viz.: Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mrs. Ann Clwyd, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. Stuart Randall, Mr. Secretary Ridley, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mrs. Angela Rumbold, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Nicholas Soames, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Bill Walker, Mr. Gary Walker, and Mr. John Wilkinson.

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 National Heritage (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. John MacKay, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. John Maxton, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Allan Stewart, Mr. Bill Walker, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

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 Pneumoconiosis, etc. (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulation 1984, viz.: Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Keith Best, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Simon Coombs, Mr. Terry Dicks, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Ray Ellis, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. Michael Hancock, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Martin Redmond, Mr. Michael Welsh, and Mrs. Ann Winterton.

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Chairmen of Standing Committees.—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 Regional Policy as it affects Scotland.

[No. 18.]

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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 a 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.:

Oxfordshire 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 I).

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 29th November.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 15-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 the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration on 29th November.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 72-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Health and Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (S.I. 1984, No. 1158), referred to a committee on 20th November.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 79].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Hunt reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Registered Homes Tribunals Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1346) and the Residential Care Homes Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1345), referred to a Committee on 19th November.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 80].

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Younger, supported by Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Allan Stewart, and Mr. John Moore, presented a Bill to amend the law of Scotland in respect of certain leases, other contracts and obligations, certain courts and their powers, evidence and procedure, certain criminal penalties, the care of children, and certain procedures relating to crofting and the valuation of sheep stocks; and to make, as respects Scotland, certain other miscellaneous reforms of the law: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 14].

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. Tony Durant);
And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Mineral Workings Bill [Money] (No. 2).—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Mineral Workings Bill [Money] (No. 2);
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Mineral Workings Bill, it is expedient to authorise any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under any other enactment.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Summer Time.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 8175/84, Proposal for a Third Council Directive on Summer Time Arrangements, and, while recognising the reasons for the proposal, urges Her Majesty's Government to press for the retention of the existing arrangements.—(Mr. David Mellor.)

Health Controls on Meat and Poultrymeat,—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 7685/84, 7686/84 and 7948/84; and in respect of 7685/84 and 7686/84 supports the Government's approach in pressing for charging provisions which reduce distortions to trade; and in respect of 7948/84, supports the Government's intention to seek to ensure that the provisions of any new directive should be based on a scientific assessment of the available information as to safety in use and should take full account of the interests of consumers, livestock producers, the meat trade and the pharmaceutical industry.—(Mrs. Peggy Fenner.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 3rd December, the Local Government Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Basildon for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petitions from residents of the constituency of West Gloucestershire for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. Peter Lloyd);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.  [Adjourned at 12.8 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 29th November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:

Chatham Historic Dockyard,—Treasury Minute, dated 29th November 1984, concerning the gift of items of historic interest to the Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust [by Command] [Cmnd. 9405].

Mr. John Moore:

Income Tax,—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th November 1984, entitled—
(1) the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 14) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1858), and
(2) the Income Tax (Sub-contractors in the Construction Industry) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1857)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th November 1984, entitled the Police (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1808) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 31, 1984),—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement, done at Cartagena on 17th December 1983, between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the Cartagena Agreement and the Member countries thereof, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, of the other part [by Command] [Cmnd. 9382].

European Communities (No. 32, 1984),—Copy of a Protocol concerning Commercial and Economic Co-operation, done at Cartagena on 17th December 1983, between the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the Cartagena Agreement and the Member countries thereof, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, of the other part [by Command] [Cmnd. 9383].

European Communities (No. 35, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 22nd March 1984 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on the restoration to the latter of an agreed quantity of preferential sugar [by Command] [Cmnd. 9384].

Miscellaneous (No. 24, 1984),—Copies of—
(1) the Report of the Assessment Office, and
(2) the Report of the independent Monitoring Team on the arrangements for testing the acceptability in Hong Kong of the draft Agreement on the future of the Territory [by Command] [Cmnd. 9407].
Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
Science and Technology,—Copy of the Report of the Natural Environment Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Home Affairs,—Copy of the Government Reply to the Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1982-83, on ethnic and racial questions in the Census [by Command] [Cmnd. 9238].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th November 1984, entitled the Housing Association Grant (Disposal of Dwellings) Order (S.I., 1984, No. 1803) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agriculture,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Law Reform,—Copy of the Twenty-fourth Report of the Law Reform Committee, on latent damage [by Command] [Cmnd. 9390].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Tribunals and Inquiries,—Copy of the Report of the Council on Tribunals for the year ended 31st July 1984 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 42].

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. Andrew MacKay (nominated in respect of the Civil Aviation Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Patrick Thompson.

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the First Scottish Standing Committee Mr. Bill Walker (nominated in respect of the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Hirst.

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:
(1) Mr. David Knox Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Social Security Bill;
(2) Mr. Michael Shersby Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Civil Aviation Bill;
(3) Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill; and
(4) Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1984.

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 Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.
PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Croydon Central for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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).

Licensing Laws.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that liquor licensing laws in England and Wales should be revised—(Mr. Robert Hayward);

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

Regional Aid for North Devon.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House accepts the need for regional aid in North Devon—(Mr. Tony Speller);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd December.

APPENDIX

Friday 30th November 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Income Tax.—Copy of an Order, dated 20th November 1984, entitled the Income Tax (Prescribed Deposit-takers) (No. 1) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1801) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th November 1984, entitled the Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1804) [by Act].

Clean Air.—Copy of an Order, dated 31st October 1984, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1805) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons.—Copy of the Report on research and development work on equipment for the disabled for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 27].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on Government proposals to reform and consolidate betting, gaming, lotteries and amusement legislation in Northern Ireland [by Act].

Police.—Accounts of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 66].

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 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 18].

Mr. John Biffen:

Dentists.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd November 1984, entitled the General Dental Council Health Committee (Constitution) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1816) [by Act].
Maintenance of Dependants.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd November 1984, entitled the Recovery of Maintenance (United States of America) (Variation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1824) [by Act].

Ministers of the Crown.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 22nd November 1984, entitled—

(1) the Transfer of Functions (Arts, Libraries and National Heritage) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1814), and
(2) the Transfer of Functions (Social Security Commissioners) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1818)

by Act.

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Plant Health.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th November 1984, entitled the Chrysanthemum (Temporary Prohibition on Landing) (Great Britain) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1871) [by Act].

[No. 20.]


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).

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 3rd December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 72-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 3rd December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 84-i].

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 (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. 44].

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Companies (Share Premium Account) Regulations 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment and Temporary Provisions Regulations 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox Boyd.)

Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of Transport in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)
Local Government Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government 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 Bill because of the centralisation of powers, attack on local democracy, threat to the quality of local services and employment prospects, and the additional costs to ratepayers inherent in its proposals, which are without any proper justification ', instead thereof.—(Dr. John Cunningham.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:

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And it being Twelve o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned, pursuant to the Order [29th November].

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

Drivers’ Hours and Tachograph Regulations. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 5937/1/84 and of the Department of Transport’s Explanatory Memorandum dated 28th November 1984; and welcomes the Government’s broad support for the proposals to make the Drivers’ Hours and Tachograph Regulations more flexible and easier to understand and enforce.—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 102.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Don Dixon: 55.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 5937/1/84 and of the Department of Transport’s Explanatory Memorandum dated 28th November 1984; and welcomes the Government’s broad support for the proposals to make the Drivers’ Hours and Tachograph Regulations more flexible and easier to understand and enforce.

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Scottish Grand Committee. — Ordered, That in the course of its consideration of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, the Scottish Grand Committee may meet in Edinburgh on Monday 10th December at half-past Ten o’clock.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Welsh Grand Committee, — Ordered, That during the proceedings on the matter of Transport 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 Five o’clock nor continue after the Committee has considered the matter for two hours at that sitting.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Public Petitions, — A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Torfaen for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions, — A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bow and Poplar for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. Tim Sainsbury):

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

[Adjourned at 1.37 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 3rd December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:
National Debt.—Copy of Papers relative to the position as at 28th February 1982, 31st March 1982 and 31st March 1983 of certain funds left in trust for the reduction of the National Debt [by Command] [Cmnd. 9389].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Criminal Injuries Compensation.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9399.]

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].

Mr. Secretary King:
Industrial Training.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Health Service Commissioner.—Copy of the First Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1984-85 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 33].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Companies.—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 27th November 1984, entitled the Companies (Accounts) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1860), and
(2) 28th November 1984, entitled the Companies (Accounts and Audit) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1859)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Environment.—Copy of the Government's reply to the Fourth Report from the Environment Committee, Session 1983-84, on acid rain [by Command] [Cmnd. 9397].

Landlord and Tenant.—Copy of an Order, dated 21st November 1984, entitled the Assured Tenancies (Approved Bodies) (No. 4) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1827) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Sea Fisheries.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 29th November 1984, entitled the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1879) [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 been so laid before the Instruments
came into operation [pursuant to Standing Order No. 142 (Notification in respect of certain statutory instruments)]:

(1) the Companies (Accounts) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1860), and
(2) the Companies (Accounts and Audit) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1859).

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [23rd November] from pensioners in the North East for the enactment of legislation to repay the increase which has been lost to pensioners by the delay of one week in the annual up-rating [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

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**Tuesday 4th December 1984.**

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

**PRAYERS.**

Oxfordshire Bill [Lords],—The Oxfordshire Bill [Lords] was a read a second time and committed.

Lochmaddy and East Loch Tarbert (Improvement of Piers &c.) Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lochmaddy and East Loch Tarbert (Improvement of Piers &c.) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix 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 4th December and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-v].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-vi].

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 4th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-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) [The Government’s Observations on the Committee’s Tenth Report (Session 1983-84) on the Implications of the Petroleum Stocks (Amendment) Order 1983].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table, and to be printed [No. 88].

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

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 December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 87-ii].

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 4th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-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 4th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 38-iv].

New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill.—Sir Philip Holland reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill, and had made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 16].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 85].

Mineral Workings Bill.—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Mineral Workings Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 17].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 86].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Local Government Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed to be made to the Question proposed yesterday, That the Local Government Bill be now read a second time ;

Which Amendment was to leave out from the word ‘ That ‘ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘ this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Local Government Bill because of the centralisation of powers, attack on local democracy, threat to the quality of local services and employment prospects, and the additional costs to ratepayers inherent in its proposals, which are without any proper justification ‘, instead thereof ;

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

Mr. John Cope 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. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 353.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Don Dixon: 221.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Sean Hughes: 219.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 354.

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. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 354.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Ray Powell: 219.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Clause No. 1 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. Secretary Jenkin);

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. 42 (Committal of bills).
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 351.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Ray Powell: 196.

So the Question was agreed to.
Order, That Clause No. 1 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.

Local Government Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Local Government Bill [Money];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Local Government Bill, it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of any Minister under that Act; and
(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under any other Act—(Mr. Tony Durant);

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. Robert Boscawen, Mr. John Major: 333.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Don Dixon: 188.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Local Government Bill, it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of any Minister under that Act; and
(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under any other Act.

Wednesday 5th December 1984

Lead in Petrol and Vehicle Emissions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 7805/84 and 9613/84 on the lead and benzene content of petrol, and other vehicle emissions; and supports Her Majesty’s Government’s endeavours to secure the introduction of unleaded petrol throughout the European Community at the earliest opportunity—(Mr. William Waldegrave);

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. 7805/84 and 9613/84 on the lead and benzene content of petrol, and other vehicle emissions; and supports Her Majesty’s Government’s endeavours to secure the introduction of unleaded petrol throughout the European Community at the earliest opportunity.

House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That Mr. Graham Bright be discharged from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) and that Mr. Churchill be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lincoln for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wigan and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Putney for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. Robert Boscawen.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.18 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 4th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 37, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 27th March 1984 between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil, originating in Algeria, for the year ended 31st October 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9393].

European Communities (No. 38, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 27th March 1984 between the European Economic Community and Turkey fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil, originating in Turkey, for the year ended 31st October 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9396].

Treaty Series (No. 79, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 17th October 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9394].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Housing.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd November 1984, entitled the Registered Housing Associations (Limited Accounting Requirements) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1833) [by Act].
Standing Orders (Private Business).—List of Amendments to the Standing Orders relating to Private Business proposed to the House by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

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., Dr. Mark Hughes (nominated in respect of the Food Labelling Regulations 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Brynmor John.

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 4th December 1984

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

1. the Local Government Bill (except Clause No. 1) to Standing Committee G;
2. the draft Companies (Share Premium Account) Regulations 1984 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
3. the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984, the draft International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984 and the draft EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1984 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
4. the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment and Temporary Provisions Regulations 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
5. the draft Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1984 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

1. Mr. Ian Campbell Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill; and
2. Mr. Donald Coleman Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Transport in Wales.

[No. 22.]

Wednesday 5th December 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Lochmaddy and East Loch Tarbert (Improvement of Piers &c.) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Lochmaddy and East Loch Tarbert (Improvement of Piers &c.) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

British Railways 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 British Railways: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 11th December and to be printed [Bill 18].

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

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 5th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 98-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 December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 6-vii].
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 5th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 11-iv and -v].

House of Commons (Services),—Mr. Carol Mather 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 had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Computer Sub-Committee in the last Session of Parliament: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Information Technology: Members' Requirements].

Report, together with Appendices and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97].

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

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 (Second Report) [Control of Diplomatic Service Manpower].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 99].

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

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 (Third Report) [National Audit Office Estimates 1985-86].

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

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

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 5th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-iii].

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 5th December.

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

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 5th December.

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

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Food Labelling Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1305), referred to a Committee on 19th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 95].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1984, referred to a Committee on 26th November.

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

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1259), referred to a Committee on 19th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 93].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and ordered to lie upon the Table on 30th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be printed [No. 53-i].
House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 5th December to be printed [No. 89-i].

Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill.—Mr. Neville Trotter, supported by Mr. Alex Carlile, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Roy Galley, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Reg Prentice, and Mr. Tom Torney, presented a Bill to prohibit the supply to persons under the age of eighteen of certain substances which may cause intoxication if inhaled: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 19].

Sexual Offences Bill.—Miss Janet Fookes, supported by Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Christopher Chope, Mr. Tony Lloyd, and Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, presented a Bill to make, as respects England and Wales, provision for penalising in certain circumstances the soliciting of women for sexual purposes by men, and to increase the penalties under the Sexual Offences Act 1956 for certain offences against women: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 20].

Local Government (Access to Information) Bill.—Mr. Robin Squire, supported by Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Marcus Fox, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Allan Roberts, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Clive Soley, Mr. Simon Hughes, and Mr. Michael Hancock, presented a Bill to provide for greater public access to local authority meetings, reports and documents subject to specified confidentiality provisions; to give local authorities duties to publish certain information; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 21].

Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill.—Dr. David Clark, supported by Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, John Cartwright, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Peter Hardy, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Mr. Chris Smith, presented a Bill to amend the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 8th February and to be printed [Bill 22].

Unborn Children (Protection) Bill.—Mr. J. Enoch Powell, supported by Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. A. J. Beith, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr. Ian Campbell, Sir Gerard Vaughan, Mr. James White, and Mrs. Ann Winterton, presented a Bill to make provision relating to human embryos produced by in vitro fertilisation, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 23].

Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill.—Mr. William Powell, supported by Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Nicholas Baker, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Richard Shepherd, Mr. Nigel Forman, and Mr. Patrick Nicholls, presented a Bill to amend the Copyright Act 1956 so as to provide new penalties for offences relating to infringing copies of computer programs; to provide for the issue and execution of search warrants in relation to such offences; and to confirm that copyright subsists to human embryos produced by in vitro fertilisation, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 24].

Small Business Bill.—Mr. Michael Grylls, supported by Mr. David Howell, Mr. William Cash, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Spencer Batiste, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. John Browne, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Phillip Oppenheim, and Sir Philip Goodhart, presented a Bill to make further provision for, and to amend the law relating to, small businesses: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 25].

Sports Fields and Recreational Facilities Bill.—Mr. John Carlisle, supported by Mr. Nicholas Soames, Mr. Colin Moynihan, Mr. Richard Ryder, Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr. Tim Brinton, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Jim Spicer, Mr. Matthew Parris, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton, presented a Bill to enable the Government to direct public bodies and other owners of recreational facilities to inform them of any proposed sale or change of use of sports fields or facilities, to monitor annually the loss of playing fields and facilities, and to encourage local authorities and others to offer the use of their sports facilities to voluntary sports bodies and community groups: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 26].

Water Authorities (Meetings) Bill.—Mr. Gerald Berrymingham, supported by Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Matthew Parris, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John Rymon, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, and Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, presented a Bill to apply
the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, relating to the admission of the press and other members of the public, to meetings of water authorities, and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 27].

Education (School Budgets) Bill,—Mr. David Madel, supported by Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Michael Stern, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. John Carlisle, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mr. Graham Bright, and Mr. Hugh Dykes, presented a Bill to require local education authorities to publish annually certain financial information relating to maintained, aided and special agreement schools; to require the governing bodies of aided or special agreement schools to publish accounts of income and expenditure; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 8th February and to be printed [Bill 28].

Charter Trustees Bill,—Mr. Charles Morrison, supported by Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Robert Key, Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. Michael Howard and Mr. Jonathan Aitken, presented a Bill to provide for the continuation of the charter trustees of any city or town and for the preservation of their powers and of the privileges and rights of the inhabitants of their area upon that area becoming comprised in a borough: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 29].

Hospital Complaints Procedure Bill,—Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, supported by Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr. Steve Norris, and Mrs. Renée Short, presented a Bill to oblige Regional Health Authorities to establish a complaints procedure for hospital patients and to draw such a procedure to the attention of patients: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 30].

Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill,—Mr. Keith Raffan, supported by Mr. Mark Carlisle, Sir Edward Gardner, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. John Wheeler, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Harold McCusker, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Roland Boyes, and Mr. Ron Davies, presented a Bill to increase the penalties for certain offences relating to controlled drugs within the meaning of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 31].

Northern Ireland (Termination of Jurisdiction) Bill,—Mr. Ernie Roberts, supported by Mr. Tony Benn, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Clare Short, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, and Mr. Robert Parry, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the termination of Her Majesty's jurisdiction in Northern Ireland; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 32].

Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill,—Mr. Ivor Stanbrook presented a Bill to exempt persons other than the actual offender from criminal liability in respect of the offence of driving or riding on a motor-cycle in contravention of regulations requiring the wearing of crash-helmets: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 33].

Fabric Origin Marking Bill,—Mr. Geoff Lawler, supported by Mr. Gary Waller, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Barry Sheerman, Mr. Peter Thornham, Mr. Ken Hargreaves, and Mr. Alistair Burt, presented a Bill to require the indication of country of origin for woven fabrics in outer wear textile products: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 34].

Minimum Wages Etc. Bill,—Mr. Dave Nellist, supported by Mr. Terry Fields, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. David Winnick, Mr. Gerald Bemingham, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Roland Boyes, and Mr. Robert Litherland, presented a Bill to provide a Bill for the setting and enforcement of statutory minimums below which wages and allowances shall not fall with respect to different classes of employees and trainees; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 35].

Companies (Political Donations) Bill,—Mr. Derek Fatchett, supported by Mr. Ian Mikardo, Jo Richardson, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Robert N. Wearing, and Mr. Chris Smith, presented a Bill to require ballots of shareholders of companies incorporated under the Companies Act 1948 in respect of proposed donations for political purposes; to define political purposes under this Act; to require political funds to be established for the payment of such donations;
to specify the qualifications for receipt of such donations; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 36].

Gaming (Bingo) Bill,—Mr. Peter Fry, supported by Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. John Forrester, Mrs. Ann Winterton, Mr. Barry Porter, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, and Mr. Michael Morris, presented a Bill to amend the Gaming Act 1968 in respect of games which are played on bingo club premises and in which the players may be on different bingo club premises: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 37].

Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill,—Mr. Tim Smith, supported by Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Andrew Mackay, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Tim Brinton, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Tony Fabell, and Mr. Gerald Berrymarsh, presented a Bill to amend certain provisions relating to the production of documents under the Road Traffic Act 1972 and the Transport Act 1982: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 38].

Hong Kong Agreement,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, having considered the views of the people of Hong Kong as set out in the reports of the Assessment Office and the Independent Monitoring Team published in White Paper, Cmnd. 9407, approves Her Majesty's Government's intention to sign the agreement on the future of Hong Kong negotiated with the Chinese Government, which was published in White Paper, Cmnd. 9352; (Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe); 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 Hong Kong Agreement may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock.—(Mr. John Major.)

Hong Kong Agreement,—The Question being again proposed, That this House, having considered the views of the people of Hong Kong as set out in the reports of the Assessment Office and the Independent Monitoring Team published in White Paper, Cmnd. 9407, approves Her Majesty's Government's intention to sign the agreement on the future of Hong Kong negotiated with the Chinese Government, which was published in White Paper, Cmnd. 9352:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate. And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House, having considered the views of the people of Hong Kong as set out in the reports of the Assessment Office and the Independent Monitoring Team published in White Paper, Cmnd. 9407, approves Her Majesty's Government's intention to sign the agreement on the future of Hong Kong negotiated with the Chinese Government, which was published in White Paper, Cmnd. 9352.

Thursday 6th December 1984

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 10th December, Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Motion in the name of Mr. Secretary Jenkin relating to the draft Local Government (Interim Provisions) Act 1984 (Appointed Day) Order 1985 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. Tony Durant.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Falmouth and Camborne for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Putney for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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, Attercliffe for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Feltham and Heston and surrounding areas, and visitors, 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. Peter Lloyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.30 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 5th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:

Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 3rd December 1984, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for civil accommodation services [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. 70].

Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—

(1) the Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1984,
(2) the Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1984, and
(3) the Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Limits of Basic and Special Awards) Order 1984

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of a Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the water services provided by the Yorkshire Water Authority [by Command] [Cmd. 9392].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Road Traffic and Vehicles,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1984, entitled the Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 6) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 389) [by Act].

Representation of the People,—Copy of a Report by the District Electoral Areas Commissioner on recommendations for the grouping of wards into district electoral areas for the purpose of local government elections in Northern Ireland [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 52].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 19th November 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1809),
(2) 19th November 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1811).
(3) 22nd November 1984, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Temporary Use in Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1835), and
(4) 22nd November 1984, entitled the Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1834)

[by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Medicines,—Copies of Order, dated 26th November 1984, entitled—
(1) the Medicines (Exemptions from Restrictions on the Retail Sale or Supply of Veterinary Drugs) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1861), and
(2) the Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1862)

[by Act].

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

Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund,—Copy of the Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and the National Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 90].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Bill Michie (nominated in respect of the Social Security Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gordon Brown.

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Forty-seven Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Local Government Bill (except Clause No. 1), viz.: Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. David Gilroy Bevan, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Graham Bright, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Alistair Burt, Mr. John Cartwright, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Simon Coombs, Mr. Harry Cowans, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Terry Dicks, Mr. Bob Dunn, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Tony Pavell, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Patrick Ground, Mr. Michael Hancock, Mr. Richard Holt, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Roger King, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Piers Merchant, Mr. Bill Michie, Mr. Colin Moynihan, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, Mr. John Powley, Mr. Allan Roberts, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Giles Shaw, Clare Short, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Clive Soley, Mr. Robin Squire, Mr. Martin Stevens, Mr. Jack Straw, Dr. Ian Twinn, and Sir George Young.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Two additional Members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Transport in Wales, viz.: Mr. Tony Durant and Mr. David 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 draft Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984, the draft Inter-American Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984, and the draft EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. John Browne, Mr. Christopher Hawkins, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Kenneth Hind, Mr. Gerald Howarth, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. David Model, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Peter Tapsell, and Mr. Donald Thompson.

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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 Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment and Temporary Provisions Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Jack Aspinwall, Margaret Beckett, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Greg Knight, Mr. David Lightbown, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Max Madden, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Lewis Stevens, and Mr. Ray Whitney.

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 Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1984, viz.: Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. John Butterfill, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Brynamor John, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Tony Marlow, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Richard Needham, Mr. Matthew Parris, and Mr. Tom Torney.

MEMORANDUM

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Companies (Share Premium Account) Regulations 1984;

(2) Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984, the draft International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984 and the draft EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1984; and

(3) Mr. Michael Morris Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment and Temporary Provisions Regulations 1984.

Thursday 6th December 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 I).

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 6th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 15-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 6th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report a Paper laid before it.

Paper to lie upon the Table.

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home 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: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Compensation and Support of Victims of Crime].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 43].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 43].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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 12th November; welcomes the prospects of continuing low inflation and steady growth as a basis for maintaining the trend of rising employment; and congratulates Her Majesty’s Government on keeping the public expenditure planning total for 1985-86 within the figure published in the 1984 Public Expenditure White Paper (Cmnd. 9143) —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

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 ‘ refuses to support an economic policy which is calculated to create and sustain a high level of unemployment ; rejects the demonstrably false belief that a constant reduction in public spending will produce an automatic improvement in economic performance ; and condemns the reduced levels of regional aid, student grants, house-building and improvement, overseas aid and social security benefit which are the real, but initially unrevealed, consequences of the Chancellor’s Autumn Statement ’, 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. Sean Hughes : 199.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones : 346.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones : 343.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Robin Corbett : 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House approves the Autumn Statement presented by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer on 12th November; welcomes the prospect of continuing low inflation and steady growth as the basis for maintaining the trend of rising employment; and congratulates Her Majesty’s Government on keeping the public expenditure planning total for 1985-86 within the figure published in the 1984 Public Expenditure White Paper (Cmnd. 9143).

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Duration and expiry)—(Mr J. Enoch Powell)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. A. Cecil Walker : 12.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Neubert : 124.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 4) made to the Bill.

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

‘ (1DA) For the purposes of this rule a specified document is one which for the time being falls within the following list:—

(a) a current licence to drive a motor vehicle granted under Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1972 (excluding a provisional licence), or under Article 12 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 or any corresponding enactment for the time being in force;

(b) a current passport issued by the Government of the United Kingdom or by the Government of the Republic of Ireland;

(c) a current book for the payment of allowances, benefits or pensions issued by the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland;

(d) a medical card issued by the Northern Ireland Central Services Agency for the Health and Social Services.'
(e) a certified copy, or extract, of an entry of marriage issued by a Registrar General, where the voter producing the copy or extract is a woman married within the period of two years ending with the day of the poll concerned.

In sub-paragraph (e) above "a Registrar General" means the Registrar General for England and Wales, the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Scotland or the Registrar General for Northern Ireland.

(1DB) Regulations may make provision varying the list in paragraph (1DA) above (whether by adding or deleting documents or varying any description of document).—(Mr. Nicholas Scott).

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Robinson, the Reverend William McCrea: 4.

Other Amendments (Nos. 6 and 7) 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. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. Cecil Walker, Mr. William Ross: 13.

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 Norwich South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Kilmarnock and Loudoun for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Derby South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. Carol Mather);

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 eight minutes to Two o'clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.52 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 6th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:
Ghana,—Treasury Minute, dated 6th December 1984, concerning Retrospective Terms Adjustment (RTA) for Ghana [by Command].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
European Communities (No. 39, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, done at Malabo on 15th June 1984, between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea on fishing off the coast of Equatorial Guinea, with Protocol and Letters exchanged relating thereto [by Command] [Cmnd. 9406].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1984, entitled the Confirmation to Small Estates (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1848) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Libraries,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th November 1984, entitled the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1847) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Prosecution of Offences,—Paper, entitled Proposed Crown Prosecution Service [by Command] [Cmnd. 9411].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Police,—Copy of the Account of the Police Complaints Board for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 104].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. David Gilrey Bevan and Mr. Graham Bright (nominated in respect of the Local Government Bill (except Clause No. 1)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Carttiss and Mr. Timothy Wood.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Alan Williams (nominated in respect of the draft Companies (Share Premium Account) Regulations 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bryan Gould.

[No. 24.]

Friday 7th December 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Spelthorne for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituencies of Tatton and Eddisbury for redundancy payments as generous as those received by mineworkers for Associated Octel workers made redundant because of Her Majesty's Government's decision to secure the reduction and eventual elimination of lead in petrol 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 I).

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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 8th February and to be printed [Bill 39].

Planning Authorities (Restriction of Liability) Bill.—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, supported by Mr. Martin Stevens and Mr. John Wheeler, presented a Bill to restrict the liability of planning authorities for the payment of compensation under the provisions of section 165 or 169 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 40].

Tourism's Contribution to Employment.—Resolved, That this House recognises the great importance of tourism as a growing industry in this country and in particular the East Midland Region of England; welcomes the significant part it can play in reducing the number of unemployed; and accepts the Government's commitment to further growth of the industry.—(Mr. Andrew Stewart.)

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 10th December.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 7th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Consumer Protection.—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(1) the Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1984,
(2) the Food Imitations (Safety) Regulations 1984, and
(3) the Novelties (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Road and Railway Transport.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1984, entitled the Level Crossing (Kellswater: North) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 397) [by Act].

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

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Land Purchase Account of the Supreme Court of Judicature, Northern Ireland, for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 105].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. Sydney Chapman (nominated in respect of the Local Government Bill (except Clause No. 1); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Christopher Hawkins.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Andrew Rowe (nominated in respect of the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment and Temporary Provisions Regulations 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Marcus Fox.

[No. 25.]

Monday 10th December 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).

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 10th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 72-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 10th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 111-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 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 Structure and Form of Financial Documents presented to Parliament].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 110].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 110].

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 10th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 109-i].

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Ian Campbell reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill in relation to the principle of the Bill and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 108].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1379) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Major.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Limits of Basic and Special Awards) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Major.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Major.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Major.)

Representation of the People Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which extends 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. Robert Kilroy-Silk.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Ray Powell: 191.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Ian Lang: 293.
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. Ian Lang: 280.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ray Powell: 204.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)
Committee to-morrow.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Ways and Means Motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Representation of the People Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Representation of the People Bill [Money];
Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Representation of the People Bill ('the Act'), it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the charging on and payment out of the Consolidated Fund of—
(i) any expenses of any returning officer for an election of parish or community councillors which are attributable to the postponement of the election under the Act; and
(ii) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums charged on and paid out of that Fund under any other Act;
(b) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(i) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of the Act; and
(ii) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Ways and Means,—Representation of the People,—Resolved, That any Act resulting from the Representation of the People Bill may repeal section 103(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (vehicles used for conveyance to or from the poll exempted from duty etc.).—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Local Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Local Government (Interim Provisions) Act 1984 (Appointed Day) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin);

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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. 3 (Exempted business) and the Order [15th December].
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Neubert: 219.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Allen McKay: 169.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Local Government (Interim Provisions) Act 1984 (Appointed Day) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved.

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 1984, which were laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from women in London for rejection of the proposed abolition of the Greater London 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 Calder Valley for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Knapsley North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Durham for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ludlow for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Halesowen and Stourbridge for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and adjoining constituencies for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Banbury for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Monday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eight minutes past Two o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.8 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 10th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Note by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury on the Revised Winter Supplementary Estimates for the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command].

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Revised Supplementary Estimates for the year ending 31st March 1985 for Classes I-XVIII [by Command]; to be printed [No. 101].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 7th August 1984, entitled the Joint Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Amendment Scheme 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th November 1984, entitled the Fresh Meat Export (Hygiene and Inspection) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1885) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st November 1984, entitled—
(1) the Kyle and Carrick District and Cunninghame District (Drybridge and Barrassie/Gailes Foreshore) Boundaries Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1856), and
(2) the Lothian and Borders Regions and East Lothian and Berwickshire Districts (Monynut and Bothwell Valleys) Boundaries Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1855), [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copies of Reports to the Secretary of State for Scotland by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland on—
(1) The review of the Cunninghame/Kyle and Carrick District Boundary at Drybridge and at Barrassie/Gailes Foreshore, and
(2) the Review of the Lothian/Borders Regional Boundary at Monynut and Bothwell Valleys [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Statutory Sick Pay Up-rating Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Competition.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1984, entitled the Anti-Competitive Practices (Exclusions) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1919) [by Act].

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1984, entitled the Monopoly References (Alteration of Exclusions) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1887) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Civil Aviation.—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 7th December 1984, entitled the Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1916), and
(2) 9th December 1984, entitled the Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1920).

Mr. John Biflen:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd November 1984, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions Increase) (No. 2) Order 1984 [by Act].

Parliament.—Copies of Orders, dated 5th December 1984, entitled—
(1) the Parliamentary Pensions (Added Years and Rates of Accrual) (Further Provisions) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1908),
(2) the Parliamentary Pensions (Maximum and Abated Pensions and Pension Commutation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1909), and
(3) the Parliamentary Pensions (Purchase of Added Years) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1907)

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Food and Drugs.—Copies of Regulations, dated 7th December 1984, entitled—
(1) the Imported Food (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1917), and
(2) the Imported Food Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1918)

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 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 106].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. Michael Brown and Mr. Harry Greenway (nominated in respect of the Local Government Bill (except Clause No. 1)); and had appointed in substitution Dr. Michael Clark and Mr. Gerald Howarth.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Christopher Hawkins (nominated in respect of the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984, the draft International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984, and the draft EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1984); and had appointed in substitution M. Michael Brown.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders (Private Business).—Ordered, That the Amendments set out in the list of Amendments to the Standing Orders relating to Private Business proposed to the House by the Chairman of Ways and Means, laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker on 4th December, be made. (The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

British Railways Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.

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).

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 11th December and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-vii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 11th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 114].

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 (first part) in the present Session):

That not more than three hours on a day not later than 6th February be allotted for the consideration of the following Supplementary Estimate—

Class IV, Vote 5 (Industrial Support (Department of Energy)).

Report 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 11th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 49-iii].

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 11th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 112].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Statutory Sick Pay Up-rating Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

European Community Budgets.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 8322/84, Preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No. 1 for 1984; 8879/84, Letter of amendment to preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No. 1 for 1984; the unnumbered document, Draft supplementary and amending budget No. 1 for 1984; Document No. 10222/84, European Parliament’s proposed amendments and modifications to the draft supplementary and amending budget No. 1 of the European Communities for 1984; the unnumbered document, Draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1985; Documents Nos. 9482/84, Letter of amendment to preliminary draft budget of the European Communities for 1985; 10690/84, European Parliament’s amendments and modifications to the Draft budget of the European Communities for 1985; 8454/84, Amended proposal for a Council
decision on the Communities’ system of Own Resources; 8445/84, Commission proposal for a Council regulation introducing reserve measures to cover requirements in 1985; 8514/84, Commission’s communication on the budgetary requirements of the Community in 1984 and 1985; 5899/84, Amended proposal for a Council regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 21st December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities; and the unnumbered document, Budgetary discipline: common position of the Council of Ministers; and welcomes the agreement on budgetary discipline providing for the firm control of agricultural and other expenditure—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 19, to leave out from the word ‘Ministers’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘but regrets that the arrangements made at Fontainebleau and Dublin do not provide for a major increase in public expenditure and that the restraint mechanism on agricultural spending has no legal force and would, even if effective in practice, provide for substantial further increases in this area of spending’ instead thereof.—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

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. 8322/84, Preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No. 1 for 1984; 8879/84, Letter of amendment to preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No. 1 for 1984; the unnumbered document, Draft supplementary and amending budget No. 1 for 1984; Document No. 10222/84, European Parliament’s proposed amendments and modifications to the draft supplementary and amending budget No. 1 of the European Communities for 1984; the unnumbered document, Draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1984; Documents Nos. 9482/84, Letter of amendment to preliminary draft budget of the European Communities for 1985; 10690/84, European Parliament’s amendments and modifications to the Draft budget of the European Communities for 1985; 8454/84, Amended proposal for a Council decision on the Communities’ system of Own Resources; 8445/84, Commission proposal for a Council regulation introducing reserve measures to cover requirements in 1985; 8514/84, Commission’s communication on the budgetary requirements of the Community in 1984 and 1985; 5899/84, Amended proposal for a Council regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 21st December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities; and the unnumbered document, Budgetary discipline: common position of the Council of Ministers; and
welcomes the agreement on budgetary discipline providing for the firm control of agricultural and other expenditure.

Overseas Aid—Resolved, That the draft International Development Association (Seventh Replenishment) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 7th November, be approved.—(Mr. Timothy Raison.)

Overseas Development and Co-operation,—Resolved, That the draft International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (1984 Selective Capital Increase) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 7th November, be approved.—(Mr. Timothy Raison.)

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

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. Tim Sainsbury): It was agreed to.

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State—

(i) in paying remuneration or allowances to persons appointed as a temporary measure to act as judges of the Court of Session and High Court of Justiciary;

(ii) in assisting persons to conduct research into any matter connected with the law;

(b) any expenses incurred by the Lord Advocate in assisting persons to conduct such research; and

(c) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums which, under any other Act, are payable out of money so provided.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from ministers and members of church congregations in the constituency of Banff and Buchan for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituencies of East Sussex for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Denton and Reddish and surrounding areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Yeovil for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and district for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Oxford West and Abingdon for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Tiverton for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituencies of Halifax and Calder Valley for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Hosni Said Farmat for his mother, brother and uncle to be granted visas to enter the United Kingdom to enable them to visit him at Her Majesty's Prison, Long Lartin, 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the National Pensioners' Convention for a pension level not less than one-half of average earnings for a married couple and not less than one-third for a single person 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);

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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. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.2 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 11th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
- Treaty Series (No. 81, 1984),—Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, Etc, for 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9398].
- Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 14th November 1984, entitled the Superior Services (India) Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amendment No. 2) Scheme 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:
- Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th December 1984, entitled the Freight Containers (Safety Convention) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1890) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
- Medicines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th November 1984, entitled the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1886) [by Act].
- Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th December 1984, entitled the Contracting-out (Protection of Pensions) Regulations 1984 (S.I., No. 1921) [by Act].

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 October.
- Consumer Protection,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Food Imitations (Safety) Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
- Local Government Finance,—Reports, entitled—
  (1) the Rate Support Grant Report (England) 1985/86,
  (2) the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 2) 1984/85, and
  (3) the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 3) 1983/84 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 83, 81 and 82].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
- Road and Railway Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1984, entitled the Level Crossing (Kellswater : South) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 398) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
- Agriculture,—Copies of—
  (1) Regulations, dated 6th December 1984, entitled the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1922),
  (2) Regulations, dated 6th December 1984, entitled the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1924), and
  (3) a Scheme, dated 6th December 1984, entitled the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1923) [by Act].

- Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1984, entitled the Import and Export of Trees, Wood and Bark (Health) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1892) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
- British Library,—Copy of the Accounts of the British Library for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 113].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:
- Consumer Protection,—Draft Food Imitations (Safety) Regulations 1984 [laid 7th December].

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Standing Committee G,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee G Clare Short (nominated in respect of the Local Government Bill (except Clause No. 1)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Dave Nellist.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 11th December 1984

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

1. the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee;
2. the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1984 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
3. the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Limits of Basic and Special Awards) Order 1984, the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1984 and the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1984 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
4. the draft Statutory Sick Pay Up-rating Order 1984 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 27.]

Wednesday 12th December 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the British Railways Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Private Bills,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That in accordance with Standing Order 81 relating to Private Business (Division of bills between this House and House of Lords) he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:

- Associated British Ports (Hull Fish Docks)
- Bath City Council
- Berkshire
- British Railways (Trowse Bridge)
- Clwyd County Council
- Durham City Council
- Essex
- Greater Manchester
- Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System)
- King's College London
- Luton Borough Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation)
- Poole Borough Council
- Royal Holloway and Bedford New College
- Swansea City Council (Tawe Barrage)
- West Glamorgan

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

- Birmingham City Council
- British Railways
- Cambridge City Council
London Transport (Tower Hill) 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 London Transport (Tower Hill) 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 empower London Regional Transport to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on London Regional Transport; and for other purposes.

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 part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 12th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 37-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 12th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 125-i].

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 the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th December and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [The Winter Supplementary Estimate for £45 million in respect of the British National Oil Corporation].

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 126].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 126].

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 had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [The Abuse of Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges].

Report, together with Appendix and Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 127].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-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 had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [The Abuse of Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges].

Report, together with Appendix and Memoranda, 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].

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 12th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 71-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 (Fourth Report) [Board of Inland Revenue Control of Investigation Work].

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Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 123].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 123].

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 12th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 124-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 12th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 117-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 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) [Northern Ireland].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 119].

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 12th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-v].

Transport,—Mr. Peter Fry reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 12th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 38-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 12th December.

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

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Forrester reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Companies (Share Premium Account) Regulations 1984, referred to a Committee on 3rd December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 116].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984, the draft International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984 and the draft EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 3rd December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 115].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael Morris reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment and Temporary Provisions Regulations 1984, referred to a Committee on 3rd December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 118].

Energy,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 6th December be printed [No. 126].

Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of the Oil Industry in Scotland, being a matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. John Major.)

Local Government Bill (Clause No. 1)—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Bill (Clause No. 1).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Abolition of GLC and metropolitan county councils).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 8, at the beginning, to insert the words 'After a Royal Commission has reported on local government in Greater London and the metropolitan counties and'.—(Mr. Jack Straw.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Sean Hughes : 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Tony Durant : 233.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 8, at the beginning, to insert the words 'After a Parliamentary tribunal of inquiry has reported on local government in Greater London and the metropolitan counties and'—(Mr. Jack Straw.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Sean Hughes : 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tony Durant : 229.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after the word 'force' to insert the words 'and after the Secretary of State has laid before Parliament proposals for an independent inquiry into the implications for the unit cost of local government services and local government spending in London and the metropolitan counties'—(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 Mr. Archie Hamilton 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 Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Local Government Bill (Clause No. 1).—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Bill (Clause No. 1).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Abolition of GLC and metropolitan county councils).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 8) be made.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Allen McKay : 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Tony Durant : 231.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 1, to leave out line 10.—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft : 27.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 237.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 1, line 10, after the word 'Council', to insert the words 'shall be replaced by a directly elected authority representing the area presently administered by the Greater London Council, such authority's functions and powers to be determined by Parliament following an enquiry by a Select Committee of the House of Commons into the functions and powers of the Greater London Council'—(Mr. Patrick Cormack.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Hugh Dykes : 210.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 233.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin.)
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tim Sainsbury 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 residents of the constituency of Motherwell North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Cambridgeshire for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Gloucestershire for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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, Mossley Hill for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 South East for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Horsham for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 1.15 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 12th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 5th December 1984, entitled the Local Statutory Provisions (Postponement of Repeal) (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1926) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Historic Buildings, etc.—Copy of the Report of the Historic Buildings Council for England for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 69].

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1984, entitled the Tyne and Wear Metro (Rateable Values) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Local Government.—Copy of the Welsh Local Government Financial Statistics for 1984 [by Act].

Local Government Finance.—Report, entitled the Welsh Rate Support Grant Report 1985-86 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 100].

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

National Insurance Fund.—Copy of the Account of the National Insurance Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 120].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Frank Haynes (nominated in respect of the Social Security Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ray Powell.

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 Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Donald Dewar, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. John Maiton, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Bill Walker, and Mr. James Wallace.

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 Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1984, viz.: Sir Antony Buck, Sir Walter Clegg, Mr. Tony Durant, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. David Harris, Mr. Robert Harvey, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Eddie Leyden, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. George Park, Mr. Martin Redmond, Sir Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. James Wallace, and Mr. Michael Welsh.
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 Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Limits of Basic and Special Awards) Order 1984, the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1984, and the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. David Gilroy Bevan, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Nicholas Budgen, Mr. John Carlisle, Mr. Michael Colvin, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. John Evans, Sir Reginald Eyre, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Ken Hargreaves, Mr. John Heddle, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Terry Patchett, Mr. David Penhaligon, and Mr. Mark Wolfson.

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 Statutory Sick Pay Uprating Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. Tim Eggar, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. George Gardiner, Ms. Harriet Harman, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Tony Newton, and Mr. Ernie Roberts.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 12th December 1984

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

1. Sir Michael Shaw and Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairmen of Standing Committee G in respect of the Local Government Bill (except Clause No. 1);
2. Sir John Wells an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Films Bill;
3. Mr. John Hunt Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Limits of Basic and Special Awards) Order 1984, the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1984 and the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1984;
4. Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Statutory Sick Pay Uprating Order 1984; and
5. Sir Philip Holland Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1984.

[No. 28.]

Thursday 13th December 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Order Confirmation Bill.—The British Railways Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. Ivor Stanbrook reported from the Committee on the Dartmoor Commons Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday 19th December at half-past Ten 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 13th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 15-vi].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
National Heritage (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 43]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed (No. 128).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Highland Regional Council (Uig Pier, Skye) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Lochmaddy and East Loch Tarbert (Improvement of Piers &c.) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision in connection with the admission of Brunei and Maldives to membership of the Commonwealth; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Brunei and Maldives Bill [Lords]].

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

Standing Charges (Abolition) Bill.—Mr Christopher Murphy presented a Bill to abolish public utility standing charges: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 42].

Estimates.—Resolved, That this House agrees with the Report [11th December] of the Liaison Committee. (Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Local Government Bill (Clause No. 1).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Bill (Clause No. 1).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Abolition of GLC and metropolitan county councils).

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 1, line 10, to leave out from the word 'Council' to the end of line 11. (Mr. Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 14.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 268.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed, in page 1, line 15, to leave out the words ' 1st April 1986 ' and add the words 'such date as the Secretary of State shall by order appoint not being before 1st April 1986, such order to be laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament'. (Mr. Harry Cowans.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 257.

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed, in page 1, line 15, to leave out the words ' 1st April 1986 ' and add the words 'such dates as the Secretary of State shall by order appoint, after he has laid before each House of Parliament reports of independent local inquiries setting out proposals and recommendations for the future administration of local government in the Greater London Council and each of the metropolitan counties, such order to be laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament'. (Mr. Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 254.

Another Amendment (No. 36) proposed, in page 1, line 15, to leave out ' 1986 ' and add ' 1987 '. (Mr. Jack Straw.)

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 Major 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 Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Major.)

Local Government Bill (Clause No. 1),—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Bill (Clause No. 1).

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Clause No. 1 (Abolition of GLC and metropolitan county councils).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 36) be made.

Question put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 46) proposed, in page 1, line 15, at the end, to add the words—

"(3) On the abolition date there shall be established for each metropolitan county and for Greater London a body corporate to be known by the name of that county with the addition of the words ' Precepting Authority ' or to be known as the Greater London Precepting Authority, as the case may be.

(4) The authorities established by subsection (3) above shall consist of members elected by the local government electors of the metropolitan county or Greater London, as the case may be, in accordance with this Act and the Representation of the People Act 1983.

(5) The authorities established by subsection (3) above may in respect of any financial year, or part year, beginning with the abolition date issue precepts to the appropriate rating authority for the levying of rates to meet, to the extent the authority considers reasonable in all the circumstances, the expenditure of the bodies or persons or joint committees (other than directly elected bodies) to whom functions are transferred by this Act '.—(Mr. Jack Straw.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Roland Boyes: 157.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 280.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Allen McKay: 156.

Bill (Clause No. 1) to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Ian Lang reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clause No. 1) and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clause No. 1) do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mitcham and Morden for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Gloucestershire for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Battersea for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and the surrounding area for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bedfordshire South West for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Winchester for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Forest for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and the surrounding area for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Milton Keynes for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ludlow for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 one minute past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.1 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 13th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Coal Industry.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1984, entitled the Open cast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 3) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1903) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 40, 1984).—Copy of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 5th July 1984 extending an Arrangement relating to Point 2 of the Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged between the European Economic Community and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on trade in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector [by Command] [Cmnd. 9409].

Miscellaneous (No. 25, 1984).—Copy of a Protocol, done at Geneva on 22nd December 1981, extending the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles [by Command] [Cmnd. 9408].

Treaty Series (No. 82, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 8th October 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. 9410].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1984, entitled the Humberside and North Yorkshire (Areas) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1906) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Seeds.— Copies of Regulations, dated 29th November 1984, entitled—

(1) the Fodder Plant Seeds (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1872), and

(2) the Oil and Fibre Plant Seeds (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I. 1984, No. 1873)

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

Administration of Justice,—Copy of the Accounts of Funds in Court in England and Wales for the year ended 29th February 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 129].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. Simon Coombs (nominated in respect of the Local Government Bill (except Clause No. 1)) and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tony Marlow.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 13th December 1984

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Oil Industry in Scotland and an additional Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Regional Policy as it affects Scotland; 

(2) Mr. Ian Campbell Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill; and

(3) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1984.

Friday 14th December 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Welwyn Hatfield and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from people of the London Borough of Greenwich for the repeal of the Rates Act 1984 was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Devon for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Thanet for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stafford for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Epping Forest for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North West Durham for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hendon North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Witney for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 some Papers were withdrawn (see Appendix).
Standing Orders (Private Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Private Business, as amended, be printed [No. 130].

Department of Health and Social Security Board and Lodgings and Homeless People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, in view of the appalling conditions, harassment, exploitation and high fire risks in houses of multiple occupation, calls upon the Government to introduce legislation to regulate conditions and charges in such houses; further to make single payments available for all claimants obtaining unfurnished accommodation; to review its latest proposals for board and lodgings payments; and to increase the provision of secure rented accommodation by local authorities and housing associations—(Mr. Roland Boyes);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 17th December.

[Adjourned at 2.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 14th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Consumer Protection,—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(1) the Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, and
(2) the Novelties (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions,—Further Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [23rd November] from pensioners in the North East for the enactment of legislation to repay the increase which has been lost to pensioners by the delay of one week in the annual up-rating [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Papers withdrawn and Orders to lie upon the Table discharged:
Consumer Protection,—Draft Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 [laid 7th December].

Consumer Protection,—Draft Novelties (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 [laid 7th December].

[No. 30.]

Monday 17th December 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (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 17th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 72-iv].

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 17th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 109-ii].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Friendly Societies Bill, without Amendment.

Trustee Savings Banks Bill.—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Ian Stewart, Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Mr. Allan Stewart, and Mr. Alex Fletcher, presented a Bill to make provision for the purposes of or in connection with the reorganisation into companies incorporated under the Companies Acts of the institutions regulated by or existing under the Trustee Savings Banks Act 1981 and for the treatment for the purposes of the Banking Act 1979 of any Scottish savings bank established before 28th July 1863 which has not since become a trustee savings bank: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 45].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Sale of Optical Appliances Order of Council 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1778) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1923) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Novelties (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

British Shipping Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises that the shipping industry is not only of great importance to the United Kingdom's trade and commerce, but also to the United Kingdom's defence needs and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation commitment; notes with concern the decline of the British merchant fleet in terms of tonnage and share of world markets; and asks Her Majesty's Government to state its policies for helping the industry to improve its international competitive position—(Mr. Michael Colvin);

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

Merchant Shipping.—Resolved, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences (Mandatory Provisions) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 13th November, be approved.—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

Merchant Shipping.—Resolved, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences) (Conditions for Recognition) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 13th November, be approved.—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made and the Question being put, That the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert : 126.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, Mr Ken Maginnis : 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved.

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 Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury):—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 Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury):—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 EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury):—It was agreed to.
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 Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment and Temporary Provisions Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury) ;—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 (Share Premium Account) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury) ;—It was agreed to.

House of Commons Members’ Fund.—Resolved, That the whole or any part of the sums deducted or set aside in the current year from salaries of Members of Parliament under section 1 of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act 1939, and the whole or any part 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, as amended by section 12 of the Parliamentary Pensions etc. Act 1984.—(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 1984 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 £2,199 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £4,067 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 £4,245 or such sum as, in their opinion, will bring his income up to £6,113 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 £1,101 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £2,969 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 £2,118 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £3,986 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 £1,101 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £2,969 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 £2,118 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £3,986 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) £1,282 if the payments are made to a past Member; and

(b) £641 if the payments are made to the widow or widower of a past Member.”—(Mr. Alfred Morris.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Penrith and the Border and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Orkney and Shetland for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Banff and Buchan for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Norwich North and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Norfolk for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Fylde for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Staffordshire for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 North West for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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, Erdington for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions. — A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newark for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions. — A Public Petition from residents of Maidstone and surrounding districts for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and adjoining areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Easington for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Tonbridge and Malling for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Belfast East for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hazel Grove and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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);

Tuesday 18th December 1984

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 on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.16 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 17th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:


Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Copy of the Report of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council on diseases induced by ionising radiation [by Command] [Cmnd. 9413].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Co-operative Development Agency,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Co-operative Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly on—

(1) the Consultation Document on personal pensions, and
(2) the Discussion Document on the future role of Government Training Centres and the Attachment Training Scheme [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Transport,—Draft of an Order, entitled the London Regional Transport (Levy) Order 1985 [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 Swansea-Manchester Trunk Road (Ruabon-Johnstown By-Pass) Compulsory Purchase Order 1984 [by Act].

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., Ms. Harriet Harman (nominated in respect of the draft Statutory Sick Pay Up-Rating Order 1984); and had appointed in substitution Margaret Beckett.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Private Bill Petitions,—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a 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.:

- Associated British Ports (Hull Fish Docks)
- Bath City Council
- Berkshire
- Birmingham City Council
- British Railways
- British Railways (Trowse Bridge)
- Cambridge City Council
- Clwyd City Council
- C-Poultry Company Limited
- Durham City Council
- Essex
- Felixstowe Dock and Railway
- Gosport Borough Council
- Greater London Council (General Powers)
- Greater Manchester
- Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System)
- Harrogate Stray
- Hastings Pier
- King's College London
- Lincoln City Council
- Lloyds Bank (Merger)
- Luton Borough Council
- National Bank of New Zealand Limited
- Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation)
- Plymouth Marine Events Base
- Poole Borough Council
- Royal Bank of Scotland
- Royal Holloway and Bedford New College
- Scarborough Borough Council
- South Yorkshire Passenger Transport
- Streatham Park Cemetery
- Swansea City Council (Tawe Barrage)
- West Glamorgan
- Yorkshire Water Authority.

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 18th December and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-ix].
Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-x].

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 18th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 138].

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 18th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 132].

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 18th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 49-iv].

Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of Regional Policy as it affects Scotland, referred to it on 28th November, and the matter of the Oil Industry in Scotland, referred to it on 12th December, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 134].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1879), referred to a Committee on 10th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 133].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1984, referred to a Committee on 4th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 131].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to reform the law of Scotland relating to sequestration and personal insolvency; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make fresh provision in the law of Scotland regarding aliment; regarding financial and other consequences of decrees of divorce and of declarator of nullity of marriage; regarding property rights and legal capacity of married persons; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 48].

Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 49].

New Member sworn.—Michael Denzil Xavier Portillo, Esquire, Member for Enfield, Southgate, was sworn.

Adjournment (Local Authorities' Capital Expenditure (England and Wales)).—Dr. John Cunningham, Member for Copeland, 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 statements made this day relating to local authorities' capital expenditure in England and Wales; 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.
Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill.—Mrs. Peggy Fenner, supported by Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Peter Rees, and Mr. John MacGregor, presented (under Standing Order No. 111 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to provide for payments to be made for the purpose of compensating persons, who are or have been registered in the direct sales register or a wholesale register maintained under the Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations 1984, for discontinuing milk production and to make provision in connection with payments to such persons whenever made: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 46].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Local Government (Interim Provisions (Consultation) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1760) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1922) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1924) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958 (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958 to compensate investors with licensed dealers: And that Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Stuart Randall, Mr. Stuart Bell, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Derek Foster, Mr. Frank Dobson, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Jack Straw, Mr. John McWilliam, and Mr. Robin Corbett, do prepare and bring it in.

Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958 (Amendment) Bill.—Dr. Oonagh McDonald accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958 to compensate investors with licensed dealers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 47].
Resolved, That a further supplementary sum, not exceeding £2,988,733,000, 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 1985, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 7, 29 and 101.

Resolved, 1985-86 (Vote on Account)

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £40,938,087,000 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 1986, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 8, 9 and 28.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the three foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, and Mr. Ian Stewart, do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund 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 1985 and 1986: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 4].

Weights and Dimensions of Heavy Goods Vehicles,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4088/ 79, 9292/81 and 9508/84 and the unnumbered Draft Directive submitted by the Department of Transport on 13th December 1984; and notes with satisfaction the position adopted in relation to the Draft Council Directive on the weights, dimensions and certain other technical characteristics of certain road vehicles—(Mr. Secretary Ridley);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 100.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. John McWilliam: 32.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4088/79, 9292/81 and 9508/84 and the unnumbered Draft Directive submitted by the Department of Transport on 13th December 1984; and notes with satisfaction the position adopted in relation to the Draft Council Directive on the weights, dimensions and certain other technical characteristics of certain road vehicles.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Warwick and Leamington for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of East Lothian for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newark for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Windsor and Maidenhead for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Gower for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sutton Coldfield and elsewhere for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newcastle under Lyme for a ban on experiments with living embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chertsey and Walton for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Manchester, Wythenshawe for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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, Cathcart for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and surrounding districts for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from students of the Venerable English College at Rome for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Oxford West and Abingdon for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Houghton and Washington for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Penrith and the Border for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bethnal Green and Stepney for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Macclesfield for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stoke on Trent South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from parishioners of St. Joseph's Retreat, Highgate Hill, London, for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of West Yorkshire for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Meriden for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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);

Wednesday 19th December 1984

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.1 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 18th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Trustee Savings Banks,—Copy of a Paper, entitled Trustee Savings Banks [by Command] [Cmnd. 9415].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 41, 1984).—Copy of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 5th July 1984 relating to Point 2 of the Arrangement in the form of Letters exchanged between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on trade in mutton, lamb and goatmeat [by Command] [Cmnd. 9412].

Mr. Secretary King:

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th December 1984, entitled the Control of Industrial Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1902) [by Act].

Industrial Training,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Construction 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 Fourth Report from the Social Services Committee, Session 1983-84, on public expenditure in the social services [by Command] [Cmnd. 9414].

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Copies of Statements on—
(1) residential care of handicapped persons under the age of sixty-five in England and Wales, and
(2) separation of younger from older patients in hospital in England and Wales [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 122 and 121].

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th December 1984, entitled the Housing Benefits Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1965) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th December 1984, entitled the Police Cadets (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 421) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Nuclear Industry (Finance),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Energy with the consent of the Treasury, dated 18th December 1984, on borrowing by British Nuclear Fuels plc [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th December 1984, entitled the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1956) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Special Procedure Orders,—Return to an Order [13th November] for a Return relating to Special Procedure Orders.
Public Petitions,—Observations by
(1) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, on the Petition [21st November] from residents of the United Kingdom for an effective United Nations Convention against torture, and
(2) the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petitions [12th and 19th November] from residents of the constituencies of Windsor and Maidenhead, and Barrow and Furness for the introduction of a benefit payable to all registered blind people over the age of sixteen [by Standing Order]; to be printed.
Co-operative Development Agency,—Copy of the Accounts of the Co-operative 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. 137].

Wednesday 19th December 1984.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.
Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That in the case of the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill, Standing Order 208 (Notice of consideration of Lords amendments) be suspended and that the Lords Amendments be now considered. —(The 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).
Alexandra Park and Palace 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 Alexandra Park and Palace 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 (Adjournment of Committee)—Mr. Ivor Stanbrook reported from the Committee on the Dartmoor Commons Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday 16th January at half-past Ten o'clock.
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 Companies Bill [Lords], the Business Names Bill [Lords], the Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Bill [Lords] and the Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That it had gone through the Companies Bill [Lords], and had made Amendments thereunto; and had gone through the Business Names Bill [Lords] and the Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Bill [Lords]; and had gone through the Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], 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 to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 96-I].
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 96-II].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 96-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 19th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 117-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 19th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 38-vil].

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. 141].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Hunt reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Limits of Basic and Special Awards) Order 1984, the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1984, and the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 10th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 139].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Statutory Sick Pay Up-rating Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 11th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 140].

Teachers (Independent Pay Review) (Scotland).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish an independent pay review body with powers to fix the annual rates of pay for teachers, their conditions of service and related matters in Scotland: And that Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Robert Maclennan, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Gordon Wilson, and Mr. James Wallace, do prepare and bring it in.

Teachers (Independent Pay Review) (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Archy Kirkwood accordingly presented a Bill to establish an independent pay review body with powers to fix the annual rates of pay for teachers, their conditions of service and related matters in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 50].

Adjournment (Local Authorities' Capital Expenditure (England and Wales)).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr. John Cunningham);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 225.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Bosecoven, Mr. Ian Lang: 325.
So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment (Christmas).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House at its rising on Friday 21st December do adjourn till Wednesday 9th January—(Mr. John Biffen);
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):—It was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House at its rising on Friday 21st December do adjourn till Wednesday 9th January.

Consolidated Fund Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund 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. Ian Lang);

Thursday 20th December 1984

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 Stockport for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and surrounding areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Castleford and Pontefract for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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, Southall for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and surrounding areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Albans and surrounding areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Wimborne for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Billericay for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Surrey and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 West for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Reverend Barry Firth and other residents of the constituency of Batley and Spen for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dumbarton for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Kilmarnock and Loudoun for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Livingston for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Livingston for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and district for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Holland with Boston for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Maldon for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Kincardine and Deeside for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Joan Edna Sibley and Kenneth James Sibley for an investigation of the case of the Sibley family was presented 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 the introduction of a benefit payable to all registered blind people over the age of sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Buckhurst Hill and the surrounding area against the proposal to close the Forest Hospital, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Todmorden for independent broadcasting stations to be allowed to operate a public service to small areas 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-six minutes to Ten o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 9.34 a.m.

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APPENDIX

Wednesday 19th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund,—Copy of Supplementary Statements detailing transactions of the Consolidated Fund in the year ended 31st March 1984; 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. 91].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme dated 19th October 1984, entitled the Antigua Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission on breach of confidence [by Command] [Cmnd. 9385].
Community Service by Offenders (Scotland),—Copy of the Report on the Working of Community Service Schemes for 1983 [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 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the District Electoral Areas (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 [by Act].

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Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on the Proposal for a draft Water and Sewage Services (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 6th December 1984, entitled the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1925), and
(2) 10th December 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1927) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1984, entitled the Sole (Bristol Channel and South-east of Ireland) (Prohibition of Fishing) (Revocation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1935) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Standing Committees,—Return to an Order [13th November] for a Return relating to Standing Committees ; to be printed [No. 107].

MEMORANDUM
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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Hugh McCartney an additional Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 33.]

Thursday 20th December 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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 Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it between 22nd February and 12th March, in the last Session of Parliament, together with Memoranda : And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Road Safety].

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, 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].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Films Bill,—Sir John Wells reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Films Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 54].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 144].

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 British Railways Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Royal Assent,—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, that Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:


Shipbuilding Bill,—Mr. Secretary Tebbit, supported by Mr. Secretary Hurd, Mr. Secretary King, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Norman Lamont, and Mr. John Butcher, presented (under Standing Order No. 111) a Bill to extend the period in relation to which schemes under the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Act 1978 have effect and to extinguish all outstanding liabilities in respect of the loan made to Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Limited by the Shipbuilding Industry Board: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 51].

Water (Fluoridation) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Jenkin, supported by Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, and Mr. John Patten, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the fluoridation of water supplies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 52].

Tobacco Products (Sports Sponsorship) Bill,—Mr. Roger Sims, supported by Mr. George Foulkes, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Sir Anthony Meyer, presented a Bill to provide for a ban on sponsorship of sporting events by tobacco companies to be achieved by progressive reduction of expenditure; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 8th February and to be printed [Bill 53].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Tyne and Wear Metro (Rateable Values) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Anti-Competitive Practices (Exclusions) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1919) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Review of the Operation of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Review of the Operation of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978; accepts the continuing need for temporary emergency powers; recognises the need to maintain as fully as possible the liberties of the individual; and looks forward to considering the Government's legislative proposals—(Mr. Secretary Hurd);

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 the Government's delay in responding to the Report of Sir George Baker; and affirms that law and order are best served by methods of law enforcement which are seen to be fair, compassionate and non-discriminatory", instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Archer.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. John McWilliam: 53.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 170.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

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Resolved, That this House takes note of the Review of the Operation of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978; accepts the continuing need for temporary emergency powers; recognises the need to maintain as fully as possible the liberties of the individual; and looks forward to considering the Government's legislative proposals.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 27th November, be approved.—(Mr. Nicholas Scott)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. John McWilliam: 37.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1984, be approved.

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 Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 29th November, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—It was agreed to.

Sea 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 Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1879), dated 29th November 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd December, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—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 Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Limits of Basic and Special Awards) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—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 Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limits) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—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 1984, which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—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 Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 10th December, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Southport for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Belfast South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Strathkelvin and Bearsden for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sunderland South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Belfast North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Amber Valley for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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, Ladywood for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Antrim for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stroud for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Medway for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos were presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and Lonsdale for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Clywd North West for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newry and Armagh for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and the surrounding area for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cannock and Burntwood for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 United Kingdom for an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.29 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 20th December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:

Acquisition of Land.—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th December 1984, entitled:
(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 4) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1967), and
(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1968)

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Bank Notes.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 20th December 1984, directing a raising of the limit on the amount of the Bank of England's fiduciary note issue by Act.


Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 42, 1984).—Copy of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 12th July 1984 complementing the Agreement between the European Economic Community and New Zealand on trade in mutton, lamb and goatmeat and comprising an Understanding relevant to the First Indent of Clause 2 of that Agreement with an Exchange of Letters by Command [Cmnd. 9416].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Copyright.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1984, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1987) by Act.


Mr. Secretary Jenkin:


Local Government Finance.—Report, entitled the Rate Support Grant Report (England) 1985/86 by Act; to be printed [No. 142].
Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Highways,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th December 1984, entitled the Builders’ Skips (Markings) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1933) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agricultural Marketing,—Draft Amendments of the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955, as amended [by Act].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Local Government Finance,—Rate Support Grant Report (England) 1985/86 [laid 11th December].

[No. 34.]

Friday 21st December 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Faversham for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 in the constituency of Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale for a world-wide halt to the testing, production and deployment of nuclear 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 Romsey and Waterside for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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-Ulster for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Antrim for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 West for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Itchen for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hampstead and Highgate for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Westbury for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petition,—A Public Petition from National Petwatch for the amendment of the Road Traffic Act 1972 so that cats may be animals was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House 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.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Wednesday 9th January, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 19th December.

[Adjourned at 2.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 21st December 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:


Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1984, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 7) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1969) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Younger:
Road Traffic.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th December 1984, entitled the Parking Meters (Description and Testing) (Scotland) Revocation Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1936) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:
International Labour Conference.—Copy of a Paper, concerning proposed action by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on one Convention and two Recommendations adopted at the 69th (1983) Session of the International Labour Conference [by Command] [Cmnd. 9417].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 21st December 1984, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and Other Reliefs) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 2006) [by Act].

Industry.—Copy of an interim Statement and Account of the National Enterprise Board for the half year ended 30th June 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 6th December 1984, entitled the Tuberculosis (England and Wales) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1943) [by Act].

[No. 355]

Wednesday 9th January 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

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

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

Report to lie upon the Table.

Employment.—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 9th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 125-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 (Fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 5-v].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-v].
Youth Charter,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote opportunities for young people in International Youth Year 1985 by establishing a youth charter giving rights and representation to young people; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. James Wallace, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, and Mr. A. J. Beith, do prepare and bring it in.

Youth Charter Bill,—Mr. James Wallace accordingly presented a Bill to promote opportunities for young people in International Youth Year 1985 by establishing a youth charter giving rights and representation to young people; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 55].

Shipbuilding Bill,—The Shipbuilding Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Commitment of bills).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Shipbuilding Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase in sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under any other enactment attributable to extending the period in respect of which schemes under the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Act 1978 have effect from eight years to nine years and six months, and

(b) the extinguishment of all outstanding liabilities in respect of the loan made by the Shipbuilding Industry Board to Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Limited under section 4 of the Shipbuilding Industry Act 1967.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Undertakings on disposal)—(Mr. John Fraser)—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 13, line 16, to leave out the words '£600 million' and to insert the words '£550 million', instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Shore.)

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

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 New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill and the Mineral Workings Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill be now read the third time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

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

Mineral Workings Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Mineral Workings Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 4) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting to-morrow, Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to European Community Fisheries Arrangements for 1985 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. Robert Boscawen.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cheltenham and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and surrounding areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Grantham for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. Robert Boscawen.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX

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:


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:

2nd January 1985


4th January 1985

Public Health.—Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 14th December 1984, entitled the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the City of Chester) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1958),

(2) 14th December 1984, entitled the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the District of Huntingdonshire) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1959), and


7th January 1985

Local Government (Scotland).—Copies of Orders, dated 6th December 1984, entitled—

(1) the Central and Tayside Regions and Clackmannan District and Perth and Kinross District (Backhill, Glendevon) Boundaries Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1938),

(2) the East Kilbride and Hamilton Districts (Greenhall Estate, Blantyre and Torrance House, East Kilbride) Boundaries Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1940),

(3) the Inverclyde and Renfrew Districts (Heathmount, Kilmaclhom and Knockmount Farm) Boundaries Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1941), and

(4) the Monklands and Strathkelvin Districts (Gartcosh Steel Works and Whitehill, Gartcosh) Boundaries Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1939).


8th January 1985


Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Wednesday 9th January 1985:

Mr. John Moore:

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Supplementary Estimate for Class II, Vote 10 (Budget of the European Communities) for the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 145].

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Note by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury on a special Supplementary Estimate for the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copies of Reports by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland on—
(1) the Review of the Hamilton/East Kilbride District Boundary at Greenhall Estate, Blantyre and at Torrance House, East Kilbride,
(2) the Review of the Inverclyde/Renfrew District Boundary at Heathmount, Kilmalcolm and Knockmountain Farm,
(3) the Review of the Strathkelvin/Monklands District Boundary at Gartcosh Steel Works and Whitehill, Gartcosh, and
(4) the Review of the Tayside/Central Regional Boundary at Backhill, Glendevon [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th December 1984, entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation—Special Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1970) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 20th December 1984, providing for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities to Royal Ordnance plc [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Tourism,—Statement of appointment and determination of salary of the Chairman of the English Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st December 1984, entitled the Bedfordshire (Areas) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 2023) [by Act].

Public Health,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th January 1985, entitled the Control of Pollution (Consents: Transitional Provisions) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 5) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly on—
(1) economic strategy, and
(2) the proposed changes in Student Awards Regulations [by Act].
Thursday 10th January 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the London Transport (Tower Hill) 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; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix I).

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Hong Kong Bill.—Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Richard Luce, presented a Bill to make provision for and in connection with the ending of British sovereignty and jurisdiction over Hong Kong: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 56].

Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill.—The Milk (Cessation of Production) 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).

Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That for the purpose of any Act resulting from the Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill ("the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any payments made under the Act by a Minister of the Crown for the purpose of compensating persons, who are or have been registered in the direct sales register or a wholesale register maintained under the Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations 1984, for discontinuing milk production; and

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums repaid to a Minister of the Crown under the Act.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

European Community Fisheries Arrangements for 1985.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 10171/84 and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's unnumbered explanatory memorandum on 1985 total allowable catches and quotas; of the unnumbered explanatory memorandum on 1985 catch quotas in Greenland waters, and of the unnumbered explanatory memorandum on the fisheries agreements for 1985 between the European Community and Norway, the European Community and the Faroe Islands and the European Community and Spain; of European Community Documents Nos. 10697/84 on technical conservation measures and 10264/84 on 1985 fish guide prices; and welcomes and approves the provisional agreement reached on these arrangements for 1985 with the improvements obtained for the United Kingdom fishing industry.—(Mr. Michael Jopling.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wealden for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stoke on Trent North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chipping Barnet for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.1 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 10th January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th January 1985, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 8) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 12) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

United States (No. 1, 1985),—Copy of the Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ending 30th September 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9420].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th December 1984, entitled the Police Cadets (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 2029) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Second Report from the Defence Committee, Session 1983-84, on the physical security of military installations in the United Kingdom [by Command] [Cmnd. 9422].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th January 1985, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 19) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Local Government Finance,—Report, entitled the Welsh Rate Support Grant Report 1985-86 (Amendment) Report [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 147].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th December 1984, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 3) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1963) [by Act].


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

Mental Health,—Copy of Rules, dated 18th December 1984, entitled the Court of Protection Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 2035) [by Act].

Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Copy of the Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 152].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Undertaking on Supplementary Finance for the Community) Order 1984 [laid 19th November].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Scottish Standing Committee Mr. Ernie Ross (nominated in respect of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Hughes.

[No. 37.]

Friday 11th January 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Rochford for ensuring the safety of the A132 road at Runwell was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stirling for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Windsor and Maidenhead for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Walmsley Parish, Bolton for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Northavon for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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).

Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill.—Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, supported by Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Fowler, Mr. Secretary Hurd, Mr. Peter Brooke, and Mr. Bob Dunn, presented a Bill to make provision in respect of the corporal punishment of pupils: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 14th January and to be printed [Bill 57].

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. Tim Sainsbury.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 14th January.

[Adjourned at 2.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 11th January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax.—Copy of an Order, dated 9th January 1985, entitled the Value Added Tax (Protected Buildings) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 18) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Immigration.—Copies of—

(1) Regulations, dated 21st December 1984, entitled the Immigration Appeals (Notices) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 2040), and


[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Housing (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 4th January 1985, entitled the Housing Revenue Account Rate Fund Contribution Limits (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 3) [by Act].

Housing (Scotland).—Drafts of Orders, entitled—

(1) the Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1985, and

(2) the Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation Order 1985

[by Act].
Housing (Scotland).—Copies of Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—
(1) the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1985, and
(2) the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation Order 1985
(by Act); to be printed [Nos. 135 and 136].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 9th January 1985, entitled
the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Local Government Finance (Scotland).—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State
for Scotland on the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1985 [by Act]; to be printed
[No. 146].

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1984, entitled the
Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1984 [by Act].

[No. 38.]

Monday 14th January 1985.

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).

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 January.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 156-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 14th January.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 109-iii].

Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of Regional Policy as it affects Wales, being a
matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its
consideration.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

Trustee Savings Banks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of
the Trustee Savings Banks 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. Michael Neubert, Mr. Peter Lloyd : 204.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Peter Pike : 37.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Com-
mittee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of bills).

Water (Fluoridation) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of
the Water (Fluoridation) 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 at this day's sitting the Water (Fluoridation) Bill
and the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed,
until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Water (Fluoridation) Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Water (Fluorida-
tion) Bill be now read a second time :—The House resumed the adjourned debate.
Tuesday 15th January 1985

And the Question being put:
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones : 159.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mr. Neil Hamilton : 71.

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).

National Heritage (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Scottish Museum of Industry)—(Mr. Jim Craigen)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Orders for admission charges)—(Mr. Norman Buchan)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 1, 2 and 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 24, to leave out from the word ‘of’ to the end of line 34 and insert the words—

‘15 members (referred to in this part of this Schedule as “trustees”).

(2) The trustees shall include the following persons:

The President of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland for the time being ex-officio.

One fellow of the Society of Antiquaries appointed by the Society.

One fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh appointed by the Society.

One person appointed by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

Two persons appointed jointly by the Scottish Universities for their specialist interest in Scottish Archaeology and Scottish History.

Nine persons appointed by the Secretary of State as follows:

(i) One representing the Council of British Archaeology in Scotland;
(ii) Two representing schools in Scotland;
(iii) Six representing such other public interests as the Secretary of State may think fit.

(3) The Secretary of State shall appoint a person to be chairman of the Board and the Board shall appoint one of their members to be vice-chairman’, instead thereof.—(Mr. James Wallace.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 8 and 11 to 15) 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.

Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the matter of Regional Policy as it affects 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 Five o’clock nor continue after the Committee has considered the matter for two hours at the sitting.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cirencester and Tewkesbury for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mitcham and Morden for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Walthamstow for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Walsall North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Feltham and Heston for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 West and neighbouring districts for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 York 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 fifteen minutes to Three o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.45 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 14th January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th December 1984, entitled the Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 2028) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Consumer Protection,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th January 1985, entitled the Supply of Services (Exclusion of Implied Terms) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Libraries,—Report by the Minister for the Arts on library and information matters during 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 149].

Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Cambridge on 22nd February 1984, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agriculture,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation Scheme 1985 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Foreign Compensation,—Copy of the Accounts of the Egyptian Nationalised Property and Czechoslovakia Funds for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 154].

Ironstone Restoration Fund,—Copy of the Account of the Ironstone Restoration Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 155].

Sugar,—Copy of the Account of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 153].

EXAMINER OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

In pursuance of Standing Order 69, Mr. Speaker appointed John Michael Davies, Esquire, to be an Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills.

[No. 39.]

Tuesday 15th January 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords],—A Motion being made, That the London Transport (Tower Hill) 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 it shall think fit.

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

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

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, 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 reported the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 15th January 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. 25-xi].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xii].

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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-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 15th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 38-vii].

British Broadcasting Corporation Advertising.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the constitution of the British Broadcasting Corporation to allow the Corporation to raise revenue, as and when required, through transmitting advertisements subject to the same rules as to advertisements that apply to independent television—(Mr. Joe Ashton);

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. Joe Ashton, Mr. Allen McKay: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. Kevin Barron: 159.

So the Question was negatived.

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).

Reduction of Unemployment through Public Investment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House condemns the Government's wilful refusal to implement policies which would result in a reduction in unemployment from its present record level and from the even higher total to which it will rise during 1985; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to concentrate the resources at its disposal on the public sector, thus providing the stimulus which the economy needs in a way which creates the largest number of jobs—(Mr. Roy Hattersley);

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. Austin Mitchell: 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 383.

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. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 353.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 200.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House rejects the Opposition's doctrinaire commitment to higher government spending and endorses the Government's determination to pursue responsible fiscal and monetary policies, which, along with its policies to improve the efficient working of the economy, provide the only secure basis for ensuring continuing low inflation, steady growth and rising employment.

Consumer Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Food Imitations (Safety) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 11th December, be approved—(Mr. Alex Fletcher);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Patrick Thompson : 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Food Imitations (Safety) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 11th December, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Liverpool against the closure of several sub-post offices in Liverpool was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Oxford West and Abingdon for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Harlow for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 West for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituencies of Bournemouth and Poole and other areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of East Anglia for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Graveshamp for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 reduction of the planned admission level at Filton High School, Bristol was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to One o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.44 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 15th January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Rating and Valuation.—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the British Alcan Aluminium Limited and Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985,
(2) the British Gas Corporation (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985,
(3) the British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985,
(4) the British Telecommunications plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985,
(5) the British Waterways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985,
(6) the Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985,
(7) the Scottish Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, and
(8) the Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Redundancy Payments (Variation of Rebates) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Aviation Security.—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State for Transport pursuant to section 23 of the Aviation Security Act 1982, for 1984 [by Act].

Transport.—Statements of determination of—
(1) pensions of former members and two widows of former members of the British Railways Board;
(2) salary of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members of the British Airports Authority and
(3) salary of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members of the British Railways Board
[by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture.—Copy of the Annual Review of Agriculture for 1985 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9423].
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Constitution of Standing Committees—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

1. the Shipbuilding Bill to Standing Committee A;
2. the Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill to Standing Committee B;
3. the Trustee Savings Banks Bill to Standing Committee D;
4. the Water Fluoridation Bill to Standing Committee H;
5. the Tyne and Wear Metro (Rateable Values) Order 1984 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
6. the Sale of Optical Appliances Order of Council to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
7. the Local Government (Interim Provisions) (Consultation) Regulations 1984 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
8. the Anti-Competitive Practices (Exclusions) (Amendment) Order 1984 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
9. the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1984, the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 and the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
10. the draft Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and the draft Novelties (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Wednesday 16th January 1985.

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).

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 December and the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 16th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 37-ii and -iii].

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, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Operation and Effectiveness of Part II of the Wildlife and Countryside Act].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 6].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 6].

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. 5-vii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-vii].
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 16th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 71-iii].

Scottish Affairs,—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish 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 the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [The Impact of Airport Privatisation on Scottish Lowlands Airport Policy].

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 117].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 117].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix 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 16th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table and to be printed [No. 38-viii].

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 16th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 158-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 16th January.

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

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 16th January, together with Appendices.

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

Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 1) 1984 and Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984 (Petition of General Objection),—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House has appointed a Committee of Three Members to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee to which the Petition of General Objection against the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 1) 1984 and the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984 stands referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945.

Teachers (Independent Pay Review) (Scotland) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Teachers (Independent Pay Review) (Scotland) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February.

Leaseholders (Choice of Insurers),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to allow a leaseholder to choose the company with whom he insures his dwelling from a list of approved insurance companies: And that Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Frank Dobson, Mr. Mark Fisher, Dr. John Marek, Mr. Stuart Randall, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Clive Soley, and Mr. Ken Weetch, do prepare and bring it in.

Leaseholders (Choice of Insurers) Bill,—Mr. Robin Corbett accordingly presented a Bill to allow a leaseholder to choose the company with whom he insures his dwelling from a list of approved insurance companies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 59-1].

Local Government Finance,—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England)( No. 2) 1984-85 (House of Commons Paper No. 81), which was laid before this House on 11th December, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin.)

Local Government Finance,—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 3) 1983/84 (House of Commons Paper No. 82), which was laid before this House on 11th December, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin.)
Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Support Grant Report (England) 1985/86 (House of Commons Paper No. 142), which was laid before this House on 20th December, be approved—[Mr. Secretary Jenkin];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 343.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Sean Hughes: 211.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Report (England) 1985/86 (House of Commons Paper No. 142), which was laid before this House on 20th December, be approved.

Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Report 1985-86 (House of Commons Paper No. 100), which was laid before this House on 12th December, be approved—[Mr. Secretary Edwards];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr. Roger Thomas, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 179.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Report 1985-86 (House of Commons Paper No. 100), which was laid before this House on 12th December, be approved.

Local Government Finance.—Resolved, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Report 1985-86 (Amendment) Report (House of Commons Paper No. 147), which was laid before this House on 10th January, be approved.—[Mr. Secretary Edwards:]

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Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved.—[Mr. Chris Patten.] 

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved.—[Mr. Chris Patten.] 

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Norfolk and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Croydon for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Islwyn for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lewes for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bridlington for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ruislip-Northwood for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hazel Grove for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Pendle for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from employees of the tobacco industry in Northern Ireland for fair treatment of tobacco in the next Budget 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. Tristan Garel-Jones);

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 thirteen minutes past Three o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.13 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 16th January 1985

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 1983-84; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 159].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 20th December 1984, entitled the Nairn and Inverness Districts (Croy) Boundaries Amendment Order 1984 (S.I. 1984, No. 2030); and

(2) a Report by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland on a Review of the Inverness/Nairn District Boundary at Croy.

[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Libraries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:


Mr. John Biffen:


Mr. Michael Jopling:

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 1985 [by Act].

Papers 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 Trade and Industry under Orders made under section 9 of the Industrial Organisation and Development Act 1947, and of their disposal, for the year ended 31st March 1984, 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. 160].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—First Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1984-85 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 150].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 1) 1984 and Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984 (Petition of General Objection) (Joint Committee),—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Three Members to serve on a Committee to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee to which the Petition of General Objection against the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 1) 1984 and the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984 stands referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, viz.: Mr. Terry Patchett, Mr. Peter Rost, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin.

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Shipbuilding Bill, viz.: Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. John Butcher, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Ted Garrett, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Robert Hayward, Mr. Richard Hickmet, Mr. Robert B. Jones, Mr. Greg Knight, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Michael Neubert, Sir David Price, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, and Mr. Peter Thurnham.

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill, viz.: Mr. Nicholas Baker, Mr. David Harris, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. John McGregor, Mr. Paul Marland, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Gavin Strang, Dr. Roger Thomas, Mr. Tom Torkney, and Mr. George Walden.
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 Trustee Savings Banks Bill, viz.: Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Eric Cockeram, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Barry Henderson, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. John Major, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Stuart Randall, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. John M. Taylor, Mr. John Townend, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of the Water (Fluoridation) Bill, viz.: Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Frank Dobson, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. John MacKay, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Bill Michie, Mr. Colin Moynihan, Sir John Page, Mr. John Patten, Ms. Maggie Pagett, and Mr. Roger Sims.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Mr. Tony Durant as an additional Member to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Regional Policy as it affects Wales.

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 Kent and Wear Metro (Rateable Values) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Paul Bickley, Mr. Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Richard Caborn, Dr. David Clark, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Stephen Dorrell, Mr. Tony Durant, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mr. Francis Maude, Mr. Piers Merchant, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. William Waldegrave, 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 Sale of Optical Appliances Order of Council 1984, viz.: Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Geoffrey Dickens, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Peter Hardy, Ms. Harriet Harman, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Colin Moynihan, Sir Gerard Vaughan, Mr. Peter Viggers, and Mr. John Wheeler.

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 Local Government (Interim Provisions) (Consultation) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. David Alton, Mr. Tony Baldry, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Eric Dearkins, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. James Pawsey, Sir Hugh Rossi, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Derek Spencer, Mr. Jack Straw, Mr. John Ward, and Sir George Young.

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 Anti-Competitive Practices (Exclusions) (Amendment) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. David Gilroy Bevan, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr. Peter Hay, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Iain Miles, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Watts, Mr. Alan Williams, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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 Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1984, the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984, and the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Sidney Bidwell, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Sir Edward Gardner, Sir Paul Hawkins, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Mark Jenkins, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. John MacGregor, Miss Joan Maynard, Sir Peter Mills, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Jim Spicer, 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 draft Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and the draft Novelties (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, viz.: Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Sir John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Mr. Roger Gale, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Dr. Brian Mawhinney, Mr. Michael Neubert, Sir John Osborne, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Michael Portillo, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Jack Thompson, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, and Mr. Alan Williams.
MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 16th January 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees) Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Sir Philip Holland Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Shipbuilding Bill;

(2) Mr. James Lamond Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill;

(3) Mr. John Hunt Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;

(4) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Water (Fluoridation) Bill;

(5) Mr. Harry Gourlay Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Tyne and Wear Metro (Rateable Values) Order 1984;

(6) Sir John Wells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Sale of Optical Appliances Order of Council 1984;

(7) Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Local Government (Interim Provisions) (Consultation) Regulations 1984;

(8) Miss Betty Boothroyd Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Anti-Competitive Practices (Exclusions) (Amendment) Order 1984;

(9) Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1984, the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 and the Farm and Horticulture (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984; and

(10) Mr. Michael Shersby Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and the draft Novelties (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985.

[No. 41.]

Thursday 17th January 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 17th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 15-vii].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home 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 the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Chinese community in Britain].

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].

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 Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill, without Amendment.

Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill,—Mrs. Marion Roe, supported by Mrs. Ann Chwyd, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Clement Freud, Jo Richardson, and Mrs. Ann
Winterton, 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 January and to be printed [Bill 58].

Grave disorder having arisen, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 27 (Power of Mr. Speaker to adjourn House or suspend sitting), suspended the sitting of the House for twenty minutes.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Regional Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Government’s statement on 28th November announcing changes in regional industrial incentives; welcomes the closer alignment of the new Assisted Areas map to areas’ relative needs for increased employment opportunities; agrees that it is right at a time of high unemployment to relate assistance more directly to jobs; and notes with approval that the increased cost-effectiveness of regional assistance will enable the burden upon taxpayers to be substantially reduced—(Mr. Secretary Tebbit);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the word ‘incentives’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘but deplores the destruction of regional development policy at a time of record high unemployment and steep industrial decline in the regions and nations of the United Kingdom, condemns the massive cut of £300 million each year in regional industrial assistance, the abolition of special development areas and the new reductions and restrictions on regional aids, and urges a programme of national economic recovery to rebuild the industrial base in which positive regional development is given a crucial role’, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Smith.)

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

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. John McWilliam : 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones : 260.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam : 192.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Government’s statement on 28th November announcing changes in regional industrial incentives; welcomes the closer alignment of the new Assisted Areas map to areas’ relative needs for increased employment opportunities; agrees that it is right at a time of high unemployment to relate assistance more directly to jobs; and notes with approval that the increased cost-effectiveness of regional assistance will enable the burden upon taxpayers to be substantially reduced.

Industrial Development,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Assisted Areas Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1844), dated 26th November 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 28th November, be annulled—(Mr. A. J. Beith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft : 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones : 179.

So the Question was negatived.

Industrial Development,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Regional Development Grant (Prescribed Percentage, Amount and Limit) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1843), dated 26th November 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved—(Mr. Norman Lamont);
And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 134.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Haynes: 73.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Regional Development Grant (Prescribed Percentage, Amount and Limit) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1843), dated 26th November 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Aberdeen South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Colne Valley for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. Tony Durant.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.53 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 17th January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 2, 1985),—Copy of a Convention, done at Paris on 23rd November 1972, concerning the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage [by Command] [Cmnd. 9424].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Rules, dated 7th January 1985, entitled the Notices to Residential Occupiers and Rate-demands (Amendment) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 6) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Law Commissions,—Copy of a Report by the Law Commission on the consolidation of the Cinematograph Acts 1909 to 1982 and related enactments [by Command] [Cmnd. 9425].
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. Robert B. Jones (nominated in respect of the Shipbuilding Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Fallon.

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Robert Jackson (nominated in respect of the Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Portillo.

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Michael Fallon (nominated in respect of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert B. Jones.

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. Bill Michie (nominated in respect of the Water (Fluoridation) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Martin Redmond.

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., Sir George Young (nominated in respect of the Local Government (Interim Provisions) (Consultation) Regulations 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. William Waldegrave.

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 Anti-Competitive Practices (Exclusions) (Amendment) Order 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bryan Gould.
Contingencies Fund, 1983-84.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1983-84, showing the receipts and payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1984, and the distribution of the capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

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

Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill.—The Intoxicating Substances (Supply) 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).

Small Business Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Business 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 25th January.

Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill.—The Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Restriction of Liability) 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).

Fabric Origin Marking Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fabric Origin Marking Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 1st February.

Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill.—The Road Traffic (Production of Documents) 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).

Standing Charges (Abolition) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Standing Charges (Abolition) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th February.

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 21st January.

APPENDIX

Friday 18th January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Contingencies Fund,—Copy of the Accounts of the Contingencies Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; and with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon (pursuant to Order this day); to be printed [No. 164].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

International Immunities and Privileges,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Legal Capacities) Order 1985, and


(by Act).

Mr. Secretary King:

Industrial Tribunals,—Copies of Regulations, dated 9th January 1985, entitled—

(1) the Industrial Tribunals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 16), and

(2) the Industrial Tribunals (Rules of Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 17)

(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 November.

Paper 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 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 165].

MR SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

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 Teachers (Independent Pay Review) (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 43.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Selection.—Mr. 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 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 (Third Report) [Special Supplementary Estimate, Class II, Vote 10 (Budget of the European Communities)].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 158].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 158].

Welsh Affairs.—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Welsh 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 the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Public Transport in Wales].

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 35].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 35].

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

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

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Queen to acquaint the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, has consented to place her prerogative and interest, so far as they are affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

Committee to-morrow.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft District Electoral Areas (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved—(Mr. Nicholas Scott);

The House divided.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 121.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Clifford Forsythe: 6.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft District Electoral Areas (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Langbaurgh for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from members of the University of Warwick 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. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.55 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 21st January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

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

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service.—Copies of Orders, dated 14th January 1985, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (Constitution of District Health Authorities) Amendment Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 26), and
(2) the National Health Service (Determination of Districts) Amendment Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 25)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government.—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 10th January 1985, entitled the Canterbury and Shepway (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 20),
(2) an Order, dated 10th January 1985, entitled the Cherwell and West Oxfordshire (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 21), and
(3) Regulations, dated 9th January 1985, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Reduction in Rateable Values) (Specified Percentages) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 23)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:


Mr. Michael Jopling:

Poultry,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th December 1984, entitled the Slaughter of Poultry (Humane Conditions) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 2056) [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [23rd November] from residents of the London Borough of Islington against the claw-back of £1 from heating additions of nearly two million supplementary benefit recipients [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

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 Shipbuilding Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bernard Conlan.

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Derek Fatchett (nominated in respect of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Frank Cook.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Ms. Harriet Harman (nominated in respect of the Sale of Optical Appliances Order of Council 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Frank Dobson.

MEMORANDA

Monday 21st January 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill, the Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill and the Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill to Standing Committee C.

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Forrester an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Social Security Bill.

PRAYERS.

Birmingham City Council Bill.—A Bill to authorise motor racing on certain streets in the city of Birmingham; to confer powers on the City of Birmingham District Council in relation thereto; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

British Railways Bill.—A Bill to empower the British Railways Board to construct works and to purchase or use land; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain land; to confer further powers on the Board; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Cambridge City Council Bill.—A Bill to re-enact with amendments certain local enactments in force within the City of Cambridge; to confer further powers on the Council of the City of Cambridge; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill.—A Bill to make provision for the transfer to the State of Delaware in the United States of America of the incorporation of C-Poultry Company Limited; for the cesser of application to that company of provisions of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1983; and for purposes incidental thereto, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.—A Bill to empower the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company to construct works; to extend and alter the limits of the dock and to provide that the Dock Workers Employment Scheme shall not relate to any part thereof; to enable the Company to regulate motor vehicle traffic on dock roads and on other places within those limits; to confer further powers on the Company; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Goerfoot Borough Council Bill.—A Bill to provide for the further alteration of the public passenger transport routes prescribed by the Gosport and Fareham Omnibus Services Act 1929; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Harrogate Stray Bill.—A Bill to re-enact with amendments certain local enactments in force within the borough of Harrogate; to confer further powers on the Council of the Borough of Harrogate with respect to the management of the Stray; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Hastings Pier Bill.—A Bill to repeal, and re-enact with amendments, the Hastings Pier Acts and Orders 1867 to 1960; and to make further provision with respect to the Hastings Pier Company; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Lincoln City Council Bill.—A Bill to re-enact with amendments certain local enactments in force within the city of Lincoln; to make further provision with regard to the Commons and Fairs of the city, the seizing of stray horses, the prevention of flooding and for the maintenance of the omnibus undertaking; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill.—A Bill to provide for the vesting in Lloyds Bank Plc of the undertaking of Lloyds Bank International Limited; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill.—A Bill to provide for the cesser of incorporation in England of the National Bank of New Zealand Limited, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill.—A Bill to authorise the council of the city of Plymouth and Dean and Dyball (Plymouth) Limited to construct works in the Cattewater at Plymouth; to constitute a pier authority; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Royal Bank of Scotland Bill.—A Bill to provide for the transfer of the undertakings of the Royal Bank of Scotland public limited company and Williams and Glyn's Bank public limited company to RBSG public limited company; and for purposes connected therewith, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Scarborough Borough Council Bill.—A Bill to empower the Scarborough Borough Council to maintain and work a cliff lift undertaking at Whitby and to maintain and work a cliff railway undertaking at Scarborough; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Bill.—A Bill to authorise the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to operate trolley vehicles; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill.—A Bill to authorise The Great Southern Cemetery and Crematorium Company Limited to sell or develop certain lands forming part of Streatham Park Cemetery belonging to the said Company free from restrictions; to authorise the erection of buildings thereon; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—A Bill to provide for the alleviation of flooding in parts of the City of York; to empower the Yorkshire Water Authority to construct works, including a barrier with a movable gate across the river Foss, and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Authority; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

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 (Eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xiii].

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 22nd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-iii].

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 22nd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-v].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Milk (Cancellation of Production) Bill.—Mr. James Lamond reported from Standing Committee B, that it had gone through the Milk (Cancellation of Production) Bill, and had 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. 167].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Harry Gourlay reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Tyne and Wear Metro (Rateable Values) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 20th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 166].

Generic Substitution (National Health Service) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 8th February, the Generic Substitution (National Health Service) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 10th May.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Official Secrets Act (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Tom Dabyell, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Michael Foot, Ms. Harriet Harman, Mr. Robert Maclennan, Mr. Matthew Parris, Mr. Mervyn Rees, and Jo Richardson, do prepare and bring it in.

Official Secrets Act (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Chris Smith accordingly presented a Bill to repeal section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th April; and to be printed [Bill 61].

Supplementary Estimates, 1984-85 (Class II, Vote 10).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a supplementary sum, not exceeding £119,218,000, 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 Treasury in connection with payments to the Budget of the European Communities not covered by direct charges on the Consolidated Fund under section 2(3) of the European Communities Act 1972, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 145—(Mr. Ian Stewart); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 349.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 189.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That a supplementary sum, not exceeding £119,218,000, 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 Treasury in connection with payments to the Budget of the European Communities not covered by direct charges on the Consolidated Fund under section 2(3) of the European Communities Act 1972, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 145.

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. 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 a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on 31st March 1985: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 60].

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sevenoaks for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newry and Armagh for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Macclesfield for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Medway for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Epping Forest Constituency Labour Party Young Socialists against the North East Thames Regional Health Authority’s regional strategic plan for 1984 to 1993 was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

Adjourned at 10.46 pm.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 22nd January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Public Expenditure.—Paper, entitled The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1985-86 to 1987-88 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9428-I and -II].
Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:


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 Dr Norman A. Godman (nominated in respect of the Shipbuilding Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Allen Adams.

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Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1985 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 45.]

Wednesday 23rd January 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr. Ivan Lawrence reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to which the Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and had made an Amendment thereto; 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 23rd January: And the Report was brought up and read.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 174-I].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 174-II].

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 January and the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 125-iii].

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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 174-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 (Seventh Report).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-vii].

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. 71-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 23rd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 1764].

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 the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [DHSS Supplementary Estimate, Class XI, Vote 1, Subhead F5: Compensation Payments to NHS Staff].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 112].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 112].

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 23rd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 1724].

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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 38-ix].

Treasury and Civil Services.—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 January.

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

Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. Donald Coleman reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of Transport in Wales, referred to it on 3rd December, and the matter of Regional Policy as it affects Wales, referred to it on 14th January, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 177].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir John Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Sale of Optical Appliances Order of Council 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1778), referred to a Committee on 17th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 170].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1923), referred to a Committee on 17th December; and the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1922) and the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1924), referred to a Committee on 18th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 169].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael Sherbey reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and the draft Novelties (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, referred to a Committee on 17th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 168].
Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill.—Ordered, That the Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Small Business Bill.—The Order for resuming, upon Friday, the adjourned Debate on Second Reading of the Small Business Bill was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed upon Friday 1st February.

Tobacco Products (Sports Sponsorship) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 8th February, the Tobacco Products (Sports Sponsorship) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 10th May.

Companies (Procedure).—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 particulars of candidates to the members and the consideration of the appointment of non-executive directors before any election of directors; to require the directors to prepare certain data and estimates; 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, Sir Edward du Cann, Mr. Bob Edwards, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Sir David Price, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Mr. Mark Wolfson, do prepare and bring it in.

Companies (Procedure) 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 require the directors to prepare certain data and estimates; 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 3rd May and to be printed [Bill 621].

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).

Post Office Closures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets that the financial policies of the Government towards the Post Office may lead to the closure of 78 Crown post offices and 900 sub post offices and to other reductions of Post Office facilities, thus causing serious social harm, inconvenience and disadvantage, particularly to the elderly, the disabled and the parents of small children and imposing extra travelling expense; and calls upon the Government to moderate its financial requirement so that an extensive and socially responsive network of post offices is maintained—(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 'recognises that the future of the Post Office counters network will depend on its ability to compete successfully by operating efficiently and reducing the costs of its operation while having regard to the social needs of the United Kingdom; and fully supports the Post Office's efforts to secure by these means the future of an extensive and socially responsive network', instead thereof.—(Mr. Geoffrey Pattie.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Dr. Roger Thomas : 208.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang : 348.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Question on amendments):—It was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House recognises that the future of the Post Office counters network will depend on its ability to compete successfully by operating efficiently and reducing the costs of its operation while having regard to the social needs of the United Kingdom; and fully supports the Post Office's efforts to secure by these means the future of an extensive and socially responsive network.

Housing (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved—(Mr. Michael Ancram);

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 Financial Assistance to Opposition Parties may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Housing (Scotland).—The Question being again proposed, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 317.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. John McWilliam: 190.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved.

Housing (Scotland).—Resolved, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved.—(Mr. Michael Ancram.)

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (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:—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.

Financial Assistance to Opposition Parties.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Resolution of the House of 20th March 1975 shall have effect from 1st January 1985 with the substitution of the following paragraphs for paragraphs 2 and 7 of that Resolution:

‘(2) That for the purpose of determining the annual maxima of such assistance the following formula shall apply:

£1,500 for each seat won by the party concerned plus £3 for every 200 votes cast for it at the preceding General Election, provided that the maximum payable to any party shall not exceed £450,000.’; and

‘(7) That claims under these arrangements shall be made monthly, and that the annual maxima shall be applicable to claims made in respect of expenses incurred during any one calendar year.’—(Mr. John Biffen);
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Liverpool, Broadway for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.42 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 23rd January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission on negligent misrepresentation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 143].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger between The Dee Corporation plc and Booker McConnell plc [by Command] [Cmnd. 9429].


Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th January 1985, entitled the Rate Limitation (Non-uniform Rates and Precepts) (Limits) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 32) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copies of Orders, dated 21st January 1985, entitled—

(1) the Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 63), and
(2) the Potatoes (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 64) [by Act].

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

Development of Inventions,—Copy of the Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 173].

Industrial Tribunals,—Copy of Rules, dated 10th January 1985, entitled the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Amendment) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 29) [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 Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill. viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mrs. Ann Clwyd, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Robert Kitroy-Silk, Mr. Ron Lewis, Dr. Brian Mawhinney, Mr. David Mellor, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Phillip Oppenheim, Mr. Reg Prentice, Mr. Tony Speller, Mr. Derek Spencer, and Mr. Neville Trotter.
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 Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill, viz.: Mr. Spencer Batiste, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Terry Dicks, Mr. David Evennett, Sir John Farr, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Ken Hargreaves, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Jack Thompson, Mr. Peter Thurnham, and Mr. James White.

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 Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Tim Brinton, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Tony Fawell, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. David Lightbown, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Tim Smith, and Mr. Roger Stott.

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 Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. Simon Coombs, Mr. Ray Ellis, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Tom Hooson, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Bob McTaggart, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. David Sumberg, Mr. Richard Tracey, Mr. William Waldegrave, Mr. George Walden, Mr. Gareth Wardell, Mr. Michael Welsh, Mr. John Wilkinson and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. James Lamond Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill;
(2) Mr. Michael Shersby an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Shipbuilding Bill; and
(3) Mr. Harry Gourlay Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Anti-Competitive Practices (Exclusions) (Amendment) Order 1984, in place of Miss Betty Boothroyd.

Thursday 24th January 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—Mr. Ivor Stanbrook reported from the Committee on the Dartmoor Commons 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.

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, 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. 64-ii].

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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 76-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 12th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 56-iv].
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 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

Planning Authorities (Restriction of Liability) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Planning Authorities (Restriction of Liability) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 3rd May.

Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Jenkin, supported by Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. John Moore, and Mr. Neil Macfarlane, presented a Bill to restrict the circumstances in which compensation is payable under sections 165 and 169 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 and sections 154 and 158 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 63].

Royal Assent.—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:


Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1985, dated 9th January 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Younger);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr Tony Durant: 258.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John Maxton: 166.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1985, dated 9th January 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved.

Rating and Valuation.—Resolved, That the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1984, dated 19th December 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved. (Mr. Secretary Younger.)

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 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1923), dated 6th December 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th December, be approved.—(Mr. Ian Lang):—It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Tyne and Wear Metro (Rateable Values) Order 1984, dated 10th December 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th December, 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 Dangerous Substances and Preparation (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 14th December, 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 Novelties (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 14th December, be approved.—(Mr. Ian Lang):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Rutland and Melton for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Don Valley for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Huddersfield for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mitcham and Morden for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stalybridge and Hyde for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of West Drayton, Middlesex for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 seventeen minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 24th January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Yugoslavia (No. 1, 1985).—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 6th December 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Yugoslavia on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9431].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Roads and Bridges (Scotland).—Draft of an Order, entitled the Tay Road Bridge (Scheme) Approval Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government.—Copies of Orders, dated 14th January 1985, entitled—
(1) the Dacorum and Three Rivers (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 27), and
(2) the Horsham and Mid Sussex (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 28)
[by Act].

Water.—Copy of an Order, dated 24th January 1985, entitled the Water Authorities (Return on Assets) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 78) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th January 1985, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Temporary Use in Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 30) [by Act].
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. Churchill (nominated in respect of the Anti-Competitive Practices (Exclusions) (Amendment) Order 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Marcus Fox.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 24th January 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1985.

[No. 47.]

Friday 25th January 1985

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents and members of the travelling public of the London Borough of Brent against the discontinuance of railway passenger services between Marylebone and Northolt Junction was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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).

Sexual Offences Bill.—The Sexual Offences 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).

Sports Fields and Recreational Facilities Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sports Fields and Recreational Facilities 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 15th February.

Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 1st February.

Brunei and Maldives Bill [Lords]—Ordered, That, in respect of the Brunei and Maldives 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. 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 28th January.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
APPENDIX
Friday 25th January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1984, entitled the Tuberculosis (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 2063) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th January 1985, entitled the National Health Service (Speech Therapists) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 47) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Statutory Instruments,—Report to the Lord Chancellor and Mr. Speaker from the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee—

That they have been notified in accordance with Regulation 11(3) of the Statutory Instruments Regulations 1947 that the Department of the Environment has certified, under Regulation 6 of the said Regulations, that the printing and sale, in accordance with the requirements of section 2(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, of the Wild Birds (Special Protection) Order 1985 is unnecessary, having regard to the brevity of the period during which it will remain in force and to the other steps taken or to be taken for bringing its substance to the notice of the public;

That the Department has sought a direction from the Committee, under the proviso to Regulation 11(3) of the Statutory Instruments Regulations 1947, that the notification required by the said Regulation 11(3) need not be given in respect of Orders made under section 2(6) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981;

That the Committee are satisfied that the certificate is justified and have given the direction sought by the Department.

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [23rd November] 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.

MEMORANDUM
Friday 25th January 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Sexual Offences Bill to Standing Committee C.


PRAYERS.

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

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

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 28th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 180-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 28th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 181-i].
Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Redundancy Payments (Variation of Rebates) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Legal Capacities) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft British Waterways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 be referred to Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft British Alcan Aluminium Limited and Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Scottish Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft British Gas Corporation (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft British Telecommunications plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

European Community Documents,—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 9182/84, 11388/84 and 4096/85 (replacing 9469/84) concerning wine be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Education (Corporation Punishment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Corporal Punishment) 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 Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill because it does not abolish corporal punishment, leads to unfairness between pupils, creates a bureaucratic nightmare, and fails to establish the atmosphere of co-operation in which good discipline can be maintained and educational standards raised', instead thereof.—(Mr. Giles Radice.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ray Powell, Mr. John McWilliam : 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang : 298.

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. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang : 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Ray Powell : 171.

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 Brunei and Maldives Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Brunei and Maldives Bill [Lords].—The Brunei and Maldives 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 and 2 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.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with as if it had been certified by Mr. Speaker as relating exclusively to Scotland.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with as if it had been certified by Mr. Speaker as relating exclusively to Scotland.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. Ian Lang.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.21 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Monday 28th January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
- Development Fund.—Copy of the Accounts of the Development Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 179].
- Water.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
  (1) 21st November 1984, on borrowing by the Severn-Trent Water Authority,
  (2) 4th December 1984, on borrowing by the Anglian Water Authority,
  (3) 4th December 1984, on borrowing by the North West Water Authority,
  (4) 4th December 1984, on borrowing by the Severn-Trent Water Authority,
  (5) 4th December 1984, on borrowing by the Yorkshire Water Authority,
  (6) 5th December 1984, on borrowing by the Northumbrian Water Authority,
  (7) 5th December 1984, on borrowing by the Welsh Water Authority,
  (8) 6th December 1984, on borrowing by the Anglian Water Authority,
  (9) 17th December 1984, on borrowing by the Yorkshire Water Authority, and
  (10) 17th January 1985, on borrowing by the North West Water Authority [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 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
- Local Government.—Copies of Orders, dated—
  (1) 16th January 1985, entitled the Arun and Chichester (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 41),
  (2) 16th January 1985, entitled the Durham and Easington (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 42),
  (3) 17th January 1985, entitled the East Hertfordshire and Welwyn Hatfield (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 51),
  (4) 17th January 1985, entitled the Hereford and Worcester (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 56), and
  (5) 17th January 1985, entitled the Mid Devon, South Hams and Teignbridge (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 52) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
- Agriculture.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for the year ended 31st July 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 [14th December] from people of the London Borough of Greenwich for the repeal of the Rates Act 1984 [by Standing Order]; to be printed.
- Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [24th October, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of the constituency of Leicester East and its neighbours, and other Petitions, for a ban on experiments with living human embryos [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 1984; with the Report of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Aid [by Act]; to be printed [No. 151].

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. John Fraser (nominated in respect of the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1985); and had appointed in substitution Dr. David Clark.
MEMORANDUM

Monday 28th January 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—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 Shipbuilding Bill.

[No. 49.]

Tuesday 29th January 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Birmingham City Council Bill,—Ordered, That the Birmingham City Council Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

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

Cambridge City Council Bill,—Ordered, That the Cambridge City Council Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill,—Ordered, That the C-Poultry Company Limited Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill,—Ordered, That the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Gosport Borough Council Bill,—Ordered, That the Gosport Borough Council Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

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

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

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

Lincoln City Council Bill,—Ordered, That the Lincoln City Council Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill,—Ordered, That the Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill,—Ordered, That the National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill,—Ordered, That the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Royal Bank of Scotland Bill,—Ordered, That the Royal Bank of Scotland Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Scarborough Borough Council Bill,—Ordered, That the Scarborough Borough Council Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Bill,—Ordered, That the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill,—Ordered, That the Streatham Park Cemetery Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill,—Ordered, That the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

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

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xiv].

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 29th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 46-iii].

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 29th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-vii].

Shipbuilding Bill.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from Standing Committee A, that it had gone through the Shipbuilding 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. 187].

Social Security Bill.—Mr. David Knox reported from Standing Committee E, that it had gone through the Social Security Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 64].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 186].

Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable those who go into Part III Accommodation under the National Assistance Act 1948 to assign up to a half share in their freehold or long leasehold property to a companion who has been residing with them for not less than five years and to assign the remaining share of their freehold or long leasehold property to the local authority, the capital value of which share shall become an interest in the local authority old peoples' home in which the assignor is to reside: And that Mr. Neil Thorne, Sir Gerard Vaughan, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. Bowen Wells, and Mr. Michael Marshall, do prepare and bring it in.

Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill.—Mr. Neil Thorne accordingly presented a Bill to enable those who go into Part III Accommodation under the National Assistance Act 1948 to assign up to a half share in their freehold or long leasehold property to a companion who has been residing with them for not less than five years and to assign the remaining share of their freehold or long leasehold property to the local authority, the capital value of which share shall become an interest in the local authority old peoples' home in which the assignor is to reside: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 65].

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

(In the Committee)

Ordered, That the Bill be considered in the following order: Clauses Nos. 1 to 10; Schedule No. 1; Clauses Nos. 11 to 22; Schedule No. 2; Clause No. 23; Schedule No. 3; Clauses Nos. 24 to 27; new Clauses; new Schedules; and Schedule No. 4.—(Mr. David Mellor.)

Clause No. 1 (Extension of parliamentary franchise).

Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 2, line 12, to leave out the words ' or treated for the purposes of registration as resident '.—(Dr. John Marek.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 2, line 14, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Mr. William Powell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. William Powell, Mr. A. J. Beith : 20.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 381.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 2, line 14, to leave out the word "seven" and insert the word "five".—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John McWilliam : 382.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Archy Kirkwood : 21.

Amendment (No. 24) made.

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed, in page 2, line 33, at the end, to add the words—

“(5) The provisions of this section shall not come into operation until such time as the Secretary of State has laid before Parliament an estimate, country by country, of the numbers eligible to apply for qualification as an overseas elector under this section”.—(Mr. Kevin Barron.)

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tony Durant : 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John McWilliam : 165.

It being Ten o’clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Representation of the People Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Representation of the People Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Registration of British citizens overseas).

Amendment (No. 29) proposed, in page 3, line 22, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(e) declares that he intends to return to the United Kingdom for permanent residence’.—(Dr. John Marek.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Extension of franchise for European Assembly elections).

Amendments (Nos. 30 and 31) made.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Michael Neubert : 233.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Robin Corbett : 169.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Secretary Brittan.)
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ian Lang reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Plymouth, Devonport for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from people in Bishopton for assistance for the starving in Ethiopia 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 past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 29th January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 23rd October 1984,
(2) 23rd October 1984,
(3) 23rd October 1984,
(4) 13th November 1984,
(5) 13th November 1984,
(6) 6th December 1984,
(7) 31st December 1984,
(8) 18th January 1985,
(9) 18th January 1985,
(10) 18th January 1985, and
(11) 18th January 1985,
on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Sex Discrimination,—Draft of a Code of Practice for the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of sex and marriage and the promotion of equality of opportunity in employment [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Financial Services,—Paper, entitled Financial Services in the United Kingdom: a new framework for investor protection [by Command] [Cmnd. 9432].

Monopolies and Mergers,—Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the revenue collection systems of four area electricity boards [by Command] [Cmnd. 9427].
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 January] from residents of the constituency of Great Grimsby against the decision to deduct £1 from heating allowances paid to those in special need [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the National Health Service: energy conservation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 188].

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Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

1. the Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill to Standing Committee B;
2. the draft Redundancy Payments (Variation of Rebates) Order 1985 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
3. the draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1985 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
4. the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Waterways (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Alcan Aluminium Limited and Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft Scottish Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Gas Corporation (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 and the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
5. the draft International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Legal Capacities) Order 1985 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
6. European Community Documents Nos. 9182/84, 11388/84, and 4096/85 (replacing 9469/84) concerning wine to the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.

[No. 50.]

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

PRAYERS.

Highland Region (Kinlochbervie) 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 Highland Region (Kinlochbervie): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 5th February and to be printed [Bill 66].

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 29th January and the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 30th January. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 37-vi and -vii].

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, 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 [Nos. 125-iv and 193-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 30th January. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 76-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 30th January. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 156-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 (Eighth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-viii].

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 30th January.

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

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 30th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 71-v].

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 (Fifth Report) [Matters relating to the Ministry of Defence].

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 84].

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

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 (Sixth Report) [Housing Benefits Scheme].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 78].

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 Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it, together with Memoranda: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Community Care, with special reference to adult mentally handicapped and mentally ill people].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 13].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 13].

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 30th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 172-ii].

Transport.—Mr. Peter Fry reported from the Transport Committee, 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. 38-x].

Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill.—Mr. James Lamond reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 19th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 189].
Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Local Government (Interim Provisions) (Consultation) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1760), referred to a Committee on 18th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 192].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Harry Gourlay reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Anti-Competitive Practices (Exclusions) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1919), referred to a Committee on 20th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 190].

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

Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 1) 1984 and Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984.—The Lords have appointed a Committee of Three Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as the Joint Committee to which the Petition of General Objection against the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 1) 1984 and the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984 stands referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945; and they have ordered that the Committee have power to agree with the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman.

Pensioners' Right to Fuel and Communications,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish standing charges for gas, electricity and water and to abolish rental charges for telephones and television licences for pensioners: And that Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Jo Richardson, Mr. Tony Benn, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. David Winnick, Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Robert N. Wareing, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Frank Dobson, Mr. Ron Davies, and Mr. Tom Clarke, do prepare and bring it in.

Pensioners' Right to Fuel and Communications Bill,—Mr. Jeremy Corbyn accordingly presented a Bill to abolish standing charges for gas, electricity and water and to abolish rental charges for telephones and television licences for pensioners: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 67].

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 Twelve o'clock.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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. Don Dixon: 247.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Browne, Mr. John McWilliam: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.12 a.m.
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 30th January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Electricity (Scotland).—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 24th October 1984, on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board, 
(2) 24th October 1984, on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board, and 
(3) 1st November 1984, on borrowing by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board 
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:
National Dock Labour Board.—Minute, dated 30th January 1985, concerning a guarantee to Barclays Bank plc covering loans to the National Dock Labour Board in respect of expenditure on the National Voluntary Severance Scheme [by Command] [Cmd. 9433].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
National Health Service.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th January 1985, entitled the Family Practitioner Committees (Consequential Modifications) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 39) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Local Government.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Rate Limitation (Prescribed Maximum) (Precepts) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland.—Appropriation Accounts for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1984 together with the Consolidated Fund Services Account; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon and upon the Revenue Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 148].

Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on the Proposal for a draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Supreme Court.—Copy of Rules, dated 22nd January 1985, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment) 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 69) [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 Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Bob Dunn, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Robert Key, Mr. David Lightbown, Mr. Hunsfrey Malins, Mr. Steve Norris, Mr. Allan Stewart, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. George Walden, and Mr. David Young.

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 Sexual Offences Bill, viz.: Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Cecil Franks, Mr. Michael Howard, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Francis Maude, Mr. David Mellor, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mr. Matthew Parris, Mr. William Powell, Mr. Ernie Roberts, and Mr. Clive Soley.

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 Redundancy Payments (Variation of Rebates) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Roger Freeman, Mr. Tristan Gare-Jones, Mr. Peter Griffiths, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Mr. Max Madden, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Gerrard Neale, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Peter Pike, Clare Short, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Jack Thompson, Mr. Gary Walker, and Mr. Tim Yeo.

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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 Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1985, viz.:
Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Graham Bright, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Viscount Cranborne, Mr. Bob Edwards, Sir Peter Emery, Mr. George Foulkes, Mr. Russell Johnston, Sir Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. John Maples, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Malcolm Thornton, Mr. Bowen Wells, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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 Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985; the draft British Waterways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Alcan Aluminium Limited and Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft Scottish Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Gas Corporation (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 and the draft British Telecommunications plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, viz.:
Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Craigen, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Bob McTaggart, Mr. David Marshall, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Bill Walker, and Mr. James White.

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 International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Legal Capacities) Order 1985, viz.:
Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Ray Ellis, Mr. George Foulkes, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. David Maclean, Dr. John Marek, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. K. Harvey Proctor, Mr. Tim Renton, Mrs. Angela Rumbold, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Dennis Walters, Mr. Michael Welsh, and Mr. David Winnick.

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 9182/84, 11388/84 and 4096/85 (replacing 9469/84) concerning wine, viz.:
Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. William Cash, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Alan Howarth, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Robert Maclean, Sir Ian Percival, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. Mike Woodcock.

MEMORANDUM

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. Michael Morris Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill;

(2) Mr. James Lamond Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Redundancy Payments (Variation of Rebates) Order 1985;

(3) Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1985;

(4) Mr. Ian Campbell Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Waterways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Alcan Aluminium Limited and Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft Scottish Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Gas Corporation (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 and the draft British Telecommunications plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985;

(5) Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Legal Capacities) Order 1985; and
(6) Miss Betty Boothroyd Chairman of the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 9182/84, 11388/84 and 4096/85 (replacing 9469/84), concerning wine.

[No. 51.]


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

PRAYERS.

Birmingham City Council.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birmingham City Council Bill;

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

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

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

Cambridge City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cambridge City Council Bill;

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

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the C-Poultry Company Limited Bill;

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

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;

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

Gosport Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gosport Borough Council Bill;

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

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

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

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

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

Hastings Pier Bill.—The Hastings Pier Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Lincoln City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill;

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

Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill;

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

National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill;

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

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill;

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 7th February.
Scarborough Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scarborough Borough Bill;

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

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Bill.—The South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Streatham Park Cemetery Bill;

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

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

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

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

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, 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; and to be printed [No. 15-vii].

House of Commons (Services),—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), 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 the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Administration and Library Sub-Committees on 6th June, 20th June, 3rd July and 10th July, in the last Session of Parliament, together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence and Memoranda: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Members’ Staff: Pressure on Accommodation and Facilities].

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 195].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 195].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Trustee Savings Banks Bill,—Mr. John Hunt reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Trustee Savings Banks Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 69].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 194].

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 30th January to be printed [No. 89-ii].

Small Business Bill,—The Order for resuming, to-morrow, the adjourned Debate on Second Reading of the Small Business Bill was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed upon Friday 8th February.

Transport Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ridley, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Jenkin, Mr. Secretary Tebbit, Mr. David Mitchell, and Mr. Michael Spicer, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to road passenger transport; to make provision for the transfer of the operations of the National Bus Company to the private sector; to provide for the reorganisation of passenger transport in the public sector; to provide for local and central government financial support for certain passenger transport services and travel concessions; to make new provision with respect to the constitution, powers and proceedings of the Transport Tribunal; to make provision with respect to grants payable under section 92 of the Finance Act 1965; 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].

Conduct of Her Majesty’s Government.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House censures Her Majesty’s Government for its gross mismanagement of the British economy which has led to the highest real interest rates, the worst manufacturing trade deficit and the highest level of unemployment in the history of Great Britain—(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 ‘supports Her Majesty’s Government in its firm action to maintain the sound financial conditions and medium-term...
strategy which have brought about the lowest ever level of inflation since the 1960s, nearly four years of sustained economic growth, record output, sound exports, record investment and record living standards, and which provide the best long-term prospects for a fundamental improvement in the performance of the British economy and for the creation of new jobs', instead thereof. (The Prime Minister.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 395.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 222.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 392.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 221.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House supports Her Majesty's Government in its firm action to maintain the sound financial conditions and medium-term strategy which have brought about the lowest level of inflation since the 1960s, nearly four years of sustained economic growth, record output, sound exports, record investment and record living standards, and which provide the best long-term prospects for a fundamental improvement in the performance of the British economy and for the creation of new jobs.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North Antrim and neighbouring districts for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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, Heeley for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituencies of Ilford North and Ilford South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newry and Armagh and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Rother Valley for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 the approval of an acceptable route for the Steeple Langford by-pass 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 Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 31st January 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Crown Agents.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th December 1984 on borrowing by the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations [by Act].

Housing.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st January 1985 on borrowing by the Housing Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd January 1985, entitled the Family Practitioner Committees (Modification of Constitution of Specified Committees) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 66) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 31st January 1985, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 112) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Administration of Estates.—Copies of Orders, dated 15th January 1985, entitled—
(1) the Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R. (N.I.), 1985, No. 9), and
(2) the Intestate Succession (Interest) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R. (N.I.), 1985, No. 8) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic.—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th January 1985, entitled—
(1) the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 44),
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 45), and
(3) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval for Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 46) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Food.—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 18th January 1985, entitled the Food (Revision of Penalties) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 67),
(2) 18th January 1985, entitled the Milk and Dairies (Revision of Penalties) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 68), and
(3) 21st January 1985, entitled the Natural Mineral Waters Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 71)

[by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [10th December] from women in London for rejection of the proposed abolition of the Greater London Council [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

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. David Young (nominated in respect of the Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Harry Ewing.

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. Jim Craigen (nominated in respect of the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Waterways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Alcan Aluminium Limited and Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft Scottish Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Gas Corporation (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 and the draft British Telecommunications plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Harry Ewing.

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 31st January 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill.

[No. 52.]

Friday 1st February 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Her Majesty's loyal subjects living in Great Grimsby, Cleethorpes and neighbouring parts against the extension of value added tax to children's shoes was presented 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 and surrounding areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and surrounding areas against the demolition of St. Jude's, Southsea and for the revocation of the ecclesiastical exemption contained in the Town and Country Planning 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 Borough of Larn, County Antrim against the proposals for restricting doctors' authority to prescribe drugs was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ross, Cromarty and Skye for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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).

Local Government (Access to Information) Bill.—The Local Government (Access to Information) 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).

Water Authorities (Meetings) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Authorities (Meetings) Bill:

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

Mr. Ivan Lawrence 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 22nd February.

Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 8th February.

Leaseholders (Choice of Insurers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leaseholders (Choice of Insurers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 8th February.

Fabric Origin Marking Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fabric Origin Marking Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 26th April.

Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Bill.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Compensation) 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.)

Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Mr. John Maxton be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Dr. John Marek be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

European Legislation.—Ordered, That Mr. Ray Ellis be discharged from the Select Committee on European Legislation and Mrs. Ann Clwyd be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mr. Stuart Bell be discharged from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments and Mr. Stuart Randall be added to the Committee.—(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 Monday 4th February.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday, 1st February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John-Moore:

National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on:
(1) 1st November 1984,
(2) 3rd December 1984, and
(3) 28th December 1984
on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]
Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st January 1985, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 9) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 118) [by Act].

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

Members' Interests,—Copy of the Register of Members' Interests at 9th January 1985 [pursuant to the Resolutions of 22nd May 1974 and 12th June 1975]; to be printed [No. 197].

[No. 53.]


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

PRAYERS.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Dartmoor Commons 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 (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 4th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 198-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 4th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 72-v].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 199].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill,—Ordered, That the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill be read a second time upon Friday.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Amendments of the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955, as amended, be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd).

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 63) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Potatoes (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 64) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Tay Road Bridge (Scheme) Approval Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

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).

Coal Mining Dispute,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns Her Majesty's Government for their public and private activities to impede the progress towards negotiations in the mining dispute, despite the massive costs to the nation of prolonging the strike ; welcomes the decision of the National Union of Mineworkers to seek an immediate resumption of negotiations with the National Coal Board without pre-conditions ; and demands that the Government takes a positive approach by urging the National Coal Board to settle this long and damaging dispute forthwith—(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 'deeply regrets the damage
Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House deeply regrets the damage done to the coal industry, miners, miners' families and mining communities by the unnecessary industrial action of some sections of the National Union of Mineworkers; recognises that this action is totally unjustified since this Government have provided more capital investment for the industry than any previous Government, far in excess of that provided by the last Labour Government, and substantially exceeding the scale of investment envisaged in 'Plan for Coal'; recognises it is also unjustified in the light of the National Coal Board's extremely generous offer on pay, early retirement and voluntary redundancy terms, and on the creation of a scheme designed to bring new enterprises and job opportunities to mining communities; notes the acceptance of the Board's offer by the industry's other two unions, and the refusal to strike by those sections of the National Union of Mineworkers which in that union's normal tradition decided to hold a ballot; deplores the Opposition's failure to persuade the National Union of Mineworkers both to arrange a national ballot and to use methods of picketing complying with National Union of Mineworkers and Trades Union Congress guidelines on picketing; regrets the National Union of Mineworkers leadership's intransigence, displayed in seven rounds of negotiations, including with the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service whose compromise proposal was accepted by the Board but rejected by the National Union of Mineworkers; and expresses the hope that this intransigence will now cease so that a realistic settlement can quickly be achieved which recognises that the cost of production is an important factor in securing a good and prosperous future for the industry, instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Walker.)

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. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 200.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 378.

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: 360.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 200.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House deeply regrets the damage done to the coal industry, miners, miners' families and mining communities by the unnecessary industrial action of some sections of the National Union of Mineworkers; recognises that this action is totally unjustified since this Government have provided more capital investment for the industry than any previous Government, far in excess of that provided by the last Labour Government, and substantially exceeding the scale of investment envisaged in 'Plan for Coal'; recognises it is also unjustified in the light of the National Coal Board's extremely generous offer on pay, early retirement and voluntary redundancy terms, and on the creation of a scheme designed to bring new enterprises and job opportunities to mining communities; notes the acceptance of the Board's offer by the industry's other two unions, and the refusal to strike by those sections of the National Union of Mineworkers which in that union's normal tradition decided to hold a ballot; deplores the Opposition's failure to persuade the National Union of Mineworkers both to arrange a national ballot and to use methods of picketing complying with National Union of Mineworkers and Trades Union Congress guidelines on picketing; regrets the National Union of Mineworkers leadership's intransigence, displayed in seven rounds of negotiations, including with the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service whose compromise proposal was accepted by the Board but rejected by the National Union of Mineworkers; and expresses the hope that this intransigence will now cease so that a realistic settlement can quickly be achieved which recognises that the cost of production is an important factor in securing a good and prosperous future for the industry.

Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Immigration Appeals (Procedure) Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 2041), dated 21st December 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th January, be annulled—(Mr. Alfred Dubs);

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. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. Greville Janner: 49.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Ian Lang: 146.

So the Question was negatived.

Competition.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Anti-Competitive Practices (Exclusions) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1919), dated 10th December 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th December, be approved.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ashfield for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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);

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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 Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.6 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 4th February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 12th November 1984, and
(2) 27th December 1984
on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:


Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation Scheme 1985 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the under-mentioned Statutory Instruments had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation [pursuant to Standing Order No. 142 (Notification in respect of certain statutory instruments)]:

The Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 9) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 118).
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., Dr. David Clark (nominated in respect of the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Norman Buchan.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 4th February 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 54.]

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PRAYERS.

Highland Region (Kinlochbervie) Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Highland Region (Kinlochbervie) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time upon Thursday.

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).

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 (Tenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xvi].

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 5th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-iv].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir John Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 28th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be Printed [No. 200].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, 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]].

Insurance (Fees) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Tebbit, supported by Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. Paul Channon, and Mr. Alex Fletcher, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of certain fees by insurance companies and the Council of Lloyd's: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 74].

Freedom of Probate.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Solicitors Act 1974, as it applies to England and Wales, to enable approved trust corporations to apply for grants of representations to the estates of deceased persons in certain non-contentious cases without the intervention of a solicitor: And that Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Robert McCrindle, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, do prepare and bring it in.
Freedom of Probate Bill.—Mr. Ken Weetch accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Solicitors Act 1974, as it applies to England and Wales, to enable approved trust corporations to apply for grants of representation to the estates of deceased persons in certain non-contentious cases without the intervention of a solicitor: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 17th May and to be printed [Bill 75].

Films Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Films Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Final payments by British Film Fund Agency)—(Mr. Norman Lamont)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 4) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 39, to leave out from the word 'order' to the end of line 44.—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tony Durant: 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 164.

Another Amendment (No. 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 20, at the end, to insert the words 'provided that he has laid before Parliament the terms and conditions upon which any such arrangements are to be made not less than 28 sitting days before they are to come into effect'.—(Mr. John Gorst.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 8 to 21) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 44, after the word 'otherwise', to insert the words 'and shall, by way of grant, be not less than £10 million annually'.—(Mr. Bryan Gould.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 23 to 31) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

A Clause (Commencement)—(Mr. Geoffrey Robinson)—brought up and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 104.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 193.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Shipbuilding Bill, the Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill and the Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Shipbuilding Bill.—The Shipbuilding Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill [Money] (No. 2).—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill [Money] (No. 2):

Resolved. That, for the purpose of any Act resulting from the Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill (''the Act''), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any payments made under the Act by a Minister of the Crown for the purpose of compensating persons, who are or have been registered in the direct sales register or a wholesale register maintained under the Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations 1984, for reducing milk production.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.
Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) For the purpose of compensating persons who are or have been registered milk producers for reducing milk production, the Minister may make payments to such persons who have undertaken—

(a) to reduce their production of milk for sale or for the manufacture of any milk product for sale; and

(b) to surrender part of their milk quotas to the reserve'.—(Mr. John McGregor.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put and agreed to.

Another Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 16, to leave out the word ' may ' and insert the word ' shall ', instead thereof.—(Mr. John Home Robertson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

'(4) A scheme under this section shall make provision for the surrender of a tenant farmer's milk quota without the necessity for the consent of his landlord to be obtained'.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

'(4) A scheme under this section shall fix the amount of surrendered quota to be accepted at such level as will enable milk producers making development claims to produce in full such secondary wholesale quotas as have been allocated to them'.—(Mr. John Home Robertson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 30.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 117.

Title amended, as follows: A Bill to provide for payments to be made for the purpose of compensating persons, who are or have been registered in the direct sales register or a wholesale register maintained under the Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations 1984, for discontinuing or reducing milk production and to make provision in connection with payments to such persons whenever made.

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. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 14.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Bill,—The Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Bill 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:—

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Restriction on compensation: England and Wales).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, line 8, at the end, to add the words ' and any individual dwelling in the building would be enlarged by more than ten per cent'.—(Sir Brandon Rhys Williams.)

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

Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 2 and 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.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ellesmere Port and Neston for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Oxford East for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from people employed in the tobacco industry in Nottingham against any increased taxation on tobacco products was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Southampton against any increased taxation on tobacco products 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 thirteen minutes to Four o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.47 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 5th February 1985

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th January 1985 entitled the Adur, Arun and Worthing (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 90) [by Act].

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

Select Committees.—Return to an Order [13th November] for a Return relating to Select Committees; to be printed [No. 196].

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [19th December] from residents of Buckhurst Hill and the surrounding area against the proposal to close the Forest Hospital, Buckhurst Hill, Essex [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Agriculture.—Draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation Scheme 1985 [laid 14th January].
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. Ron Davies (nominated in respect of the Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Young.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 5th February 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

(1) the draft Amendments of the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955, as amended, the Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order 1985, and the Potatoes (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1985 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ; and

(2) the draft Tay Road Bridge (Scheme) Approval Order 1985 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 55.]


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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—A Paper was presented (see Appendix I).

Surrey Bill [Lords].—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Surrey 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.

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 Cinemas 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 on 6th February: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 207-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 207-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 207-II].

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 and 6th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 37-viii and -ix].

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 an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Proposals for changes in Skillcentres].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 125].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 125].

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, 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. 209-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 6th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [Nos. 156-iii and 198-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 (Ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 5-ix].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-ix].

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 6th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 208-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 6th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 38-xil].

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 (Fourth Report) [The Financial and Economic Consequences of UK Membership of the European Communities: Harmonisation of VAT].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 57].

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

Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill.—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 26th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 201].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. James Lamond reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Redundancy Payments (Variation of Rebates) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 28th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 204].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ian Campbell reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Waterways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Alcan Aluminium Limited and Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft Scottish Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Gas Corporation (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 and the draft British Telecommunications plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 28th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 203].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Legal Capacities) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 25th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 206].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 22nd January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 202].

People's Right to Fuel.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent disconnections of domestic fuel supply in cases of hardship; to implement a statutory code of practice for dealing with such cases; to introduce a fuel allowance scheme to help eradicate fuel poverty; and for related purposes: And that Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Kevin
Barron, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. David Winnick, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Eddie Loyden, and Mr. Bob McTaggart, do prepare and bring it in.

People's Right to Fuel Bill,—Mr. Dennis Canavan accordingly presented a Bill to prevent disconnections of domestic fuel supply in cases of hardship; to implement a statutory code of practice for dealing with such cases; to introduce a fuel allowance scheme to help eradicate fuel poverty; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 76).

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Rate Limitation (Prescribed Maximum) (Precepts) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Tony Durant: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 193.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Rate Limitation (Prescribed Maximum) (Precepts) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Ending of British sovereignty and jurisdiction over Hong Kong).

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

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. Michael Neubert 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.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Hong Kong Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Hong Kong Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Hong Kong Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Ending of British sovereignty and jurisdiction over Hong Kong).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule (Supplementary Provisions).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, line 9, to leave out paragraph 2.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put and negatived.

Amendment (No. 2) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tony Durant reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereto.

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.

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 Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr. Tony Durant):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Belfast West and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Luton North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the London Borough of Lewisham for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Upper Bann and neighbouring districts for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Down and neighbouring districts for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from John David Spencer Rawlinson, C.B.E., and others for legislation to control the circumstances in which a human embryo may be created was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from tobacco retailers in Nottingham for fair treatment for tobacco in the next Budget 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the National Pensioners' Convention for a pension level not less than one-half of average earnings for a married couple and not less than one-third for a single person was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Russell Albert Painter for consideration of his domestic situation was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

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

Wednesday 6th February 1985

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th January 1985, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 91) [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 Local Government (Access to Information) Bill, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Keith Best, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Dr. David Clark, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Piers Merchant, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Steve Norris, Mr. Allan Roberts, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mrs. Angela Rumbold, Mr. Robin Squire, and Mr. William Waldegrave.

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 Tay Road Bridge (Scheme) Approval Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Bill Walker, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

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 Amendments of the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955, as amended, the Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order 1985, and the Potatoes (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. David Amess, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. Vivian Bendall, Mr. Graham Bright, Mr. William Cash, Viscount Cranborne, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. George Park, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Michael Welsh, and Mr. David Winnick.

MEMORANDUM

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Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

1) Mr. Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill and the Sexual Offences Bill;

2) Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Tay Road Bridge (Scheme) Approval Order 1985; and

3) Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Amendments of the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955, as amended, the Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order 1985 and the Potatoes (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1985.
PRAYERS.

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

Dartmoor Commons Bill.—The Dartmoor Commons Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Birmingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birmingham City Council Bill;

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

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

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

Cambridge City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cambridge City Council Bill;

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

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the C-Poultry Company Limited Bill;

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

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;

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

Gosport Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gosport Borough Council Bill;

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill;

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

Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 12th February.

National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Bank of New Zealand Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 12th February.

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill;

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

Scarborough Borough Council Bill.—The Royal Bank of Scotland Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Streatham Park Cemetery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 14th February.
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Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

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

Highland Region (Kinklochbervie) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Highland Region (Kinklochbervie) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Agriculture.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 7th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 15-ix].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Water (Fluoridation) Bill.—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from Standing Committee H, That it had gone through the Water (Fluoridation) Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 78].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 210].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the making in an emergency of orders specifying activities which are to be prohibited as a precaution against the consumption of food rendered unsuitable for human consumption in consequence of a release of substances ; to replace the Dumping at Sea Act 1974 with fresh provision for controlling the deposit of substances and articles in the sea ; regulate pesticides and substances and preparations prepared or used for the control of pests or for protection against pests ; and for connected purposes ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords].

Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords].—The Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 79].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged from considering the draft Amendments to the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955, as amended.

Water.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Water Authorities (Return on Assets) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 95), dated 17th December 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th January, be annulled—(Mr. Jeff Rooker):—It was negatived.

Water.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Water Authorities (Return on Assets) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 78), dated 24th January 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24th January, be annulled—(Mr. Jeff Rooker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Sean Hughes : 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 295.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Ways and Means Motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Ways and Means.—London Regional Transport,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That provision may be made specifying as £258,179,588 the amount which the Greater London Council are to pay to London Regional Transport under section 49 of the London Regional Transport Act 1984—(Mr. Secretary Ridley);

And Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out ' £258,179,588 ' and insert ' £208,300,000 ', instead thereof.—(Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. Frank Haynes: 67.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Ian Lang: 150.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That provision may be made specifying as £258,179,588 the amount which the Greater London Council are to pay to London Regional Transport under section 49 of the London Regional Transport Act 1984.

London Regional Transport (Amendment).—Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Secretary Ridley, Mr. Secretary Jenkin, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. John Moore, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. David Mitchell, and Mr. Michael Spicer, do prepare and bring it in.

London Regional Transport (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ridley accordingly presented a Bill to specify as £258,179,588 the amount which the Greater London Council are to pay to London Regional Transport under section 49 of the London Regional Transport Act 1984: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day and to be printed [Bill 77].

Rating and Valuation.—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 Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved.—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation.—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 (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved.—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation.—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 Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved.—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation.—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 Aluminium Limited and Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved.—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation.—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 Scottish Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved.—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation.—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 Gas Corporation (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved.—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation.—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 Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved.—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation.—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 Telecommunications plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved.—(Mr. Carol Mather):—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 Redundancy Payments (Variation of Rebates) Order 1985,
which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.

Libraries.—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 Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 16th January, be approved—(Mr. Carol Mather):—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 Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Legal Capacities) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South Suffolk for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Belfast East for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Belfast East and neighbouring districts for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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-Ulster and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. Carol Mather.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.55 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 7th February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Water.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 1st February 1985 on borrowing by the Southern Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax.—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st January 1985, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 105) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Britton:

Interception of Communications.—Paper, entitled The Interception of Communications in the United Kingdom [by Command] [Cmd. 9438].

Local Government.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th January 1985, entitled the Local Government (Changes in Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 110) [by Act].

Police.—Copies of Regulations, dated 4th February 1985, entitled—
(1) the Police (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 130), and
(2) the Police Cadets (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 131) [by Act].
Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 4, 1985).—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 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9434].

Treaty Series (No. 5, 1985).—Copy of Notes Exchanged at Kuala Lumpur on 7th December 1984 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federation of Malaysia terminating the Agreement for the reference of appeals from the Supreme Court of the Federation of Malaya to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, signed at Kuala Lumpur on 4th March 1958, as amended [by Command] [Cmnd. 9435].

Treaty Series (No. 6, 1985).—Copy of Notes exchanged at Dublin on 7th and 30th November 1984 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ireland further amending the Route Schedules annexed to the Air Services Agreement of 5th April 1946 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9436].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st February 1985, entitled the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 120) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th February 1985, entitled the Agricultural Levy Reliefs (Frozen Beef and Veal) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 135) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th January 1985, entitled the Undersized Crabs Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 100) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Dr. David Clark (nominated in respect of the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. William O'Brien.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. David Lightbown (nominated in respect of the Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eric Cockeram.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Mid Calder for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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).

Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill;

And 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).

Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Comittal of bills).
Education (School Budgets) Bill.—The Order of the day being read; for the Second Reading of the Education (School Budgets) Bill;

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

Mr. David Madel 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 15th February.

Small Business Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on Second Reading of the Small Business Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 15th February.

Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill.—The Controlled Drugs (Penalties) 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).

Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill.—The Prohibition of Female Circumcision 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).

Agricultural Marketing.—Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.) shall apply to the draft Amendments of the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955, as amended, as if they were a draft statutory instrument; and that the said draft Amendments be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(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 past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 11th February.

(Appended at 3.1 p.m.)

APPENDIX

Friday 8th February 1985

Paper 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 1984; with a separate account for the capital of the Duchy to the same date [by Act].

Mr. Ian Stewart:

National Debt.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th February 1985, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 146) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th January 1985, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 111) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Industrial Organisation and Development.—Copy of the Accounts of certain activities of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and activities of the English Industrial Estates Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 211].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchandise Marks.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th January 1985; entitled the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 113) [by Act].

Mr. John Biflen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Cambridge, on 14th November 1984, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Companies,—Copy of Rules, dated 25th January 1985, entitled the Insurance Companies (Winding-Up) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 95) [by Act].

Matrimonial Causes,—Copy of Rules, dated 4th February 1985, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 144) [by Act].

Endowments and Glebe,—Copy of a Scheme of the Church Commissioners, dated 29th January 1985, affecting the Liverpool City Churches Act 1897 [by Measure].

MEMORANDA

Friday 8th February 1985.

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees) and of the Order this day, Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Amendments of the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955, as amended, to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Amendments of the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955, as amended.


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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—A Paper was presented (see Appendix I).

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 the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [The implications for industrial relations and employment of the introduction of the polygraph].

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

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it.

Memoranda to lie upon the table ; and to be printed [No. 98-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 11th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 212-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 11th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 213-I].

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. 141].

Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords],—The Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 80].
Abortion.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the continuing high numbers of abortions in the United Kingdom, particularly the number of late abortions highlighted by the recent study group of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; and calls upon the Government to pay attention to the moral and ethical questions raised by abortion—(Mr. Edward Leigh). And it being Seven o’clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Local Government 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. The Standing Committee to which the Bill (except Clause No. 1) is allocated shall report the Bill (except Clause No. 1) to the House on or before 7th March 1985.

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 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 (or such of its provisions as were committed or re-committed to that Committee) 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 first allotted day

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 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 any 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.
Re-commital

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-commital.

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

Interpretation

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 Local Government 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. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tim Sainsbury : 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Sean Hughes : 195.

So the Question was agreed to.

Health and Safety.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Control of Industrial Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1902), dated 4th December 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th December, be annulled (Mr. John Prescott) ;

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. Gareth Wardell : 40.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 140.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lagan Valley for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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) ;
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And the Question being put;
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.11 a.m.]

APPENDIX I


Mr. Peter Rees:
Appropriation in Aid.—Treasury Minute, dated 8th February 1985, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes for regional and selective assistance, etc. (Department of Trade and Industry); selective assistance and compensation Scotland; and selective assistance to industry in Wales [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fourth 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: Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Amendments of the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955, as amended, viz.: Mr. David Amess, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. Vivian Bendall, Mr. Graham Bright, Mr. William Cash, Viscount Cranborne, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. George Park, Mr. Tom Tormey, Mr. Michael Welsh, and Mr. David Winnick.

MEMORANDA


Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill, the Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill and the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill to Standing Committee C.

Business Sub-Committees,—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 Local Government Bill, viz.: Sir Michael Shaw (Chairman), Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. John Cartwright, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Bob Dunn, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, and Sir George Young.

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

PRAYERS.

Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill,—The Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill,—The National Bank of New Zealand Limited 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 (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 it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 12th February and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Eleventh Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xvi].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xvii].

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 12th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-v].

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 12th February.

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

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 12th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 49-v].

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

Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Oakhampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 1) 1984 and Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984,—The Lords propose that the Joint Committee to which the Petition of General Objection against the aforesaid Orders stands referred, do meet in Committee Room 3 on Tuesday 26th February at Eleven o'clock.

European Community Documents,—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 9219/83 and 11039/84, draft Directive and amendment on air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide, and 1115/83, Communication from the Commission concerning environmental policy in the field of combating air pollution, be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Solicitors (Independent Complaints Procedure)—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reform the system of investigating complaints against solicitors by establishing a General Legal Council independent of the Law Society; and for connected purposes; And that Mr. Alfred Dubs, Jo Richardson, Clare Short, Ms. Harriet Harman, Mr. Clive Soley, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Chris Smith, and Mr. Tony Blair, do prepare and bring it in.

Solicitors (Independent Complaints Procedure) Bill,—Mr. Alfred Dubs accordingly presented a Bill to reform the system of investigating complaints against solicitors by establishing a General Legal Council independent of the Law Society; and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 81].

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

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Transport Bill until it has had the opportunity of studying the imminent report of the Transport Committee on what is the most fundamental upheaval in the bus industry for over 50 years', instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Fry.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John Maxton: 210.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 290.

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. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 288.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John Maxton: 205.

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).

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Ways and Means Motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Major)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Transport Bill, it is expedient to authorise the extinguishment of liabilities of the National Bus Company in respect of sums lent to it under section 20 of the Transport Act 1962 and the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure of the Secretary of State—
   (i) in connection with the dissolution of the National Bus Company;
   (ii) in respect of the salaries or remuneration of traffic commissioners and persons acting as their officers and servants;
   (iii) in respect of the remuneration of members of the Transport Tribunal and the other expenses of the tribunal;
   (iv) in making grants to persons operating or proposing to operate public passenger transport services in rural areas in Great Britain; and
   (v) in making grants to the British Railways Board in respect of their costs in securing the provision of bus substitution services;

(b) any increase in payments out of money so provided arising from any increase in administrative expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to the provisions of that Act; and

(c) any increase in payments out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr. John Major);

And it being three quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 264.
Tellers for the Noes, Dr. Roger Thomas, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 183.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Transport Bill, it is expedient to authorise the extinguishment of liabilities of the National Bus Company in respect of sums lent to it under section 20 of the Transport Act 1962 and the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure of the Secretary of State—
   (i) in connection with the dissolution of the National Bus Company;
   (ii) in respect of the salaries or remuneration of traffic commissioners and persons acting as their officers and servants;
   (iii) in respect of the remuneration of members of the Transport Tribunal and the other expenses of the tribunal;
   (iv) in making grants to persons operating or proposing to operate public passenger transport services in rural areas in Great Britain; and
   (v) in making grants to the British Railways Board in respect of their costs in securing the provision of bus substitution services;

(b) any increase in payments out of money so provided arising from any increase in administrative expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to the provisions of that Act; and

(c) any increase in payments out of money so provided under any other enactment.
Ways and Means,—Transport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That any Act resulting from the Transport Bill ("the Transport Act") may provide—

(a) that section 16(1)(a) of the Finance Act 1970 (which excludes precept income and grants in computing the profits of a Passenger Transport Executive chargeable to corporation tax) shall not apply with respect to any accounting period beginning on or after the passing of the Transport Act;

(b) that, in computing for the purposes of the Corporation Tax Acts the profit or loss of a Passenger Transport Executive for any accounting period beginning on or after the passing of the Transport Act, the loss of any earlier accounting period shall be computed as if section 16(1)(a) of the Finance Act 1970 had not been enacted; and

(c) for the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund and for increased payments into the Consolidated Fund under any other enactment—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Michael Neubert: 236.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Sean Hughes: 167.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That any Act resulting from the Transport Bill ("the Transport Act") may provide—

(a) that section 16(1)(a) of the Finance Act 1970 (which excludes precept income and grants in computing the profits of a Passenger Transport Executive chargeable to corporation tax) shall not apply with respect to any accounting period beginning on or after the passing of the Transport Act;

(b) that, in computing for the purposes of the Corporation Tax Acts the profit or loss of a Passenger Transport Executive for any accounting period beginning on or after the passing of the Transport Act, the loss of any earlier accounting period shall be computed as if section 16(1)(a) of the Finance Act 1970 had not been enacted; and

(c) for the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund and for increased payments into the Consolidated Fund under any other enactment.

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Transport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft London Regional Transport (Levy) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 17th December be approved—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 198.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Dr. Roger Thomas: 138.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft London Regional Transport (Levy) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 17th December, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Southwark and Bermondsey and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Hertfordshire for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Adjournment,—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.-(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.9 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 12th February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Britian:


Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd February 1985, entitled the Statutory Sick Pay (General) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 126) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1985 [by Act].

Wednesday 13th February 1985.

PRAYERS.

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

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

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 12th and 13th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 217 and 218].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy 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. 76-iv].

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. 5-x].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-x].

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. 212-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 13th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 208-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 13th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 172-iii and 219-i].

Transport.—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill.—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 19th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 215].

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Miss Betty Boothroyd reported from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Documents Nos. 9182/84, 11388/84 and 4096/85 (replacing 9469/84), concerning wine, together with the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 9182/84, 11388/84 and 4096/85 (replacing 9469/84), draft Regulations reforming the wine regime and amendments to the original proposals; and supports the Government's intention to achieve reforms in the wine policy so as to curb over-production of wine and wine alcohol.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 216].

Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 1) 1984 and Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984,—Ordered, That the Lords Message yesterday be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Employment of Young People,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide more employment opportunities for young people; And that Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. David Penhaligon, and Mr. Jim Wallace, do prepare and bring it in.

Employment of Young People Bill,—Mr. Cyril Smith accordingly presented a Bill to provide more employment opportunities for young people; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 82].

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 5 (Manner of voting at parliamentary and local government elections).

Amendment (No. 32) proposed, in page 8, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

' (5A) If he is entitled as an elector to an absent vote at the election because he cannot reasonably be expected to go in person to the polling station allotted to him under the appropriate rules by reason of blindness or other physical incapacity, he may vote in person at any polling station in the constituency or, as the case may be, electoral area '—(Mr. John Hannam.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Absent vote at elections for an indefinite period).

Amendment (No. 35) proposed, in page 9, line 17, after the word ' keep ', to insert the words ' and supply to each of the candidates nominated in the constituency '—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 71) proposed, in page 10, line 1, to leave out subsection (6).—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Absent vote at a particular election and absent voters list.)

Amendment (No. 37) proposed, in page 10, line 6, to leave out the words ' in Great Britain '.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed, in page 10, line 12, at the end, to insert the words ' and, in respect of a parliamentary general election, that he cannot reasonably be expected to vote in person at the polling station allotted or likely to be allotted to him under the appropriate rules in any other parliamentary constituency in which he is eligible to vote in parliamentary elections '.—Mr. A. J. Beith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 40) proposed, in page 10, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

'd) the applicant has supplied to the returning officer a certificate of the relevant circumstances which has been countersigned by a Member of Parliament, Justice of the Peace, minister of religion, lawyer, bank officer, established civil servant, school teacher, police officer, doctor or a person of similar standing known personally to the applicant for at least two years'.—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 8 to 10 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Offences as to declarations, etc.)

Amendment (No. 79) proposed, in page 15, line 34, to leave out the words ' and insert the words illegal practice '.—(Mr. Gerald Bermingham.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Deposit by candidates at parliamentary elections).

Amendment (No. 51) proposed, in page 16, line 6, to leave out ' £1,000 ' and insert ' £500 '.—(Sir John Farr.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Secretary Brittan.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tony Durant 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.

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. 4) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1965), dated 17th December 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th December, be annulled—(Mr. Archy Kirkwood);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Archy Kirkwood : 31.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 121.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the Jarrow constituency against the proposals of the White Paper on Buses was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Norfolk for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Colchester North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hampstead and Highgate and other constituencies for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Staffordshire for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.13 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 13th February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Revenue Departments,—Report (Volume 4) of the Committee on the enforcement powers of the Revenue Departments [by Command] [Cmnd. 9440].

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 December.
Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit) Order 1985 [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Copies of the Accounts of—
(1) The British Iron and Steel Research Association,
(2) The British Steam Shipping Company Limited,
(3) British Steel Corporation (Chemicals) Limited,
(4) The British Steel Corporation (Property) Limited,
(5) British Steel Corporation (UK) Limited,
(6) The British Structural Steel Company Limited,
(7) Hartlepool Workshops Limited,
(8) RDL Limited,
(9) Ruthner Continuous Crop Systems Limited,
(10) The South American Saint Line Limited,
(11) South Wales Workshops Limited, and
(12) The Vallum Shipping Company Limited
for the year ended 28th March 1981 [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Copies of the Accounts of—
(1) Barnes & Bell Limited,
(2) The British Iron & Steel Research Association,
(3) British Steel Corporation (Exports) Limited,
(4) British Steel Corporation (Iran) Limited,
(5) British Steel Corporation Liaison Services (India) Limited,
(6) British Steel Corporation (Overseas Services) Limited,
(7) British Steel Corporation (Spain) Limited,
(8) British Steel Corporation (Tubes) Exports Limited,
(9) British Steel Corporation (UK) Limited,
(10) BSC Brokers Limited,
(11) BSC Chemicals Limited,
(12) BSC International Limited,
(13) BSC Overseas Management Services Limited,
(14) BSC Pension Fund Nominees Limited,
(15) D & R Steels Limited,
(16) Design Audit Limited,
(17) Dorman Long (Bridge & Engineering) Limited,
(18) Dunlop & Ranken Limited,
(19) English Steel Corporation (Overseas) Limited,
(20) Ernest N. Wright Limited,
(21) General Steels Distribution Limited,
(22) General Steels Services Limited,
(23) Hall Brothers (West Bromwich) Limited,
(24) Hartlepool Workshops Limited,
(25) John Lee Steel Services Limited,
(26) The Lancashire Steel Corporation (Overseas) Limited,
(27) Ore Carriers Limited,
(28) Pipework Engineering (PED) Limited,
(29) RDL Limited,
(30) Ruthner Continuous Crop Systems Limited,
(31) Simiop Limited,
(32) South American Saint Lines Limited,
(33) Stanton & Stavely Limited,
(34) Stanton & Stavely (Overseas) Limited,
(35) T A Holdings Limited,
(36) The United Steel Companies (Overseas) Limited,
(37) The Unit Superheater & Pipe Company Limited,
(38) The Vallum Shipping Company Limited,
(39) The Victualic Company Limited,
(40) Wellington Tube Works Limited,
(41) William Hall (Steel Stockholders) Limited, and
(42) The Workington Harbour & Dock Company Limited,
for the fifty-three weeks ended 3rd April 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkirt:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th February 1985, entitled the Braintree, Chelmsford and Colchester (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 133) [by Act].

Local Government,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Rate Limitation (Prescribed Maximum) (Rates) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Enterprise Zones,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1985, entitled the Lower Swansea Valley Enterprise Zone (No. 2) Designation Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 137) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copies of Reports of the Northern Ireland Assembly on—

(1) the Consultation Paper on Procedure in Undefended Divorces in Northern Ireland, and

(2) the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Human Fertilisation and Embryology

[by Act].

Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 178].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Energy.—Copy of a Minute from the Secretary of State for Energy on a financial assurance to the British National Oil Corporation [by Command].

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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [24th October, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of the constituency of Leicester East and its neighbours for a ban on experiments with living human embryos [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Forty-three Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Transport Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. Richard Caborn, Mr. Christopher Chope, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Don Dixon, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Eric Forth, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Ken Hargreaves, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Kenneth Hind, Mr. Alan Howarth, Mr. Gerald Howarth, Mr. Robert B. Jones, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. David Maclean, Dr. John Marek, Mr. David Marshall, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Matthew Parris, Mr. Terry Patchett, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Michael Portillo, Mr. Secretary Ridley, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mrs. Angela Rumbold, Mr. Jonathan Sayeed, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Robert N. Waring, and Mr. John Whitfield.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Tony Baldry, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Dr. David Clark, Mr. Ron Davies, Sir John Farr, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Greg Knight, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Nicholas Soames, and Mr. William Waldegrave.

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. 9219/83 and 11039/84, draft Directive and amendment on air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide, and 11159/83, Communication from the Commission concerning environmental policy in the field of combating air pollution, viz.: Mr. David Alton, Dr. David Clark, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Den Dover, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. David Evennett, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Richard Hickmet, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. Humphrey Malins, Mr. Stefan Terlecki, Mr. William Waldegrave, and Mr. John Watson.

First Scottish Standing Committee.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the First Scottish Standing Committee Mr. Michael Ancram (nominated in respect of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John MacKay.
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Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

(1) the Transport Bill to Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Documents Nos. 9219/83 and 11039/84, draft Directive and amendment on air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide, and 11159/83, Communication from the Commission concerning environmental policy in the field of combating air pollution, to the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents.

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Sir John Wells and Miss Betty Boothroyd Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Transport Bill; and

(2) Miss Betty Boothroyd Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 9219/83 and 11039/84, draft Directive and amendment on air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide, and 11159/83, Communication from the Commission concerning environmental policy in the field of combating air pollution.

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with),—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a 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.:

Royal Bank of Scotland Bill.

Bill committed.

Birmingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birmingham City Council Bill;

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

Cambridge City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cambridge City Council Bill;

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

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the C-Poultry Company Limited Bill;

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

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;

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

Gosport Borough Council Bill,—The Gosport Borough Council Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

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

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

Harrogate Stray Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Harrogate Stray Bill;

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

Lincoln City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 21st February.
Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill;

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

Scarborough Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scarborough Borough Council Bill;

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

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Streatham Park Cemetery Bill;

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

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

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

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

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Amendments of the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955, as amended, referred to a Committee on 8th February, and the Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 69) and the Potatoes (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 64), referred to a Committee on 4th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 220].

Minimum Wages Etc. Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 22nd February, the Minimum Wages Etc. Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 19th April.

Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill.—The Order for consideration, upon Friday 19th April, of the Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 3rd May.

Small Business Bill.—The Order for resuming, to-morrow, the adjourned Debate on Second Reading of the Small Business Bill was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed upon Friday 22nd February.

Interception of Communications Bill.—Mr. Secretary Brittan, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Hurd, and Mr. David Waddington, presented a Bill to make new provision for and in connection with the interception of communications sent by post or by means of public telecommunication systems and to amend section 45 of the Telecommunications Act 1984: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 83].

Re-acquisition of Public Assets Bill.—Mr. John Golding, supported by Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Reg Freeson, Mr. Gregory MacKenzie, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Martin O'Neill, Mrs. Ann Clwyd, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Frank Dobson, Mrs. Renée Short, and Mr. Sydney Bidwell, presented a Bill to take back into public ownership those assets privatised since May 1979: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd March and to be printed [Bill 85].

Reform of the House of Lords Bill.—Dr. John Marek presented a Bill to abolish the present composition of the House of Lords and to provide for a new membership based solely on an equal directly elected representation from all the regions of the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 86].

Control of Political Expenditure Bill.—Mr. Bernard Conlan, supported by Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Harry Cowans, and Mr. Hugh McCartney, presented a Bill to control the amount of money spent by political parties during general elections; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 18th February and to be printed [Bill 84].

Representation of the People Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.
(In the Committee)

Clause No. 12 (Deposit by candidates at parliamentary elections).

Amendment (No. 51) proposed, in page 16, line 6, to leave out ' £1,000 ' and insert ' £500 '.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Question put and agreed to.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Robin Corbett : 104.

Clauses Nos. 13 and 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Postponement of poll at parish or community council elections).

Amendment (No. 73) proposed, in page 18, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—
'(1A) Any nomination received for an election at which the poll is postponed under the preceding subsection shall, if otherwise valid and if not withdrawn, be valid as if received for an election for which the poll is to be held on the day prescribed by paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section':—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 16 and 17 agreed to.

Clause No. 18 (Timing of elections).

Amendment (No. 81) proposed, in page 19, line 18, to leave out the word ' for ' and insert the word ' after ' :—(Mr. Robin Corbett.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 19 agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Ordinary elections of parish and community councillors: insufficient nominations).

Amendment (No. 74) proposed, in page 22, line 6, after the word ' may ' to insert the words ' after a period of 60 days (computed according to rules concerning the conduct of elections of parish or community councillors made or having effect as if made under section 36 of the principal Act) has elapsed from the day on which the returning officer published the names of the newly elected councillors ':—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 21 and 22 agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 23 agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 (Miscellaneous amendments of the principal Act).

Amendment (No. 54) proposed, in page 30, line 20, to leave out sub-paragraph (3).—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 92) proposed, in page 35, line 44, at the end, to insert the words—
'(iii) leave out "public meetings" and insert "meetings open to any member of the public":—(Mr. David Winnick.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 95 to 98) made.
Another Amendment (No. 100) proposed, in page 38, line 40, after the word 'relief', to insert the words—

(a) in subsection (1) the words "else if in respect of a payment made in contravention of section 78(1) or (2) above paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to this Act" shall be omitted and

(b)'.—(Mr. Gerald Bermingham.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 55) proposed, in page 40, line 45, to leave out the words 'desirable for publicising it' and insert the words 'best calculated to afford information to the voter.'—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

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

Another Amendment made, in page 41, line 38, by leaving out the words '10 at night on the'.—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

Another Amendment made, in page 41, line 39, by leaving out the words '9 at night on the'.—(Mr. Robin Corbett.)

Other Amendments (Nos. 59 and 60) made.

Another Amendment (No. 61) proposed, in page 43, line 34, to leave out the words 'YOU MAY VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE' and insert the words 'VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE AND PUT NO OTHER MARK ON THE BALLOT PAPER, OTHERWISE YOUR VOTE MAY NOT BE COUNTED'.—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 75) proposed, in page 45, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

'(aa) in paragraph 3 after the first "candidate" there shall be inserted the words "other than any candidate at an election where the number of candidates remaining validly nominated at the date of election was equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled at that election"'.—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

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

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 24 to 26 agreed to.

Clauses No. 27 (Citation, commencement and extent).

Amendment (No. 83) made.

Another Amendment (No. 63) proposed, in page 24, line 3, to leave out the words 'and for different purposes'.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment of other enactments)—(Mr. David Mellor)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Proportional representation)—(Mr. A. J. Beith)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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. Tony Durant 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 Representation of the People Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tony Durant).

Representation of the People Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.
(In the Committee)

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Proportional representation) be read a second time.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth: 16.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Neubert: 184.

Another Clause (Abolition of multiple registration of parliamentary electors)—(Mr. A. J. Beith)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

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Another Clause (Right of a voluntary patient to register)—(Mr. Michael Stern)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Addresses of parliamentary candidates not to be required)—(Mr. Conal Gregory)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Parliamentary electors to be British citizens)—(Mr. Ivor Stanbrook)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. K. Harvey Proctor: 18.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 100.

Another Clause (Compulsory voting)—(Mr. Kevin Barron)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Threatening language)—(Mr. David Winnick)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Schedule No. 4 (Repeals).

Amendment (No. 84) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Peter Lloyd reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended, to be considered this day; and to be printed [Bill 87].

European Community Wine Regime.—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. 9182/84, 11388/84 and 4096/85 (replacing 9469/84), draft Regulations reforming the wine regime and amendments to the original proposals; and supports the Government's intention to achieve reforms in the wine policy so as to curb over-production of wine and wine alcohol—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South West Hertfordshire for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of all ages in the constituencies of Huntingdon and Corby for removal of illegal settlements on or near Molesworth Airfield was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from senior citizens of Hoxby and Wigginton in the constituency of Ryedale against an increase in the colour television licence for senior citizens was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ludlow for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Antrim for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 East for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 South West 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. Peter Lloyd.)

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

[Adjourmed at 2.28 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 14th February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Supply Estimates, 1983-84,—Statement of the sums required to be voted to make good excesses on certain grants for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 184].

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Note by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury on the Supply Estimates for the year ending 31st March 1985: Spring Supplementary Estimates [by Command].

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Supplementary Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 183].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Dangerous Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th February 1985, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 138) [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th February 1985, entitled the Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 156) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence (Votes A), 1985-86,—Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces during the year ending 31st March 1986 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 185].
Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th February 1985, entitled the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 143) [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 1985 [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on the proceedings under sections 1 to 5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 for 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th February 1985, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings’ Service Pensions Increase) Order 1985 [by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of two Statutes made by the University of Oxford on 7th November 1985, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders),—Copy of the Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 to 1915 for the year ended 31st January 1985 [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of the Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on proceedings under sections 1 to 5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 for 1984 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by Mr Speaker:

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Supplementary Estimates of further sums required to be voted for House of Commons: Administration (Class XIII-A) for the service of the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 182].

PRAYERS.

Friday 15th February 1985.

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

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Kettering for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Central Suffolk for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Birmingham, Edgbaston for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from fifty pupils of St. Edmund’s Roman Catholic sixth form, Portsmouth for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from David Anthony Pearce and other residents of the constituency of Portsmouth South for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Peterborough for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Banff and Buchan for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Foyle for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Fermanagh and South Tyrone for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Belfast North for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hyndburn for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the county of Essex for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bosworth for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Maurice Sidney Wainwright for his obtaining justice 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).

Unborn Children (Protection) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. Ian Campbell 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. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Ian Campbell: 233.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 56.

So the Question was agreed to.
And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Christopher Murphy: 238.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 66.

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).

Charter Trustees Bill.—The Charter Trustees 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).

Northern Ireland (Termination of Jurisdiction) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Termination of Jurisdiction) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February.

Standing Charges (Abolition) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Standing Charges (Abolition) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 5th July.

Sports Fields and Recreational Facilities Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on Second Reading of the Sports Fields and Recreational Facilities Bill;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 19th April.

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 twenty-two minutes past Three o'clock, till Monday 18th February.

[Adjourned at 3.22 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 15th February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Iron and Steel,—Copies of the Accounts of—
(1) Appleby Frodington Steel Co. Ltd.,
(2) Barnes & Bell Ltd.,
(3) BSC Brokers Ltd.,
(4) Bennie Steel Sheet Ltd.,
(5) British Iron & Steel Corporation Ltd.,
(6) The British Iron & Steel Research Association,
(7) The British Steam Shipping Co. Ltd.,
(8) British Steel Corporation (Chemicals) Ltd.,
(9) British Steel Corporation (Exports) Ltd.,
(10) British Steel Corporation (Holdings) Ltd.,
(11) British Steel Corporation (International) Ltd.,
(12) British Steel Corporation (Iran) Ltd.,
(13) British Steel Corporation Liaison Services (India),
(14) British Steel Corporation Overseas Management Services Ltd.,
(15) British Steel Corporation (Overseas Services) Ltd.,
(16) British Steel Corporation Pension Fund Trustees Ltd.,
(17) British Steel Corporation (Property) Ltd.,
(18) British Steel Corporation (Spain) Ltd.,
(19) British Steel Corporation (Special Steels) Exports Ltd.,
(20) British Steel Corporation (UK) Ltd.,
(21) The British Structural Steel Co. Ltd.,
(22) British Tubes Stockholding Ltd.,
(23) British United Chemicals (Nominees) Ltd.,
(24) The Clyde Alloy Steel Co. Ltd.,
(25) Clyde Nail Co. Ltd.,
(26) Coated Electrodes Ltd.,
(27) Colville Constructional & Engineering Co. Ltd.,
(28) D & R Steels Ltd.,
(29) David Bennie & Sons Ltd.,
(30) Design Audit Ltd.,
(31) Distington Engineering Co. Ltd.,
(32) Dowiais Foundry Ltd.,
(33) Dunlop & Ranken Ltd.,
(34) English Steel Castings Corporation Ltd.,
(35) English Steel Corporation (Overseas) Ltd.,
(36) English Steel Spring Corporation Ltd.,
(37) Extended Surface Tube Co. Ltd.,
(38) General Steels Distribution Ltd.,
(39) General Steels Services Ltd.,
(40) Godins " The Rollers of Steel Sections " Ltd.,
(41) H F Spencer Ltd.,
(42) Hall Brothers (West Bromwich) Ltd.,
(43) The Hallamshire Steel Co. Ltd.,
(44) Hartlepoo1 Workshops Ltd.,
(45) John Lee & Sons (Grantham) Ltd.,
(46) John Lee Steel Services Ltd.,
(47) John Summers & Sons Ltd.,
(48) The Lanarkshire Steel Co. Ltd.,
(49) The Lancashire Steel Corporation (Overseas) Ltd.,
(50) Lye Spencer (Great Bridge) Ltd.,
(51) McCall & Co. (Sheffield) Ltd.,
(52) McCall's MacAlloy Ltd.,
(53) The Neath Steel Sheet & Galvanising Co. Ltd.,
(54) Nutbrook Canal Navigation,
(55) Ore Carriers Ltd.,
(56) The Oxfordshire Ironstone Co. Ltd.,
(57) Pipework Engineering (PED) Ltd.,
(58) Pipework Support Technologies Ltd. (formerly Ernest N. Wright Ltd.),
(59) RDL Pension Trustees Ltd.,
(60) Richard Thomas & Baldwins Ltd.,
(61) Ruthner Continuous Crop Systems Ltd.,
(62) St. Andrews Shipping Co. Ltd.,
(63) Samuel Fox & Co. Ltd.,
(64) Scottish Tar Distillers Ltd.,
(65) Shelton Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.,
(66) Shepcote Lane Rolling Mills Ltd.,
(67) Simiop Ltd.,
(68) Skinningrove Iron Co. Ltd.,
(69) The South American Saint Line Ltd.,
(70) Spray Steelmaking Ltd.,
(71) Stainless Steel Development Association Ltd.,
(72) Stanton Housing Co. Ltd.
(73) Stanton & Staveley (Exports), Ltd.,
(74) Stanton & Staveley Ltd.,
(75) The Steel Company of Wales Ltd.,
(76) Steel, Pech & Tozer Ltd.,
(77) Stewarts & Lloyds (Overseas) Ltd.,
(78) Stewarts & Lloyds Plastics Ltd.,
(79) T A Holdings Ltd.,
(80) Teesside Bridge & Engineering Ltd.,
(81) Tubewrights Ltd.,
(82) The Unit Superheater & Pipe Co. Ltd.,
(83) The United Kingdom Ferromanganese Co. Ltd.,
(84) The United Steel Companies (Overseas) Ltd.,
(85) United Steel Structural Co. Ltd.,
(86) The Vallum Shipping Co.,
(87) Wellington Tube Works Ltd.,
(88) Westwood Steel Services Ltd.,
William Hall (Steel Stockholders) Ltd.,
The Workington Harbour & Dock Co. Ltd., and
Zetland Road Trust Ltd.

for the fifty-two weeks ended 2nd April 1983 [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Copies of the Accounts of—

(1) Appleby Frodingham Steel Co. Ltd.,
(2) BSC Brokers Ltd.,
(3) Barnes & Bell Ltd.,
(4) Bennie Steel Sheet Ltd.,
(5) The British Iron & Steel Corporation Ltd.,
(6) The British Iron & Steel Research Association,
(7) The British Steam Shipping Co. Ltd.,
(8) British Steel Corporation (Chemicals) Ltd.,
(9) British Steel Corporation (Exports) Ltd.,
(10) British Steel Corporation (Holdings) Ltd.,
(11) British Steel Corporation (International) Ltd.,
(12) British Steel Corporation (Iran) Ltd.,
(13) British Steel Corporation Liaison Services (India) Ltd.,
(14) British Steel Corporation (Overseas Services) Ltd.,
(15) British Steel Corporation Overseas Management Services Ltd.,
(16) British Steel Corporation (Spain) Ltd.,
(17) British Steel Corporation (Special Steels) Exports Ltd.,
(18) British Steel Corporation (Tubes) Exports Ltd.,
(19) British Steel Corporation (UK) Ltd.,
(20) British Steel Service Centres Ltd.,
(21) The British Structural Steel Co. Ltd.,
(22) British Tubes Stockholding Ltd.,
(23) British United Chemicals (Nominees) Ltd.,
(24) The Clyde Alloy Steel Co. Ltd.,
(25) The Clyde Nail Co. Ltd.,
(26) Coated Electrodes Ltd.,
(27) Colville Constructional & Engineering Co. Ltd.,
(28) Corby (Northants) & District Water Co.,
(29) D & R Steels Ltd.,
(30) David Bennie & Sons Ltd.,
(31) Distington Engineering Co. Ltd.,
(32) Dowlais Foundry Ltd.,
(33) Dunlop & Ranken Ltd.,
(34) English Steel Castings Corporation Ltd.,
(35) English Steel Corporation (Overseas) Ltd.,
(36) English Steel Spring Corporation Ltd.,
(37) Extended Surface Tube Co. Ltd.,
(38) General Steel Distribution Ltd.,
(39) General Steel Services Ltd.,
(40) Godins "The Rollers of Steel Sections" Ltd.,
(41) H F Spencer & Co. Ltd.,
(42) Hall Bros. (West Bromwich) Ltd.,
(43) The Hallamshire Steel Co. Ltd.,
(44) John Lee & Sons (Grantham) Ltd.,
(45) John Lee Steel Services Ltd.,
(46) John Summers & Sons Ltd.,
(47) The Lanarkshire Steel Co. Ltd.,
(48) The Lancashire Steel Corporation (Overseas) Ltd.,
(49) Lye Spencer (Great Bridge) Ltd.,
(50) McCall & Co. (Sheffield) Ltd.,
(51) McCalls MacAlloy Ltd.,
(52) The Neath Steel Sheet & Galvanising Co. Ltd.,
(53) Ore Carriers Ltd.,
(54) The Oxfordshire Ironstone Co. Ltd.,
(55) RDL Pension Trustees Ltd.,
(56) Richard Thomas & Baldwins Ltd.,
(57) Ruthner Continuous Crop Systems Ltd.,
(58) St Andrews Shipping Co. Ltd.,
(59) Samuel Fox & Co. Ltd.,
(60) Scottish Tar Distillers Ltd.,
(61) Shelton Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.,
(62) Shepcote Lane Rolling Mills Ltd.,
(63) Simipo Ltd.,
(64) Skinningrove Iron Co. Ltd.,
(65) The South American Saint Line Ltd.,
(66) Spray Steelmaking Ltd.,
(67) Stainless Steel Development Association Ltd.,
(68) The Steel Company of Wales Ltd.
(69) Steel, Peech & Tozer Ltd.,
(70) Stewarts & Lloyds Ltd. (formerly Stewarts & Lloyds (Plastics) Ltd.),
(71) Stewarts & Lloyds (Overseas) Ltd.,
(72) T. A. Holdings Ltd.,
(73) Teesside Bridge & Engineering Co. Ltd.,
(74) Tubewrights Ltd.,
(75) The United Kingdom Ferromanganese Co. Ltd.,
(76) The United Steel Companies (Overseas) Ltd.,
(77) United Steel Structural Co. Ltd.,
(78) The Vallum Shipping Co. Ltd.,
(79) Wellington Tube Works Ltd.,
(80) Westwood Steel Services Ltd.,
(81) William Hall (Steel Stockholders) Ltd.,
(82) The Workington Harbour & Dock Co. Ltd., and
(83) Zetland Road Trust Ltd.,
for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

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

Trustees,—Copy of Rules, dated 4th February 1985, entitled the Public Trustee (Custodian Trustee) (Amendment) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 132) [by Act].

[No. 63.]

Monday 18th February 1985.

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 a 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.:

Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill.
National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill.

Bills committed.

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).

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 an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [Exchange Rate Policy].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 181].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 181].

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 213-i].

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 its Sub-Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [57-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 with respect to charities in England and Wales; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Charities Bill [Lords]].

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]].
Charities Bill [Lords].—The Charities Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 89].

Trade Union and Employment Acts (Repeal) Bill.—Mr. Ron Lewis, supported by Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Ken Eastham, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Ted Garrett, Mr. Ray Powell, Mr. Don Dixon, and Mr. Sydney Bidwell, presented a Bill to repeal the Employment Acts 1980 and 1982 and the Trade Union Act 1984: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 88].

Insurance (Fees) Bill.—Ordered, That the Insurance (Fees) Bill be referred to a Second Reading Committee. (Mr. Tony Durant.)

Sinking of the General Belgrano.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises that the sinking of the General Belgrano was a necessary and legitimate action in the Falklands Campaign; and agrees that the protection of our Armed Forces must be the prime consideration in determining how far matters involving national security and the conduct of military operations can be disclosed.—(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 'believes that, by seeking to conceal information from, and to purvey distorted and misleading information to, the House of Commons and its Foreign Affairs Committee on the subject of the sinking of the General Belgrano, Ministers have betrayed their responsibility to Parliament', instead thereof.—(Mr. Denzil Davies.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Robin Corbett: 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 350.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather: 351.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. Kenneth Hind: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House recognises that the sinking of the General Belgrano was a necessary and legitimate action in the Falklands Campaign; and agrees that the protection of our Armed Forces must be the prime consideration in determining how far matters involving national security and the conduct of military operations can be disclosed.

Agriculture.—Resolved, That the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation Scheme 1985, which was laid before this House on 4th February, be approved.—(Mr. John MacGregor.)

Agricultural Marketing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.) and to the Order [8th February], That the draft Amendments of the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955, as amended, which were laid before this House on 20th December, 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 Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 63), dated 21st January 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd 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 Potatoes (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 64), dated 21st January 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved.—(Mr. John Major):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Strangford for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. John Major.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes past Eleven o’clock, adjourned till this day.

Adjourned at 11.17 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 18th February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence.—Copy of documents mentioned in the speech made by the Secretary of State for Defence in the House this day relating to the sinking of the General Belgrano [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Road Traffic (Type Approval) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Opticians.—Copy of an Order of Council, dated 18th February 1985, entitled the General Optical Council (Rules on Publicity) Order of Council 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 203) [by Act].

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

Legal Aid (Scotland).—Copy of the Account of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 222].

National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Home Office: control of broadcast receiving licence revenue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 223].

Race Relations.—Copy of the Account of the Commission for Racial Equality for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 224].

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. Neil Hamilton (nominated in respect of the Transport Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Keith Raffan.

[No. 64.]

Tuesday 19th February 1985.

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; 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 February and a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twelfth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xviii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xix].

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-vi].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 19th February.

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

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Miss Betty Boothroyd reported from the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Documents Nos. 9219/83, 11039/84, draft Directive and amendment on air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide, and 11159/83, Communication from the Commission concerning environmental policy in the field of combating air pollution, together with the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the draft Directive on air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide (COM (83) 498, 9219/83), the amendment to the draft Council Directive on air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide (11039/84) and the Communications from the Council concerning environmental pollution (COM (83) 721, 11159/83), and supports the need for further monitoring of air pollution in the atmosphere.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 225].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to the names under which persons may carry on business in Great Britain; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Business Names Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the greater part of the Companies Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Companies Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make, in connection with the consolidation of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1983 and other enactments relating to companies, provision for transitional matters and savings, repeals (including the repeal, in accordance with recommendations of the Law Commission, of certain provisions of the Companies Act 1948 which are no longer of practical utility) and consequential amendments of other Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to insider dealing in company securities; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Bill [Lords].

Business Names Bill [Lords].—The Business Names Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 71].

Companies Bill [Lords].—The Companies Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 70].

Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 73].

Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Bill [Lords].—The Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 72].

Education (School Budgets) Bill,—Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on Second Reading of the Education (School Budgets) Bill be resumed upon Friday.

Animal Welfare Bill.—Mr. Donald Coleman presented a Bill to improve the welfare of animals; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 90].
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Protection of National Energy Resources (Coal).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that mines with workable reserves of coal are exploited until exhaustion—(Mr. Kevin Barron);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. Ron Davies : 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Andrew Stewart : 259.

So the Question was negatived.

London Regional Transport (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (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. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon : 197.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Committee to-morrow.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Water (Fluoridation) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Water (Fluoridation) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Water (Fluoridation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Consultation with local authorities)—(Mr. Keith Best)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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Mr. John Cope 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. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert : 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Dennis Skinner : 43.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft : 53.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Peter Lloyd : 95.

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

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Oxford West and Abingdon for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Yeovil 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. Michael Neubert.)

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 19th February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Extradition.—Paper, entitled Extradition [by Command] [Cmnd. 9421].

Cremation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th February 1985, entitled the Cremation (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 153) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 1, 1985).—Copy of an Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 7th November 1984 between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic concerning the implementation of specific financial aid for improving agricultural and fisheries structures in Portugal [by Command] [Cmnd. 9441].

Miscellaneous (No. 1, 1985).—Observations by Her Majesty's Government on the Fifth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1983-84, on the Falkland Islands [by Command] [Cmnd. 9447].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service.—Copy of an Order, dated 11th February 1985, entitled the Isles of Scilly (Mental Health) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 149) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Copyright.—Copy of a Consultative Document, entitled the Recording and Rental of Audio and Video Copyright Material [by Command] [Cmnd. 9445].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Rate Limitation (Prescribed Maximum) (Rates) Order 1985 [by Act].

Paper 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 sums credited and debited to the Investment Account by the National Debt Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 226].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Local Government.—Draft Rate Limitation (Prescribed Maximum) (Rates) Order 1985 [laid 13th February].

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Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

(1) the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill and the Charter Trustees Bill to Standing Committee C; and

(2) the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees),—Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. Harry Gourlay an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Sexual Offences Bill; and

(2) the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Tay Road Bridge (Scheme) Approval Order 1985 in place of Mr. David Crouch.

[No. 65.]

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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).

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 and 20th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 37-x and -xi].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy 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.

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.

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) [British Board of Agrément].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 156].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 156].

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 (Eleventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-xi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xi].

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 (Seventh Report) [Excess Votes].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 231].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 231].

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. 233-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 20th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 208-iii].
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Tay Road Bridge (Scheme) Approval Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 4th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 229].

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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 London Regional Transport (Amendment) Bill may be proceeded with at any sitting of the House—(Mr. Archie Hamilton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Peter Lloyd : 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Tony Banks : 180.

So the Question was agreed to.

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 London Regional Transport (Amendment) Bill may be proceeded with at any sitting of the House.

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. Allen McKay, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Walter Harrison, Mr. Terry Pachetti, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Martin Redmond, and Mr. Kevin Barron, 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 19th April and to be printed [Bill 91].

London Regional Transport (Amendment Bill),—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London Regional Transport (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Grant by GLC for initial year of LRT).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 11, at the end, to insert the words ‘ after deducting therefrom any money paid pursuant to the said section 49 and in anticipation of a direction under the section being money paid prior to the passing of this Act ‘. (Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 13, to leave out from the word ‘ paid ’ to the end of line 16 and to insert the words ‘ on the third day upon which banks are open for business after that on which this Act is passed ’. (Mr. Roger Stott.)

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. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Peter Lloyd : 221.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr. Roger Thomas, Mr. Allen McKay : 157.

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. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe : 155.
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.

Trustee Savings Banks Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Trustee Savings Banks Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Share flotation)—(Dr. Oonagh McDonald)—brought up and read the first time.

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 Trustee Savings Banks Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Trustee Savings Banks Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Trustee Savings Banks Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Share flotation) be read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Austin Mitchell : 82.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Tim Sainsbury : 183.

Another Clause (Share ownership)—(Dr. Oonagh McDonald)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Austin Mitchell : 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Tony Durant : 168.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, after the words 'banks', to insert the words ' (other than Trustee Savings Bank Scotland Limited which is hereby excluded from this Act) '.—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Archy Kirkwood : 29.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 137.

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 6) 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 : 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Archy Kirkwood : 25.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Milk Supplementary Levy,—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 4421/85 ; and supports the Government's intention of securing administrative modifications which in the light of experience enable the milk supplementary levy to operate more efficiently and fairly throughout the European Community.—(Mr. Michael Jopling.)

Air Pollution,—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. 9219/83 and 11039/84, draft Directive and amendment on air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide, and 1159/83, Communication from the Commission concerning environmental policy in the field of combating air pollution ; and supports the need for further monitoring of air pollution in the atmosphere.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd) : —It was agreed to.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Winchester for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Glasgow Central for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Billericay 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. Peter Lloyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.40 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 20th February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 11th February 1985, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 157), and
(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 158)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Public Health (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 28th January 1985, entitled the Control of Noise (Codes of Practice for Construction and Open Sites) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 145) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th February 1985, entitled the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 159) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger of the British Electric Traction Company PLC and Initial PLC [by Command] [Cmd. 9444].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Fair Employment (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Fair Employment Agency for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 191].

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th February 1985, entitled the Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 160) [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 [1st February] from residents of the constituency of Portsmouth South and surrounding areas against the demolition of St. Jude's, Southsea and for the revocation of the ecclesiastical exemption contained in the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 [by Standing Order] ; to be printed.

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the investment activities of the Scottish Development Agency, the Welsh Development Agency and the Highlands and Islands Development Board [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 230].

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 Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill, viz.: Mr. David Alton, Dr. John G. Blackburn, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. John Butterfill, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mrs. Ann Clwyd, Mr. Michael Colvin, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Robert Harvey, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Robert Listerland, Mr. David Mellor, Mr. Keith Raffan, Mr. Tom Sackville, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Stefan Terlezki, and Mr. John Wheeler.

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 Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Mrs. Ann Clwyd, Mr. Harvey Cohen, Mr. James Couchman, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Martin Flannery, Dame Judith Hart, Mr. Gerald Howarth, Mr. Colin Moynihan, Mr. John Patten, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, Jo Richardson, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Charles Wardle, and Mrs. Ann Winterton.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee on the Insurance (Fees) Bill, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Tim Eggar, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Mr. Roger Freeman, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. James Pawsey, Mr. K. Harvey Proctor, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Richard Shepherd, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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 Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Roy Galley, Mr. George Gardiner, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. Robert Hayward, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. Richard Ryder, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Jack Thompson, and Mr. Michael Welsh.

MEMORANDUM

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. John Hunt an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Transport Bill;

(2) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Insurance (Fees) Bill; and

(3) Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1985.
PRAYERS.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th February.

Birmingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birmingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th February.

Cambridge City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cambridge City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th February.

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the C-Poultry Company Limited Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th February.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th February.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th February.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th February.

Lincoln City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th February.

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th February.

Scarborough Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scarborough Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th February.

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Streatham Park Cemetery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th February.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th February.

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 enable Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk to be married to each other; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) Bill [Lords].

Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) Bill [Lords].—The Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
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 1st March.

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

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:—It was negatived.

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

Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984 (Continuance) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 12th February, be approved—(Mr. David Waddington);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert: 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Allen McKay: 35.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984 (Continuance) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 12th February, be approved.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 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. Tristan Garel-Jones);

Friday 22nd February 1985

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.15 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 21st February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Banks and Banking,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th February 1985, entitled the Banking Act 1979 (Advertisements) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 220) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 7, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement, done at Peking on 26th July 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the People's Republic of China for the reciprocal avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains [by Command] [Cmnd. 9439].
Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Ministers of the Crown,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th February 1985, entitled the Transfer of Functions (British Museum (Natural History)) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 160) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland,—Copy of the Report of the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights for the year ended 31st October 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 175].

Mr. John Biffen:


Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th February 1985, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Foreign Deserters) (Disapplication) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 174) [by Act].


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

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of Health and Social Security: arrangements for delivering social security benefits [by Act]; to be printed [No. 235].

Public Lending Right,—Copy of the Accounts of the Public Lending Right Central Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 236].
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—
The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Peter Lloyd 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.

Companies (Political Donations) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Political Donations) Bill;

And it being half-past Two o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 1st March.

Water Authorities (Meetings) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on Second Reading of the Water Authorities (Meetings) Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 12th July.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 1st March.

Northern Ireland (Termination of Jurisdiction) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Termination of Jurisdiction) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 19th April.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 1st March.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 27th February, 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.—(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 25th February.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 22nd February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:
Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th February 1985, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 187) [by Act].

Mr. John Moore:
New Towns (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 1st February 1985 on borrowing by the Glenrothes Development Corporation [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Younger:
Transport.—Statement of determination of salaries of Members of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Social Security.—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Weights and Measures.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel) (Carriage by Rail) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th February 1985, entitled the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Miscellaneous Community Quota Measures) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 215) [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 [11th December] from the National Pensioners' Convention for a pension level not less than one-half of average earnings for a married couple and not less than one-third for a single person [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Employment Protection.—Copy of the Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service and the Certification Officer and the Central Arbitration Committee for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 237].

National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Overseas Development Administration: accountability for overseas aid [by Act]; to be printed [No. 238].

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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were 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 February.

Minutes of Evidence 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 25th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 232-4].

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) [The Government's Expenditure Plans 1985-86 to 1987-88].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 213].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 213].

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Rate Limitation (Prescribed Maximum) (Rates) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Maxton, Dr. Roger Thomas: 184.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the draft Rate Limitation (Prescribed Maximum) (Rates) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved.

Report of the European Court of Auditors for 1983.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Annual Report of the European Court of Auditors on the financial year 1983, together with the replies of the institutions; and approves the Government's efforts to ensure that the Court's recommendations are implemented—(Mr. Ian Stewart);

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And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings, 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 the Annual Report of the European Court of Auditors on the financial year 1983, together with the replies of the institutions; and approves the Government's efforts to ensure that the Court's recommendations are implemented.

Roads and Bridges (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 Tay Road Bridge (Scheme) Approval Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Mr. Ian Lang);—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Salford East for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Colchester and Maldon for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from William John Jenkinson for reconsideration of the Second Report from the Social Services Committee in Session 1979-80 on perinatal and neo-natal mortality with regard to ante-natal testing and counselling procedures 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 sixteen minutes past One o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.16 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 25th February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Public Health (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th February 1985, entitled the Control of Pollution (Territorial Sea) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 178) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Road Traffic.—Copy of an Order, dated 15th February 1985, entitled the Road Traffic Accidents (Payments for Treatment) (England and Wales) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 202) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Immobilisation of Vehicles illegally parked (London Boroughs of Westminster, and Kensington and Chelsea) (Continuation) Order 1985 [by Act].
MEMORANDUM

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Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 69.]

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

PRAYERS.

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 the Report was brought up and read (Thirteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xx].

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-vii].

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 2284].

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 Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Cinematograph Acts 1909 to 1982 and certain related enactments, with an amendment to give effect to a recommendation of the Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Cinemas Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable powers of attorney to be created which will survive any subsequent mental incapacity of the donor and to make provision in connection with such powers; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments and to extend certain local enactments in force within the county of Leicestershire; to confer further powers on the Leicestershire 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; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Leicestershire Bill [Lords]].

Cinemas Bill [Lords].—The Cinemas Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 92].

Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords].—The Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 93].

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

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
Constitutional Reform (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for formal public consultation in Scotland on the subject of constitutional reform by a committee of members of the House of Commons; to provide for a report to Parliament on the outcome of such consultation; and for connected purposes—(Mr. John Home Robertson);

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. David Marshall, Mr. William McKelvey: 115.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 223.
So the Question was negatived.

Water (Fluoridation) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Water (Fluoridation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Monitoring of fluoride levels)—(Mr. Keith Best)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Mr. John Cope 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. Ian Lang, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 162.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, Mr. Michael Brown: 68.
So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Nicholas Winterton: 76.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Tony Durant: 148.

Another Clause (Monitoring)—(Mr. Ivan Lawrence)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Tony Marlow: 81.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Donald Thompson: 145.

Another Clause (Health authorities)—(Mr. Frank Dobson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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 Water (Fluoridation) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 142.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Tony Marlow: 71.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That at this day’s sitting, the Water (Fluoridation) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

Water (Fluoridation) Bill.—The House again proceeded further to consider the Water (Fluoridation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Health authorities) be read a second time.

Mr. John Cope rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House proceeded to a Division.
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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 136.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Michael McGuire: 60.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. John Golding: 45.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Michael Neubert: 135.

Another Clause (Termination of applications under section 1(1))—(Mr. Keith Best)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Mr. Keith Best: 55.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. John Major: 129.

An Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2) There shall be no increase in the fluoride content of the water supplied by a water undertaker in England and Wales unless approval is given for such action by a majority in favour of it in a county council or councils, or in each district council, in the area to be affected.'—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Malcolm Bruce: 54.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 124.

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

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries.—Resolved, That the draft British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.—(Mr. John Butcher.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Companies Bill [Lords], the Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Bill [Lords], and the Business Names 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. Robert Boscawen.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ruislip-Northwood for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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. Robert Boscawen.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.57 a.m.]
**APPENDIX I**

**Tuesday 26th February 1985**

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

**Mr. Peter Rees:**

Appropriations in Aid.—Treasury Minute, dated 26th February 1985, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes for the Department of Health and Social Security and of other Government Departments in carrying into effect the Social Security Act 1975, 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. John Moore:**

New Towns (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th February 1985 on borrowing by the Livingston Development Corporation [by Act].

**Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:**


**Mr. Secretary Younger:**

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—Copy of the Report of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland, for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

**Mr. Secretary Tebbit:**

Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th February 1985, entitled the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 209) [by Act].

**Mr. Attorney General:**

Criminal Law.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th February 1985, entitled the Prosecution of Offences (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 243) [by Act].

**APPENDIX II**

*Committee of Selection*

Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW I) 1984 and Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984 (Petition of General Objection) (Joint Committee).—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged Mr. Terry Patchett from the Committee to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee to which the Petition of General Objection against the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW I) 1984 and the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984 stands referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945; and had appointed in substitution Mr. William O’Brien.

**MEMORANDA**

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Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill to Standing Committee D (transferred from Standing Committee C).

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Donald Coleman an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Sexual Offences Bill, in place of Mr. Harry Gourlay.
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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) Bill [Lords].—The Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

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 27th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 37-xii].

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 2444].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy 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. 76-vi].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it.

Memorandum 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 (Twelfth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-xii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xii].

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 27th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 56-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 (Eighth Report) [Excess Votes—Northern Ireland].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 245].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 245].

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. 246-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 27th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 208-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 27th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-iv].

Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill.—Mr. Michael Morris reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Education (Corporal Punishment) 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. 247].
Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 19th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 242].

Small Business Bill.—Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on Second Reading of the Small Business Bill be resumed upon Friday 8th March.

Town and Country Planning (Protection of Trees and Woodlands) (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend section 62 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 so that trees with preservation orders which are removed from or destroyed in woodland must be replaced: And that Mr. Roger Freeman, Sir John Farr, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Simon Hughes, and Mr. Sydney Chapman, do prepare and bring it in.

Town and Country Planning (Protection of Trees and Woodlands) (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Roger Freeman accordingly presented a Bill to extend section 62 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 so that trees with preservation orders which are removed from or destroyed in woodland must be replaced: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th March and to be printed [Bill 94].

Opposition day [8th 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).

Local Authority Capital Expenditure.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, noting the existence of local authority accumulated reserves of capital receipts of about £5 billion and the Secretary of State for the Environment's acceptance that these reserves belong to the local authorities, noting the existence of housing and infrastructure need, noting the continuing need to create real jobs, but regretting the proposals of the Secretary of State to reduce the prescribed proportion of receipts which an authority may spend in any one year, asks the Secretary of State to review these proposals and restore the prescribed proportion of housing receipts to 40 per cent. and of other receipts to what they were prior to his statement of 18th December 1984—(Mr. Jeff Rooker);

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 the existence of local authority accumulated reserves of capital receipts of about £5 billion and the Secretary of State for the Environment's acceptance that these reserves belong to the local authorities; further notes that housing and infrastructure needs are reflected in the gross provision of over £4 billion for local authority capital spending in 1985-86; and welcomes the Government's determination to keep next year's local authority capital expenditure within the total provided in the Autumn Statement and approved by this House on 6th December 1984'; 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. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Sean Hughes: 206.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather: 314.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 53 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Sean Hughes: 204.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes the existence of local authority accumulated reserves of capital receipts of about £5 billion and the Secretary of State for the Environment's acceptance that these reserves belong to the local authorities; further notes that housing and infrastructure needs are reflected in the gross provision of over £4 billion for local authority capital spending in 1985-86; and welcomes the Government's determination to keep next year's local authority capital expenditure within the total provided in the Autumn Statement and approved by this House on 6th December 1984.

Representation of the People Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee.
A Clause (Voting at special polling stations in Northern Ireland)—(Mr. David Mellor)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment ((a)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 8, after the word ‘instrument’, to insert the words ‘not later than three years after the commencement of this Act’—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. William Ross, the Reverend Martin Smyth: 84.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 168.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Limitation on canvassing)—(Mr. Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 9, at the end, to insert the words ‘and’

(e) that the declarant has not formed the intention to reside permanently outside the United Kingdom’—(Mr. David Mellor.)

Amendment ((a)) made to the proposed Amendment.

Amendment, as amended, made to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 to 59) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 60) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, line 28, to leave out the words ‘and for different purposes’—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 61 and 62) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Special Polling Stations in Northern Ireland)—(Mr. Secretary Brittan) brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 64 to 73) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 74) proposed to the Bill, in page 35, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(c) after subsection (7) there shall be inserted—

“(7A) A meeting shall not be deemed to be a public meeting for the purpose of this section unless not less than two thirds of the seats at such a meeting are open to any members of the public who attend while they are unoccupied, provided that a member of the public may be excluded from such a meeting if the person by or on whose behalf the meeting is convened believes on reasonable grounds that such a member is attending for the purposes of causing disorder”.’

—(Mr. Gerald Bermingham.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 75 to 84, 86 and 88 to 92) made to the Bill.

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

Mr. Secretary Brittan, 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 it shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed;

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Representation of the People Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Major.)

Representation of the People Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Representation of the People Bill be now read the third time;

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

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

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Cornwall for alleviation of the nuisance caused by Concorde was presented 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 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. Michael Neubert.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 27th February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Development of Rural Wales.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th February 1985 on borrowing by the Development Board for Rural Wales [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Ancient Monuments.—Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of England on nonconformist chapels and meeting-houses in England [by Command] [Cmnd. 9442].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:


Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on 26th November 1984, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

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

National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: profit formula for non-competitive government contracts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 243].

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 Charter Trustees Bill, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Tony Baldry, Mr. Ron Brown, Dr. David Clark, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Ted Garrett, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Michael Howard, Mr. Robert Key, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Charles Morrison, Sir Dudley Smith, and Mr. William Waldegrave.

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 Unborn Children (Protection) Bill, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. William Cash, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Frank Dobson, Mr. Roy Galley, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mr. James Pawsley, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Jo Richardson, Sir Hugh Rossi, Mr. Peter Thurnham, Sir Gerard Vaughan, and Mrs. Ann Winterton.

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee C).
MEMORANDA

Wednesday 27th February 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee E (transferred from Standing Committee O).

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. David Knox Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill; and

(2) Mr. John Forrester Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill.

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Thursday 28th February 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill:

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

Birmingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birmingham City Council Bill:

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

Cambridge City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cambridge City Council Bill:

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

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the C-Poultry Company Limited Bill:

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

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill:

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

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill:

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

Harrogate Stray Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Harrogate Stray Bill:

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

Lincoln City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill:

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

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill:

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

Scarborough Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scarborough Borough Council Bill:

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

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Streatham Park Cemetery Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 7th March.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

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

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 28th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix ID).

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, together with Memoranda:

Report, together with Appendices and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed (No. 38).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed (No. 38).

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Insurance (Fees) Bill,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Insurance (Fees) Bill, 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 Insurance (Fees) Bill ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed (No. 248).

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

The Lords have agreed to the New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Highland Region (Kinlochbervie) Order Confirmation 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 15th March.

Working Conditions of Government Trainees 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. Tom Dalyell, Mr. John Evans, 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 8th March and to be printed (Bill 95).

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

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 Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], the Companies Bill [Lords], the Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Bill [Lords] and the Business Names Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr. Michael Neubert)

Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords],—The Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)
Committee to-morrow.

Companies Bill [Lords].—The Companies 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 747 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 25 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.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Bill [Lords].—The Company Securities (Insider Dealing) 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 19 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.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Business Names Bill [Lords].—The Business Names 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 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 directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Burnley for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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-two minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.38 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 28th February 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—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 1985 [by Command].

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Supplementary Estimates and Revised Supplementary Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1985 for Classes I-XVIII [by Command]; to be printed [No. 227].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 8, 1985),—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. 9443].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th February 1985, entitled the National Health Service (Speech Therapists) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 208) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence,—Account of the United States Mutual Defence Programme Equipment Disposal Deposit Account for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9448].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th February 1985, entitled the Family Practitioner Committees (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 213) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the policy and practice of the Ford Motor Company Limited of not granting licences to manufacture or sell in the United Kingdom certain replacement body parts for Ford vehicles [by Command] [Cmnd. 9437].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1985, entitled the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 283) [by Act].

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 1984 [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—

(1) the Merchant Shipping (Application of Construction and Survey Regulations to other ships) Regulations 1985,

(2) the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 1985,

(3) the Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1985,

(4) the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, and

(5) the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 [by Act].
Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission for the year ended 31st October 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 214].

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. James Pawsey (nominated in respect of the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Bruinvels.

Friday, 1st March 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Taxation and Benefits,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises that the Government has maintained all the major social security benefits at levels above the rate of inflation; notes that the social security system absorbs some 30 per cent. of public spending, a proportion which is likely to increase with serious consequences for the ability of governments to reduce taxation; is concerned that because of the complexity of the benefit and tax systems care is inadequately targeted to those most in need, that benefits are difficult to understand and often to claim as well as being unnecessarily expensive to administer and that the system acts as a disincentive to work and job creation; and therefore calls upon the Government to initiate a fundamental and radical reform of the benefit and tax systems leading to their harmonisation and ultimately to their full integration, and thereby to ensure basic care for all our citizens and the abolition of the poverty and unemployment traps—(Mr. Edward Leigh);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th March.

Gaming (Bingo) Bill,—The Gaming (Bingo) 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).

Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords],—The Dangerous Vessels 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).

Charities Bill [Lords],—The Charities 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).

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 4th March.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 22nd February 1985 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
National Health Service.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st March 1985, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 290) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Merchant Shipping.—Copies of Regulations, dated 18th February 1985, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Survey) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 211), and
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Modification of Enactments) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 212) [by Act].

Public Passenger Vehicles.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th February 1985, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Drivers’ Licences) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 214) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Food.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th February 1985, entitled the Fresh Meat Export (Hygiene and Inspection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 216) [by Act].

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

Delegated Legislation.—Return to an Order [13th November] for a Return relating to Delegated Legislation for Session 1983-84.

Land Charges.—Copy of Rules, dated 19th February 1985, entitled the Local Land Charges (Amendment) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 221) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 1) 1984 and Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984 (Petition of General Objection) (Joint Committee).—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged Mr. Jerry Wiggin from the Committee to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee to which the Petition of General Objection against the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 1) 1984 and the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984 stands referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Henry Bellingham.
Leicestershire 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).

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 (Ninth Report) [Monitoring and Control to Nationalised Industries].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 58].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 58].

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) [Statutory Sick Pay].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 176].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 249].

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 of a Crown Prosecution Service for England and Wales; to make provision as to costs in criminal cases; to provide for the imposition of time limits in relation to preliminary stages of criminal proceedings; to amend section 42 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and section 3 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969; to make provision with respect to consents to prosecutions; to repeal section 9 of the Perjury Act 1911; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords]].

Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords].—The Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 96].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel) (Carriage by Rail) (Amendment) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 143) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of the Government’s Public Expenditure Plans to 1987-88, in relation to the Scotland Programme, being a matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

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 1985-86 to 1987-88 (Cmnd. 9428)—(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 the Government's Expenditure Plans compound their errors of previous years and will further worsen unemployment, inhibit investment, inflict additional damage on industry, further exacerbate the severe shortage of adequate housing in many parts of the country, prevent necessary improvements in public services and in the economic and social infrastructure, increase fuel and water prices, and make further attacks on the living standards of the people in this country, particularly the unemployed, the sick and disabled, pensioners and families living in poverty'—(Mr. Roy Hattersley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 357.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:


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 Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 12th February, be approved—(Mr. Tony Durant):—

It was agreed to.

Scottish Grand Committee.—Ordered, That, in the course of its consideration of the matter of the Government's Public Expenditure Plans to 1987-88, in relation to the Scotland Programme, the Scottish Grand Committee may meet in Edinburgh on Monday 25th March at half-past Ten o'clock.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Scottish Grand Committee.—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the matter of the Government's Public Expenditure Plans to 1987-88, in relation to the Scotland Programme, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 67 (Meetings of standing committees) the Scottish Grand Committee shall have leave, at its sitting in Edinburgh on Monday 25th March, to sit until half-past Three o'clock.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from members of the British Aerospace Occupational Pension Scheme against taxation of occupational pension schemes was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Campaign for the Homeless and Rootless, Coventry, against the Government's proposals on supplementary benefit payments for board and lodging was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 4th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

New Towns (Scotland)—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th February 1985 on borrowing by the Irvine Development Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

National Health Service (Scotland)—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st March 1985, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 296) [by Act].

Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd February 1985, entitled the Restriction on Movement of Spruce Wood (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 242) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th March 1985, entitled the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 298) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th February 1985, entitled the Local Government (Prescribed Expenditure) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 257) [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [22nd January] from the Epping Forest Constituency Labour Party Young Socialists against the North East Thames Regional Health Authority's regional strategic plan for 1984 to 1993; to be printed.

[No. 74.]

Tuesday 5th March 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Surrey Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Surrey 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 I).

Gosport Borough Council 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 Gosport Borough Council 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.

Lloyds Bank (Merger) 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 Lloyds Bank (Merger) 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.

National Bank of New Zealand Limited 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 National Bank of New Zealand Limited 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.

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. 25-xxi].

Employment.—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it has 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. 254-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 6th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment 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. 2534].

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 (Thirteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-xiii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xiii].

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 6th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 2554 and 2564].

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 6th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 208-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 6th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 2524].

Sexual Offences Bill,—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Sexual Offences Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 10th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 250].

Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. John Forrester reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to amend sections 28 and 43 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, section 1 of the Badgers Act 1973 and section 1 of the Forestry Act 1967.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 26th April; and to be printed [Bill 100].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 251].

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

The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to return the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords] because Clause No. 30 of the Bill is incorrect.

Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Lords Message of this day's sitting relating to the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords] be now considered.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Lords Message.

Ordered, That the proceedings [4th March] in relation to the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords] be null and void.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Scottish Parliament,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a democratically elected Scottish Assembly with legislative and administrative powers to deal with all matters at present administered by the Secretary of State for Scotland and those powers of the Secretary of State for Education and Science insofar as they apply to Scotland, such Assembly to have tax raising powers; and for connected purposes—(Mr. John Maxton);

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. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Dick Douglas: 95.

So the Question was negatived.

Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords].—The Food and Environment Protection 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).

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day's sitting, the Water (Fluoridation) Bill, the Ways and Means Motion and the Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Ian Lang);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 194.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Peter Bruinvels: 75.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Water (Fluoridation) Bill, the Ways and Means Motion and the Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords] [Money]:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

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

(i) of all sums required for the purpose of making payments on behalf of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the international organisations mentioned in the Act;

(ii) of any expenses of a Minister of the Crown or government department incurred in consequence of the provisions of the Act;

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of the receipts of a Minister of the Crown or government department under the Act—(Mr. Tony Durant);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

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

(i) of all sums required for the purpose of making payments on behalf of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the international organisations mentioned in the Act;

(ii) of any expenses of a Minister of the Crown or government department incurred in consequence of the provisions of the Act;

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of the receipts of a Minister of the Crown or government department under the Act.

Water (Fluoridation) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Water (Fluoridation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 15, to leave out from the word 'force' to the end of line 17 and insert the words 'for one year', instead thereof.—(Mr. Keith Best).

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Mr. John Cope rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Neubert: 120.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Michael Brown: 49.

So the Question was agreed to.
And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Neil Hamilton: 43.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Neubert: 122.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn);

Mr. John Cope 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. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 106.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Gwilym Jones: 39.

So the Question was agreed to.
And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Gwilym Jones: 38.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Tony Durant: 103.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 98) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 1, to leave out from the word 'one' to the end of line 4 and insert the words 'a compound of fluorine which has been tested and found to be safe to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State', instead thereof.—(Mr. Ivan Lawrence.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
Mr. John Cope 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. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 162.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Mr. John Golding: 83.

So the Question was agreed to.
And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Keith Best, Mr. Tony Marlow: 72.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 169.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, after the word 'one', to insert the words 'half of a'.—(Mr. Tony Marlow.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Bill Walker, Mr. Keith Best: 73.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tony Durant: 164.

Mr. Tony Marlow moved, That further consideration of the Bill 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.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 39, at the end, to insert the words—

'(9) No statutory water undertaker shall accede to an application by a health authority pursuant to subsection (1) unless the said water undertaker is satisfied that it can continuously and effectively discharge its obligation under subsection (5) as to the concentration of fluoride in the water supplied without employing directly or indirectly, additional manpower'.—(Mr. Ivan Lawrence.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
Mr. Tony Marlow 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.

Mr. Tony Marlow 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Michael Brown);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Michael Brown: 48.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 196.

So the Question was negatived.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Ian Lang: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn: 87.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Neil Hamilton: 60.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 156.

Another Amendment (No. 46) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, to leave out from the word ‘instrument’ to the end of line 3 and insert the words ‘subject to affirmative resolution of both Houses of Parliament after a full report has been given to Parliament three months previously on the tests carried out on the new substance’, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Golding)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Bill Walker, Mr. Eric Forth: 84.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 192.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. John Cope 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 Major, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Keith Best, Mr. Ivan Lawrence: 82.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Insurance (Fees) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Insurance (Fees) Bill;

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).

Ways and Means.—Insurance (Fees).—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Insurance (Fees) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Consolidated Fund of certain fees paid by insurance companies or the Council of Lloyd’s.—(Mr. Alex Fletcher.)
Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 35 agreed to.
Schedule No. 1 (Enactments repealed).
Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Archie Hamilton reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chipping Barnet for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the pupils and teaching staff of St. Thomas of Aquin’s High School, Edinburgh, for measures to be taken to improve conditions for the world’s poor 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);

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 sixteen minutes to Nine o’clock on Wednesday evening, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Tuesday 5th March 1985:

Mr. John Moore:

Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the First to Fourth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1984-85 [by Command] [Cmd. 9452].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Representation of the People,—Copy of a Report of the Boundary Commission for England with respect to the areas comprised in the constituencies of Basildon; Castle Point; Brigg and Cleethorpes; Grimsby and Scunthorpe; Bristol East; Woodspring; Kingswood; Wansdyke; Wells; Westhumber-Marsh; Devizes; Swindon; Huntingdon; Peterborough; Knowsley North; Knowsley South; Newcastle-under-Lyme; Stoke-on-Trent North; Stafford; Nuneaton; Rugby and Kenilworth; South Dorset and West Dorset [by Act]; to be printed [No. 205].

Representation of the People,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Parliamentary Constituencies (England) (Miscellaneous Changes) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly on the promotion and marketing of seed potatoes [by Act].

Road and Railway Transport,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th February 1985, entitled the Road Transport Licensing (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R.(N.I.), 1985, No. 33) [by Act].
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Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on 17th December 1984, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Wednesday 6th March 1985:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th February 1985, entitled the Beer (Amendment and Gauging of Vessels) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 252) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Home Affairs,—Government Reply to the First Report from the Home Affairs Committee Session 1984-85, on compensation and support for victims of crime [by Command] (Cmnd. 9457).

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copies of Orders, dated 24th February 1985, entitled—
(1) the Lotteries (Registration Authority Fees) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 262), and
(2) the Lotteries (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 263) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th February 1985, entitled the Local Government (Rate Product) (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 246) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th February 1985, entitled the Rate Rebate (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 245) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th February 1985, entitled the Fishing Boats (Norway) Designation (Revocation) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 244) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Policyholders Protection,—Statement by the Secretary for Trade and Industry on the exercise of his powers under the Insurance Companies Act 1982 in relation to St. Helens Insurance Company Limited [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st February 1985, entitled the Hampshire (Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 228) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd February 1985, entitled the Pilotage Commission Provision of Funds Scheme 1985 (Confirmation) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 251) [by Act].

Transport,—Statement of determination of salaries of the Chairman, former Chairman and members of the National Bus Company [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 Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill, viz.: Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. Kevin Barron, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. John Butcher, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Phillip Oppenheim, Mr. William Powell, Mr. John Powley, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. John Watts, and Mr. Timothy Wood.

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours (nominated in respect of the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. James White.
Standing Committee H.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords], viz.: Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Mr. John Carlisle, Dr. David Clark, Mr. Ken Eastham, Sir John Farr, Mrs. Peggy Penner, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr. John Dix, Mr. Robert Robertson, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Paul Marland, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Lewis Stevens, and Dr. Roger 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 Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel) (Carriage by Rail) (Amendment) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Jack Aspinwall, Mr. Nicholas Baker, Mr. John Butterfill, Mr. Eric Cockram, Mr. James Couchman, Sir Peter Emery, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Bryan Gould, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Bob McTaggart, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Dennis Skinner, and Mr. Stan Thorne.

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 Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 1985, viz.: Sir John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Tim Brinton, Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. Geoffrey Dickens, Mr. Stephen Dorrell, Mr. Michael Fallon, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Ms. Harriet Harman, Mr. David Harris, Mr. Robert Harvey, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Geoffrey Logthouse, Mr. Michael McGuire, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, and Mr. Ray Whitney.

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 Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1985, viz.: Mr. David Atkinson, Margaret Beckett, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. W. Benyon, Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Nicholas Budgen, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Reg Freeson, Mr. Roger Gale, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. David Madel, and Mr. Ray Whitney.

Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel).—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged Mr. Robin Corbett and Mr. William O'Brien 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. Jack Thompson and Mr. Michael Welsh.

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 5th March 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

(1) the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee H;
(2) the draft Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel) (Carriage by Rail) (Amendment) Order 1985 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(3) the draft Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 1985 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
(4) the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1985 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees) Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. John Spence Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill;
(2) Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel) (Carriage by Rail) (Amendment) Order 1985; and
(3) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 1985.
Thursday 7th March 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

Birmingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birmingham City Council Bill;

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

Cambridge City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cambridge City Council Bill;

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

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the C-Poultry Company Limited Bill;

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

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;

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

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

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

Harrogate Stray Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Harrogate Stray Bill;

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

Lincoln City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill;

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

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill;

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

Scarborough Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scarborough Borough Council Bill;

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

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Streatham Park Cemetery Bill;

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

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

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

Lerwick 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 Lerwick Harbour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday 15th March and to be printed [Bill 97].

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).

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture 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. 257].
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 (second part) in the present Session):

That not more than three hours on a day not later than 18th March be allotted for the consideration of the following Supplementary Estimate—

Class IV, Vote 5 (Industrial Support (Department of Energy)).

Report to lie upon the Table.

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Local Government Bill (except Clause No. 1),—(Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Local Government Bill (except Clause No. 1), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 99].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 259].

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 of a Crown Prosecution Service for England and Wales; to make provision as to costs in criminal cases; to provide for the imposition of time limits in relation to preliminary stages of criminal proceedings; to amend section 42 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and section 3 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969; to make provision with respect to consents to prosecutions; to repeal section 9 of the Perjury Act 1911; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords]].

Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords].—The Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 96].

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 14th February, be approved—(Mr. Nicholas Scott);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Neubert: 121.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ken Maginnis, Mr. William Ross: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 14th February, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 20th February, be approved—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 102.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Ken Maginnis: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 20th February, be approved.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (8) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business) and the Order [7th November] relating to Business of the House, the ballot for private Members' notices of motions which are to have precedence on Friday 22nd March shall be held on Tuesday 12th March, and that notice of a subject to be raised on any motion following that ballot may be given not later than Friday 15th March.—(Mr. John Major.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from employees of Metal Box against the introduction of taxation on lump sum pension arrangements was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from people who live in, work in, shop in or are associated with the London Borough of Harrow against the closure of Marylebone Railway Station was presented 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 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. 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 seven minutes past Twelve o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.7 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 7th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 9, 1985).—Copy of an Agreement, done at Dublin on 22nd October 1984, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ireland on reciprocal holding of stocks of crude oil or petroleum products or both [by Command] [Cmnd. 9451].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Children.—Copy of the Second Report on the operation of those sections of the Children Act 1975 which are in force in Scotland [by Act]; to be printed [No. 221].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Monopolies and Mergers.—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger of Lonrho PLC and House of Fraser PLC [by Command] [Cmnd. 9458].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th February 1985, entitled the Rating (Exemption of Unoccupied Industrial and Storage Hereditaments) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 258) [by Act].

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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the Minister for Overseas Development on the Petition [29th January] from people in Bishopton for assistance for the starving in Ethiopia [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Employment Protection.—Copy of the Account of the Maternity Pay Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 258].

Paper withdrawn:

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Appointment of Bishops Measure [laid 18th June, in the last Session of Parliament].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee H.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. John Home Robertson (nominated in respect of the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Brynmor John.
MEMORANDA

Thursday 7th March 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated:

(1) the Insurance (Fees) Bill to Standing Committee B; and
(2) the Gaming (Bingo) Bill, the Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords] and the Charities Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee C.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. Ian Campbell Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Government’s Public Expenditure Plans to 1987-88, in relation to the Scotland Programme; and
(2) Mr. Stan Crowther Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords].

Friday 8th March 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the National Pensioners' Convention for a pension level not less than one-half of average earnings for a married couple and not less than one-third for a single person was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from parents and governors of Crayford School, Bexley, and residents of the surrounding area against the closure of the school 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).

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 had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [Government Oil Price Policy and the Spring Supplementary Estimate for £20,000,000 in respect of the British National Oil Corporation (Class IV, Vote 5)].

Report, together with Appendix and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 234].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 234].

Energy.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 20th, 25th and 28th February and 6th March be printed [No. 234].

Planning Procedures and the Disposal of Nuclear Waste.—Resolved, That this House, while congratulating the electricity supply industry on the production of some 18 per cent. of its power from nuclear sources as compared with 48 per cent. in France, and recognising the need following the miners' dispute to have a diversity of fuels available for the manufacture of electricity in the United Kingdom, acknowledges the need to adopt a satisfactory policy for the disposal of nuclear waste to ensure that people and the environment are protected from any hazards to which they may be exposed; expresses the need to hold a full and comprehensive inquiry into the siting of such repositories and into the several options technology has made available to the industry in such a manner that the public may participate and be fully informed of all relevant facts; and asks the Government to consider the prospect of employing the planning machinery contained in sections 47 to 49 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 relating to a planning inquiry commission.—(Mr. T. H. H. Skeet.)

Rent Act: Repeal.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rent Act be repealed—(Mr. Peter Hordern);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 11th March.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 8th March 1985

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 the period 1st January to 30th November 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 260].

Income Tax.—Copies of Regulations, dated 7th March 1985, entitled—

(1) the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 15) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 350), and

(2) the Income Tax (Sub-contractors in the Construction Industry) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 351)
[by Act].

Overseas Development and Co-operation.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th February 1985 on borrowing by the Caribbean Development Bank [by Act].

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Friendly Societies.—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th March 1985, entitled the Friendly Societies (Fees) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 343) [by Act].

Industrial and Provident Societies.—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th March 1985, entitled—

(1) the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 344), and

(2) the Industrial and Provident Societies (Credit Unions) (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 345)
[by Act].

Savings Banks.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1985, entitled the National Savings Bank (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 342) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th February 1985, entitled the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 267) [by Act].

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Etc.—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st February 1985, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 268) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th February 1985, amending Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

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 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 261].

Mr. Secretary King:

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th February 1985, entitled the Health and Safety (Fees for Medical Examinations) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 279) [by Act].

Trade Unions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st March 1985, entitled the Certification Officer (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 300) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

New Towns.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th February 1985, entitled the New Town Transfer Schemes (Staff Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 274) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1985, entitled the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 349) [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Building Societies.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1985, entitled the Building Societies (Fees) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 339) [by Act].

Industrial Assurance.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1985, entitled the Industrial Assurance (Fees) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 338) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 8th March 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Patrick Cormack an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill.

[No. 771


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).

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 11th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 246-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 agreed to the London Regional Transport (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision with respect to the English Industrial Estates Corporation and to extend the borrowing powers of the Welsh Development Agency ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Industrial Development Bill [Lords]].

Industrial Development Bill [Lords].—The Industrial Development Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 102].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Application of Construction and Survey Regulations to other ships) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)
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 [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).

Unemployment and Industrial Policies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government's policies which have resulted in the highest level of unemployment this century; affirms the widely and rightly held conviction that governments can and should regard the systematic expansion of the economy, the reduction of unemployment, and the development of youth and adult training as essential policy objectives; and calls upon the Government to end its indifference to the disastrous decline of manufacturing industry and to embark upon an urgent programme of national economic recovery based on investment in the renewal and expansion of British industry, the improvement of the social and productive infrastructure and the strengthening of science and technology—(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 'supports the Government's determination to pursue economic and industrial policies which maintain a sound financial framework, low inflation and steady economic growth and create the conditions for efficient, competitive and productive industry; welcomes its commitment to develop training opportunities for young people and adults and to help the unemployed through measures like the Enterprise Allowance Scheme and Community Programme; notes that these policies have already led to the creation of over 300,000 more jobs last year and believes that sustaining these policies offers the best hope of real and lasting improvements in employment opportunities', 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. Don Dixon, Mr. Allen McKay: 197.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 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);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Tony Durant: 299.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Allen McKay: 196.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House supports the Government's determination to pursue economic and industrial policies which maintain a sound financial framework, low inflation and steady economic growth and create the conditions for efficient, competitive and productive industry; welcomes its commitment to develop training opportunities for young people and adults and to help the unemployed through measures like the Enterprise Allowance Scheme and Community Programme; notes that these policies have already led to the creation of over 300,000 more jobs last year and believes that sustaining these policies offers the best hope of real and lasting improvements in employment opportunities.

Estimates.—Resolved, That this House agrees with the Report [7th March] of the Liaison Committee. (Mr. Peter Lloyd.)
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the National Pensioners’ Convention for a pension level not less than one-half of average earnings for a married couple and not less than one-third for a single person was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Annie MacDonnell against limited list prescribing was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Inverclyde and district against limited list prescribing was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 11th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Orders, dated 27th February 1985, entitled—

(1) the Home Loss Payments (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 292), and
(2) the Town and Country Planning (Limit of Annual Value) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 291)

by Act.

Housing (Scotland)—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1985, entitled the Housing (Limits of Rateable Value for Improvement Grants and Repairs Grants) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 297) [by Act].

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of an Order (dated 1st March 1985, entitled the Protected Tenancies and Part VII Contracts (Rateable Value Limits) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 314) [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th March 1985, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 337) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 7th March 1985, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 353),
(2) the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 355), and
(3) the National Health Service (Increase of Dental Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 354) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th February 1985, entitled the Road Traffic Accidents (Payments for Treatment) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 281) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Housing,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Housing Benefits Amendment Regulations 1985 [by Command] (Cmnd. 9460).

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th March 1985, entitled the Housing Benefits Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 368) [by Act].

National Health Service,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 1st March 1985, entitled the Family Practitioner Committees (Establishment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 301),
(2) an Order, dated 1st March 1985, entitled the Family Practitioner Committees (Modification of Constitution of Specified Committees) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 303),

(3) an Order, dated 1st March 1985, entitled the Family Practitioner Committees (Specified Date) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 302),

(4) an Order, dated 1st March 1985, entitled the Joint Consultative Committees Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 305),

(5) an Order, dated 11th March 1985, entitled the National Health Service (Constitution of District Health Authority) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 369),

(6) an Order, dated 11th March 1985, entitled the National Health Service (Determination of Districts) Amendment Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 370),

(7) Regulations, dated 1st March 1985, entitled the Community Health Councils Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 304),

(8) Regulations, dated 5th March 1985, entitled the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 326),

(9) Regulations, dated 7th March 1985, entitled the National Health Service (Dental Charges—Variation) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 352), and

(10) Regulations, dated 11th March 1985, entitled the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 371)

[by Act].


Mr. Secretary Tebbit :

Weights and Measures,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th March 1985, entitled the EEC Requirements (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 306) [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 1985 [by Act].

Coal Industry,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—

(1) the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1985, and

(2) the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1985

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd :

Rates,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1985, entitled the Rates (Regional Rate) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R. (N.I.), 1985, No. 39) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling :

Land Drainage,—Paper, entitled Financing and Administration of Land Drainage, Flood Prevention and Coast Protection in England and Wales [by Command] [Cmnd. 9449].

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd February 1985, entitled the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 311) [by Act].

Fees and Charges,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd February 1985, entitled the Agricultural or Forestry Tractors and Tractor Components (Type Approval) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 307) [by Act].

Medicines,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 4th March 1985, entitled the Medicines (Exemptions from Restrictions on the Retail Sale or Supply of Veterinary Drugs) (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 310),

(2) an Order, dated 4th March 1985, entitled the Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 273),


[by Act].

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Sugar,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st February 1985, entitled the Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 308) [by Act].

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

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th March 1985, entitled the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 333) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. William Waldegrave (nominated in respect of the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Neil Macfarlane.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 11th March 1985

Business Committee,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committee), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Alistair Burt, Mr. John Cartwright, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Bob Dunn, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Tim Sainsbury and Sir George Young to be members of the Business Committee in respect of the Local Government Bill.

[No. 78.]

Tuesday 12th March 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Surrey Bill [Lords].—A Motion being made, That the Surrey 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 it shall think fit.

Verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill,—The Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill,—The National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Gosport Borough Council Bill,—The Gosport Borough Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

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

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 the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 12th March and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifteenth Report).
Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xxii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xxiii].

Local Government Bill (Business Committee),—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Business Committee, that it had come to a Resolution in respect of the Local Government 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 Clauses Nos. 1 to 4, Schedule No. 1, Clause No. 5, Schedule No. 2, Clause No. 6, Schedule No. 3, Clause No. 7, Schedules Nos. 4 and 5, Clause No. 8, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 9 and 10, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 11 to 15, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 16 to 18, Schedule No. 9, Clauses Nos. 19 to 28, Schedule No. 10, Clauses Nos. 29 to 36, Schedule No. 11, Clauses Nos. 37 and 38, Schedule No. 12, Clauses Nos. 39 to 55, Schedule No. 13, Clauses Nos. 56 to 82, Schedule No. 14, Clauses Nos. 83 to 89, Schedule No. 15, Clauses Nos. 90 to 97, Schedule No. 16 and Clauses Nos. 98 to 101, new Schedules and Amendments to Schedule No. 17;

(2) the allotted days which under the Order [11th 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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Report 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 12th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 269].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 1985, referred to a Committee on 4th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 267].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Mineral Workings Bill, without Amendment.

Recreational Gardening Bill [Lords],—The Recreational Gardening Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd March and to be printed [Bill 10].

Social Security (Cold Climate Allowance),—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 purpose connected therewith: And that Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. James Molyneaux, Mr. James Tinn, and Mr. Dafydd Wigley, do prepare and bring it in.
Social Security (Cold Climate Allowance) 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 26th April and to be printed [Bill 98].

Interception of Communications Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Interception of Communications 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 gives statutory authority to interception of communications on criteria at once so vague and so sweeping as to permit interception on an unacceptably wide basis, and which provides insufficient safeguards for those adversely affected by unlawful interception ', instead thereof. (Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

And the Question being 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 Interception of Communications Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones)

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

And the Question being put;

The House proceeded to a Division.

Wednesday 13th March 1985

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Robin Corbett : 175.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Peter Lloyd : 278.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 (Amendments 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. Archie Hamilton.)

Committee this day.

Interception of Communications Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Interception of Communications Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Interception of Communications Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums required for the payment of compensation in pursuance of an order made under that Act;
(b) any sums required for the payment of allowances to the Commissioner appointed under that Act; and
(c) any sums required for the payment of remuneration and allowances to members of the Tribunal established under that Act and for defraying the expenses of that Tribunal.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Road Traffic.—Resolved, That the draft Immobilisation of Vehicles illegally parked (London Boroughs of Westminster, and Kensington and Chelsea) (Continuation) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 25th February, be approved.—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 18th March, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) and Standing Order No. 4 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative procedure))—

(1) if proceedings on any Motion of which notice may be given in the name of the Prime Minister relating to European Community Proposals for the 1985-86 Common Agricultural Policy Prices have not been previously disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at Seven o’clock put the Question on any Amendment which may have been moved and shall then put forthwith the Main Question or the Main Question as amended; and
(2) any Motion in the name of Mr. Neil Kinnock or Mr. David Steel, relating to National Health Service or National Health Service (Scotland), may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock, and, if proceedings on those Motions have not been previously disposed of, Mr. Speaker shall at that hour put forthwith any Questions already proposed from the Chair and on such of those Motions as may then be moved.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from people in Bath for increased aid to 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 Bath for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Antrim for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 Antrim for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented 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 and neighbouring areas for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 seven minutes to Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.53 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 12th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:

Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 12th March 1985, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the vote for the Office of Telecommunications [by Act].

Mr. John Moore:

Iron and Steel.—Six Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 27th February 1985 on borrowing by the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th March 1985, entitled the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.R. (N.I.), 1985, No. 42) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee H.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. Peter Hardy (nominated in respect of the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours.
MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 12th March 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

1. the Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill to Standing Committee E (transferred from Standing Committee C); and
2. the draft Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Application of Construction and Survey Regulations to other ships) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 79.]

Wednesday 13th March 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Pre-amble to the Bournemouth Borough 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.

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 244-ii].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 13th March.

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

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; and to be printed [No. 76-vii].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-ii].

Environment.—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 198-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 (Fourteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-xiv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xiv].
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 13th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 263-i].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 268-ii and -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; and to be printed [No. 268-l].

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 13th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 273-ii].

Scottish Affairs.—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish 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: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [The Highlands and Islands Development Board].

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

Scottish Affairs.—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, that it had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Selection.—Sir Kenneth Lewis 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 13th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 208-vi].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-v].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Forrester reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel) (Carriage by Rail) (Amendment) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 4th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 271].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged from considering the draft Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985.

Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Amendment of Statutory Duties).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that the Motion be put to the House to amend the statutory terms of reference of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) by repealing its statutory duty to encourage the extension of collective bargaining and to impose instead a duty to encourage co-operation and consultation between employers and employees at the place of work—(Mr. Tony Baldry); 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. Roger Gale, Mr. Christopher Hawkins: 96.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Winnick, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn: 118.

So the Question was negatived.
Privilege.—Complaint having been made by Sir Edward Gardner, Member for Fylde, of the report in The Times newspaper of 6th March concerning the draft Report of the Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee on the Special Branches of the police;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges—(Sir Edward Gardner);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Wheeler, Mr. Jeremy Hanley: 268.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Tom Pendry: 109.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Local Government (Prescribed Expenditure) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 257), dated 25th February 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th March, be annulled—(Dr. John Cunningham);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. Allen McKay: 192.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 313.

So the Question was negatived.

Cinemas Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That, in respect of the Cinemas 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. Michael Neubert.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South Norfolk 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. Michael Neubert.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.49 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 13th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Coal Industry.—Five Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 13th March 1985, on borrowing by the National Coal Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Fire Services.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1985, entitled the Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 318) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

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 1984, namely—

(1) the Church of Scotland Trust (Amendment) Order,
(2) the Fraserburgh Harbour (No. 2) Order,
(3) the Fraserburgh Harbour (No. 3) Order, and
(4) the Scottish Episcopal Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund Order,

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

Wednesday 13th March 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Insurance (Fees) Bill;

(2) Mr. John Forrester Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill;

(3) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Social Security (Contributions, Re-Rating) Consequential Amendments Regulations 1985; and

(4) Mr. Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill, in place of Mr. John Spence.
Thursday 14th March 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 19th March at Seven o'clock.

Birmingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birmingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 18th March.

Cambridge City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cambridge City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 18th March.

C-Poultry Company Limited.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the C-Poultry Company Limited Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 18th March.

Felixstowe Docks and Railway Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 18th March.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 18th March.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 18th March.

Lincoln City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 18th March.

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 18th March.

Scarborough Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scarborough Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 18th March.

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Streatham Park Cemetery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 18th March.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 18th March.

Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The Lerwick 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, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

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, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Comment on the Minister's Response to the Report on the Implementation of Dairy Quotas].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 274].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 274].
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 Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [The Organisation and Financing of the Aujeszky’s Disease Eradication Scheme].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, 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].

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 the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report) [The Beef Variable Premium Scheme].

Report 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].

Re-acquisition of Public Assets Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 22nd March, the Re-acquisition of Public Assets Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 10th May.

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 19th April.

Hill Farming Bill,—Mr. Robert Jackson, supported by Sir Peter Mills, Mr. Edward Leigh, Viscount Cranborne, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. David Knox, and Mr. Robert Harvey, presented a Bill to extend provision made in section 20 of the Hill Farming Act 1946 for regulating or prohibiting the burning of heather and grass so as to include bracken, gorse and vaccinium: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd March and to be printed [Bill 106].

Agricultural Training Board Bill,—Mr. Tom Torney, supported by Mr. Robert Jackson, Dr. David Clark, Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. John Spence, and Mr. Ron Davies, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the functions of the Agricultural Training Board: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd March and to be printed [Bill 107].

Estimates [2nd allotted day]—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Resolution [11th March], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 101 (Liaison Committee).

Supplementary Estimates, 1984-85 (Class IV, Vote 5).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £20,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1985 for expenditure by the Department of Energy in connection with the energy industries including related research and development, selective assistance to industry, energy conservation, oil storage, and certain other services including grants in aid and an international subscription (Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith);

The Question was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (2)(c) of Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of estimates).

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.

Estimates [2nd allotted day].—It being Ten o’clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded to put forthwith the deferred Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings on Supplementary Estimates, 1984-85 (Class IV, Vote 5).

Class IV, Vote 5

Resolved, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £20,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1985 for expenditure by the Department of Energy in connection with the energy industries including related research and development, selective assistance to industry, energy conservation, oil storage, and certain other services including grants in aid and an international subscription.
Estimates,—Mr. Speaker 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, 1985-86 (Navy)

Vote A

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 1986 a number not exceeding 73,500 all ranks be maintained for Naval Service.

Estimates, 1985-86 (Army)

Vote A

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 1986 a number not exceeding 190,300 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, 1985-86 (Air)

Vote A

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 1986 a number not exceeding 96,600 all ranks be maintained for Air Force Service, a number not exceeding 4,850 for the Royal Air Force Reserve and a number not exceeding 2,300 for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force.

Supplementary Estimates, 1984-85

Resolved, That a further supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,214,334,000, 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 1985, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 182, 183 and 227.

Estimates, Excesses, 1983-84

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £4,260,259.70, 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 1984, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 184.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Resolutions this day relating to Supplementary Estimates and to Estimates, Excesses: 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. 3) 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 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 101].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Cinemas Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones)

Cinemas Bill [Lords].—The Cinemas Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones)

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 25 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 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.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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-six minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 10.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 14th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Water.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 25th February 1985 on borrowing by—
(1) the South West Water Authority, and
(2) the Wessex Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Clean Air.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th February 1985, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 315) [by Act].
National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th March 1985, entitled the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 383) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Public Health.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th March 1985, entitled the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the Borough of Middlesbrough) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 324) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th March 1985, entitled the Third Country Fishing (Enforcement) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 313) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services, on the Petitions [13th February and 28th February] from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Friday 15th March 1985.
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Harrow East for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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).

Economic, Housing and Social Situation in West Midlands.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the effects of present Government
policies on the people of the West Midlands, until recently the heartland of the manufacturing industry on which the wealth of this country was based; notes with deep concern the continuing substantial increase in unemployment in the region and the severe suffering inflicted on so many individuals and families there by the return of mass unemployment, the sharp decline in public sector house-building, and other cuts in important services; deplores as well the proposed abolition of the West Midlands County Council, which serves the region well; and calls on the Government to reverse these disastrous policies and thus alleviate the hardship being suffered in the West Midlands—(Mr. David Winnick);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Town and Country Planning (Protection of Trees and Woodlands) (Amendment) Bill,—The Town and Country Planning (Protection of Trees and Woodlands) (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).

Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 22nd March.

Ways and Means,—Gaming (Bingo).—Resolved, That any Act resulting from the Gaming (Bingo) Bill may provide for the charging of fees payable into the Consolidated Fund. —(Mr. Peter Lloyd).

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 18th March.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 15th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th February 1985 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines,—Two Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 4th March 1985 on borrowing by the British National Oil Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copies of Orders, dated 14th March 1985, entitled—

(1) an Order, dated 14th March 1985, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1985, and

(2) Regulations, dated 14th March 1985, entitled the Local Authorities (Allowances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Local Government Finance (Scotland).—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 264].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State for Social Services together with the Report of the Social Security Advisory Committee on the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1985 [by Command] [Cmd. 9461].

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 13th March 1985, entitled—

(1) the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 396),

(2) the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 397),
(3) the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1985
(S.I., 1985, No. 398).
(4) the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1985
(S.I., 1985, No. 399), and
(5) the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 1985
(S.I., 1985, No. 400)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Fees and Charges,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th March 1985, entitled the
Measuring Instruments (EEC Initial Verification Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment)
Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 386) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland Assembly,— Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly
on—
(1) the Consultative Document on the Sunday opening of licensed premises and the
range of premises permitted to sell intoxicating liquor in Northern Ireland, and
(2) the Proposal for a draft Historic Churches (Northern Ireland) Order 1985
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1985, entitled the Merchant
Shipping (Seamen's Wages and Accounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I.,
1985, No. 340) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Export
Credits Guarantee Department: Fixed Rate Export Finance [by Act]; to be printed
[No. 276].

Monday 18th March 1985.
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 a 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.: Hastings Pier Bill.

Bill committed.

Birmingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birmingham City Council Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Cambridge City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cambridge City Council Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven o'clock.

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the C-Poultry Company Limited Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven o'clock.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.
Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

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

Harrogate Stray Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Harrogate Stray Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven o'clock.

Lincoln City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill;

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

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven o'clock.

Scarborough Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scarborough Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven o'clock.

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Streatham Park Cemetery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven o'clock.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

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

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (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 18th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-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 18th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 2774].

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 18th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 280-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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 109-iv].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Shipbuilding Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Surrey Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill,—Ordered, That the Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill be read a second time upon Friday 19th April.

Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of the Consequences of the Budget and the Government's economic policies in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

European Community Proposals for the 1985-86 Common Agricultural Policy Prices,—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4582/85, including Addenda I, II and corrigendum and III, on agricultural prices and related measures, 4637/85 on the situation of the agricultural markets in 1984, 6248/84 on the designation of milk and milk products, 11172/84 on the production refunds for starch, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's unnumbered explanatory memorandum of 16th July 1984 on the payment of an additional national aid to
German farmers; and supports the Government's intention to seek an agreement on 1985-86 farm support prices and related measures which builds on the success achieved in 1984 in introducing greater realism into the operation of the Common Agricultural Policy, is consistent with the financial guideline for agriculture, maintains a policy of price restraint in the Common Agricultural Policy, avoids discrimination against United Kingdom interests, and takes account of the interests of United Kingdom producers, consumers, traders and food processors.—(Mr. Michael Jopling).

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 (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 290), dated 1st March 1985, be annulled.—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

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And it being Twelve o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to the Order [12th March].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 205.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 332.

So the Question was negatived.

National Health Service (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Order [12th March], That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 290), dated 1st March 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st March, be annulled.—(Mr. Charles Kennedy);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. John Cartwright: 197.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather: 324.

So the Question was negatived.

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 (Solid Fuel) (Carriage by Rail) (Amendment) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 22nd February, be approved.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury):—It was agreed to.

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, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 1985, which was laid before this House on 22nd February, be approved.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury):—It was agreed to.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the matter of the Consequences of the Budget and the Government's economic policies 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. Tim Sainsbury.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Newark Town Council against the closure of 33 REME Central Workshops was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from patients in Crimond for the annulment of the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of Aberdeen against the imposition of value added tax on books 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 to One o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.45 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 18th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:
China.—Treasury Minute, dated 18th March 1985, concerning the gift of hearing aids to China [by Command].

Appropriations in Aid.—Treasury Minute, dated 18th March 1985, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations of the Vote for central and miscellaneous services (Department of Trade and Industry) [by Act].

Mr. John Moore:
Transport.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 5th March 1985 on borrowing by—

1) the National Bus Company; and

2) the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Water.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 8th March 1985 on borrowing by the Severn-Trent Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Rating and Valuation.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Trade.—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 19th November 1984 for a Return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1985, for January.

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Plant Breeders’ Rights.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1985, entitled the Plant Breeders’ Rights (Fees) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 357) [by Act].

Seeds.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th February 1985, entitled the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 356) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

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Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Town and Country Planning (Protection of Trees and Woodlands) (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 83.]

Tuesday 19th March 1985.
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 1985-86,—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.)

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-viii].

Insurance (Fees) Bill,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Insurance (Fees) 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. 281].

Budget,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make the Chancellor of the Exchequer more accountable to Parliament on budgetary matters and to monitor his economic performance; 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. 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. Allan Rogers, Mr. Kevin Barron: 103.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. David Winnick: 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Martin Redmond, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Bill Michie, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. Dick Douglas, and Mr. Dennis Skinner, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Budget Bill,—Mr. Dennis Canavan accordingly presented a Bill to make the Chancellor of the Exchequer more accountable to Parliament on budgetary matters and to monitor his economic performance; 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 103].

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. 10)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—

It was agreed to.

Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and 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 the insolvency of a person to whom goods or services have been supplied;
(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. Peter Lloyd.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

British Railways Bill.—The British Railways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Cambridge City Council Bill.—The Cambridge City Council Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill.—The C-Poultry Company Limited Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Harrogate Stray Bill.—The Harrogate Stray Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill.—The Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Scarborough Borough Council Bill.—The Scarborough Borough Council Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill.—The Streatham Park Cemetery Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Worthing and others against any proposals to impose value added tax on newspapers and magazines 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.22 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 19th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:

Supply Estimates, 1985-86,—Memorandum by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on the Supply Estimates for the year ending 31st March 1986 [by Command] (Cmnd. 9450).

Mr. John Moore:


Supply Estimates, 1985-86,—Estimates for Classes I-XVIII for the year ending 31st March 1986 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 239].

Financial Statement, 1985-86,—Copy of the Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1985-86, as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 265].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th March 1985, entitled the Excise Duty (Wine) (Temporary Relief) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 403) [by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copies of Orders, dated 19th March, entitled—
(1) the Value Added Tax (Charities, Etc.) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 431),
(2) the Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 432), and
(3) the Value Added Tax (Increase of Registration Limits) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 433)
[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th March 1985, entitled the Local Government (Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 426) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Supply Estimates, 1985-86,—Estimate for Class XIII-A (House of Commons: Administration) for the year ending 31st March 1986 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 240].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission:

Supply Estimates, 1985-86,—Estimate for Class XIII-B (National Audit Office) for the year ending 31st March 1986 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 241].

[No. 84.]

Wednesday 20th March 1985.

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).

Royal Bank of Scotland 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 Royal Bank of Scotland 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.

South Yorkshire Passenger 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 South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment; 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.

Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) 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 Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) 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.

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence 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. 37-xiii].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table and to be printed [No. 209-ii].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy 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. 76-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 (Fifteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-xv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xv].
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 March.

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

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 20th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 252-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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 286-i].

Local Government (Access to Information) Bill,—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, that it had gone through the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 17th May; and to be printed [Bill 108].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 285].

Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill,—Mr. John Forrester reported from Standing Committee E, that it had gone through the Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 19th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 282].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Social Security (Contributions, Re-Rating) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 143), referred to a Committee on 4th March.

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 National Heritage (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

National Heritage (Scotland) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [No. 109].

Budget Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Budget Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 19th April.

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 the insolvency of a person to whom goods or services have been supplied;
(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 Birmingham, Yardley against the closure of the post office at the Tivoli Shopping Centre was presented 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 and surrounding areas 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 twenty-nine minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 20th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:
Treasury and Civil Service,—Government Observations on the Eighth Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, Session 1983-84, on the acceptance of outside appointments by Crown servants [by Command] [Cmnd. 9465].

Mr. John Moore:
Electricity (Scotland),—Two Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 7th March 1985 on borrowing by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
Education,—Draft Regulations, entitled the Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th March 1985, entitled the Housing Benefits (Subsidy) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 440) [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 [22nd February] from the British Tinnitus Association for the keeping open of the tinnitus clinic at University College Hospital [by Standing Order] ; to be printed.

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Departments of Transport, Trade and Industry and Energy: monitoring and control of investment by the nationalised industries in fixed assets [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 284].


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 Gaming (Bingo) Bill, viz.: Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Simon Coombs, Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Barry Porter, Mr. Giles Shaw, and Mrs. Ann Winterton.

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 Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Richard Caborn, Mr. Michael Colvin, Mr. Peter Griffiths, Mr. James Hill, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Martin Redmond, Mr. Tom Sackville, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Malcolm Thornton, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. Peter Viggars, and Mr. John Ward.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Charities Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Harry
Greenway, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. David Harris, Mr. Alan Howarth, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. Andrew Mackay, Mr. David Mellor, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Clive Soley, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. Mike Woodcock, Mr. Tim Yeo, and Mr. David Young.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Mr. Tony Durant as an additional Member to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Consequences of the Budget and the Government's economic policies in Wales.

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 Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Application of Construction and Survey Regulations to other ships) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, viz.: Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. John Browne, Mr. Michael Cartiss, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. Christopher Hawkins, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. George Park, Sir David Price, Mr. Stuart Randall, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. Jonathan Sayeed, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Robert N. Wareing, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Committee on Unopposed Bill (Panel).—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged Mr. Eric Cockeram 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. Barry Porter.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 20th March 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (l) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. Donald Coleman Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Consequences of the Budget and the Government's economic policies in Wales;

(2) Mr. Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill;

(3) Mr. Ted Leadbitter an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill; and

(4) Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Application of Construction and Survey Regulations to other ships) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1985.

[No. 85.]

Thursday 21st March 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Birmingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birmingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th March.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th March.
Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th March.

Lincoln City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th March.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th March.

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 Memoranda laid before it on 18th and 19th March.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 292].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix I).

Unborn Children (Protection) Bill,—Mr. David Knox reported from Standing Committee D That it had gone through the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 3rd May; and to be printed [Bill 105].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 287].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments as to the reinstatement in civil employment of members of the reserve and auxiliary forces who have been called into whole-time service in the armed forces of the Crown, and for the protection of the employment of those liable to be called into such service; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Bill [Lords].

Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Bill [Lords].—The Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 110].

Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 19th 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 the insolvency of a person to whom goods or services have been supplied;

(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 25th March.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Hatton Senior Citizens Club against the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 was presented 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 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. Archie Hamilton.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary King:

Sex Discrimination,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th March 1985, entitled the Sex Discrimination Code of Practice Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 387) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Copies of—
1. the Report on the Social Security Advisory Committee, and
2. the Statement of the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements and Resources) Miscellaneous Provisions Regulations 1985 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9466 and 9467].

Public Health,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th March 1985, entitled the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 434) [by Act].

Social Security,—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
1. the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements and Resources) Miscellaneous Provisions Regulations 1985,
2. the Supplementary Benefit (Resources) Amendment Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Public Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th March 1985, entitled the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the Boroughs of Northampton and Wellingborough and the District of South Northamptonshire) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 382) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

King’s College London Bill [Lords].—Report of the Attorney General on the King’s College London Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

Papers 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 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 290].

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: the torpedo programme [by Act]; to be printed [No. 291].

National Health Service,—Copy of the Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 289].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Peter Snape (nominated in respect of the Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Roger Stott.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Peter Snape (nominated in respect of the draft Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Application of Construction and Survey Regulations to other ships) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Roger Stott.
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from members of Gorton North Ward Labour Party, Age Concern and the Manchester Association of the Over Sixties Club against the Transport Bill 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).

African Starvation.—Resolved, That this House recognises that death and suffering from starvation and diseases related to malnutrition of millions of Africans are capable of being prevented by mankind working together; notes that prevention of famine also promotes international trade and thereby the reduction of unemployment in richer countries, congratulates the people of Britain on the generosity of their contributions to the voluntary relief agencies; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to respond with equal generosity and wisdom.—(Mr. Bowen Wells.)

Changing Structure of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising the considerable achievements of Government policies in increasing the numbers in work by 340,000 in the year to September 1984 and of the successful launch of the Youth Training Scheme, urges the Government to exploit fully the opportunities to reduce the level of unemployment by developing the Youth Training Scheme into a two year course, leading to levels of skills comparable to those obtained from a 'time served' apprenticeship, with heavy emphasis on the new technologies, developing the re-training facilities offered by the Skillcentre Training Agency to increase the relevance and acceptability of the training offered, reducing the burden of employment bureaucracy on employers, particularly small and medium ones, encouraging wholeheartedly worksharing by abatement of income tax and national insurance contributions, both employer and employee, for part-time or half-time employees earning less than half the average wage, preparing the workforce for a shorter working week and creating circumstances favourable to flexible early retirement.—(Mr. James Couchman); and it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Recreational Gardening Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Recreational Gardening Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 29th March.

Hill Farming Bill.—The Hill Farming Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee upon Friday 19th April.

Agricultural Training Board Bill.—The Agricultural Training Board Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee upon Friday 19th April.

Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 19th April.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 25th March, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c., (negative procedure)), any Motions in the name of Mr. Neil Kinnock, relating to National Health Service or National Health Service (Scotland), may be proceeded with, though opposed, for a period of one and a half hours after the first of them has been entered upon, and at the end of that period Mr. Speaker shall put the Question already proposed from the Chair.—(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 25th March.
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 12th March 1985 on borrowing by the North West Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th March 1985, entitled the Wine and Made-Wine Regulations 1979 (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 404) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th March 1985, entitled the Seed Potatoes (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 385) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Iron and Steel,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st March 1985, entitled the Distributors of Iron and Steel Products (ECSC Requirements) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 475) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Public Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th March 1985, entitled the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the Borough of Epsom and Ewell) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 407) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on Beef—implications for Northern Ireland of EC Commission price proposals for 1985-86 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Employment Protection,—Copy of the Accounts of the Redundancy Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 294].

[No. 87.]


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 a 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.:

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill.
Streatham Park Cemetery Bill.

Bills committed.

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

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 25th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 277-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Scottish Grand Committee,—Mr. Ian Campbell reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, that it had considered the matter of the Government's Public Expenditure Plans to 1987-88, in relation to the Scotland Programme, referred to it on 4th March, and had directed it to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 296].

Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Industrial Development Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Industrial Development Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 298) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Ways and Means.—Amendment of the law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 19th 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 the insolvency of a person to whom goods or services have been supplied;
(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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 355.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Robin Corbett: 202.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being after Ten o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 114 (Ways and Means motions), to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the further Motions, which were made by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.

2. Spirits

Resolved, That, as from 20th March 1985, the rate of duty specified in section 5 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be increased from £15.48 per litre of alcohol in the spirits to £15.77 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.

3. Beer

Resolved, That, as from 20th March 1985, the rates of duty specified in section 36 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be increased—

(a) from £24.00 for each hectolitre to £25.80 for each hectolitre; and
(b) from £0.80 for each additional degree of original gravity exceeding 1030 degrees to £0.86 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 20th March 1985, the rates of duty under sections 54 and 55 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be as follows—

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<th>Description of wine or made-wine</th>
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<td>(1) Wine or made-wine of a strength of less than 15 per cent and not being sparkling</td>
<td>£98.00</td>
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<td>(2) Sparkling wine or sparkling made-wine of a strength of less than 15 per cent</td>
<td>£161.80</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>£169.00</td>
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<td>(4) Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 18 per cent but not exceeding 22 per cent</td>
<td>£194.90 plus £15.77 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>£194.90 plus £15.77 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. Blending of wines subject to different duty rates

Resolved, That, with respect to the blending or otherwise mixing of wines on or after 26th March 1985, section 54 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 (charge of excise duty on wine) shall have effect with the insertion, after subsection (3), of the following subsections:

“(3A) For the purposes of this Act, the process of blending or otherwise mixing two or more wines (in this subsection and subsection (3B) below referred to as "the constituent wines") constitutes the production of wine if—

(a) the rate of duty applicable to one of the constituent wines is different from that applicable to the other or, as the case may be, at least one of the others; and
(b) the rate of duty applicable to the wine which is the product of the blending or other mixing is higher than that which is applicable to at least one of the constituent wines; and
(c) the blending or other mixing is with a view to dealing wholesale in the wine which is the product thereof;

and for the purposes of this subsection the rate of duty applicable to any wine is that which is or would be chargeable under subsection (1) above on its importation into the United Kingdom or, as the case may be, on its production as mentioned in paragraph (b) of that subsection.

(3B) Where, by virtue of subsection (3A) above, wine is produced in the United Kingdom, duty shall be chargeable on that wine by virtue of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) above whether or not duty was previously charged on all or any of the constituent wines by virtue of paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of that subsection; but nothing in this subsection shall affect the operation of any regulations under section 56 below giving relief from duty on wine so produced by reference to duty charged on all or any of the constituent wines.”

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.

6. Cider

Resolved, That, as from 20th March 1985, the rate of duty specified in section 62(1) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be increased from £14.28 per hectolitre to £15.80 per hectolitre.

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 22nd March 1985, the rates of duty on cigarettes and hand-rolling tobacco specified in Schedule 1 to the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1979 shall be increased—

(a) in the case of cigarettes, to an amount equal to 21 per cent of the retail price plus £26.95 per thousand cigarettes, and
8. Hydrocarbon oil

And the Question being put, That, as from 6 o'clock in the evening of 19th March 1985, 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 £0.1716 a litre to £0.1794 a litre; and
(b) in the case of heavy oil, from £0.1448 a litre to £0.1515 a litre.

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: 354.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Maxton, Mr Robin Corbett: 183.

So the Question was agreed to.

9. Hydrocarbon oil (mixing)

Resolved, That provision may be made allowing the Commissioners of Custom and Excise to charge a duty of excise on hydrocarbon oil which has become mixed with other hydrocarbon oil.

10. Vehicles excise duty

And the Question being put, That the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 and the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 shall have effect, in relation to licences taken out after 19th March 1985, 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) For the provisions of Part II of Schedules 1 to 5 to each of the Acts of 1971 and 1972 (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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<td>1. Bicycles and tricycles of which the cylinder capacity of the engine does not exceed 150 cubic centimetres</td>
<td>£10.00</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>
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**PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 2 TO ACT OF 1971 AND ACT OF 1972**

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## PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 4 TO ACT OF 1971 AND ACT OF 1972

### TABLE A

**RATES OF DUTY ON RIGID GOODS VEHICLES EXCEEDING 12 TONNES PLATED GROSS WEIGHT**

**GENERAL RATES**

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**Rates of Duty on Rigid Goods Vehicles Exceeding 12 Tonnes Plated Gross Weight**
**Rates for Farmers’ Goods Vehicles**

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**Rates of Duty on Rigid Goods Vehicles Exceeding 12 Tonnes Plated Gross Weight**
**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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**SUPPLEMENTARY RATES OF DUTY ON RIGID GOODS VEHICLES OVER 12 TONNES USED FOR DRAWING TRAILERS EXCEEDING 4 TONNES PLATED GROSS WEIGHT**

**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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<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 ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ...: 60.00</td>
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(2) In section 2(1)(b) of each of the Acts of 1971 and 1972 (six month licence for vehicles with annual rate exceeding £18) for "£18" there shall be substituted "£35".

(3) In section 16 of the Act of 1971 (rates of duty for trade licences) in subsection (5), including that subsection as set out in paragraph 12 of Part I of Schedule 7 to that Act, for "£44" there shall be substituted "£46".

(4) in section 16 of the Act of 1972 (rates of duty for trade licences) in subsection (6), including that subsection as set out in paragraph 12 of Part I of Schedule 9 to that Act, for "£44" there shall be substituted "£46".

(5) In the heading of Schedule 1 to each of the Acts of 1971 and 1972 and in paragraph 1 of Part I of each of those Schedules (annual rates of duty on certain vehicles not exceeding 425 kilograms) for "425 KG." and "425 kilograms" there shall be substituted respectively "450 KG." and "450 Kilograms".

(6) In each of the Acts of 1971 and 1972, in paragraph 6(1) of Part I of Schedule 4, for "£67" there shall be substituted "£75".

(7) The following shall be substituted for paragraph 6(2) of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Act of 1971—

"(2) If a farmer’s goods vehicle or a showman’s goods vehicle has a platted gross weight or a plated train weight, the annual rate of duty applicable to it shall be—

(a) if that weight does not exceed 7.5 tonnes, £90;

(b) if that weight exceeds 7.5 tonnes but does not exceed 12 tonnes, £135 in the case of a farmer’s goods vehicle and £90 in the case of a showman’s goods vehicle; and

(c) if that weight exceeds 12 tonnes, the appropriate Part II rate."
(5) The following shall be substituted for paragraph 6(2) of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Act of 1972—

"(2) If a farmer's goods vehicle or a showman's goods vehicle has a relevant maximum weight or a relevant maximum train weight, the annual rate of duty applicable to it shall be—

(a) if that weight does not exceed 7.5 tonnes, £90;
(b) if that weight exceeds 7.5 tonnes but does not exceed 12 tonnes, £135 in the case of a farmer's goods vehicle and £90 in the case of a showman's goods vehicle; and
(c) if that weight exceeds 12 tonnes, the appropriate Part II rate."

(9) In each of the Acts of 1971 and 1972, in paragraph 7 of Part I of Schedule 4, for "£90" there shall be substituted "£100";

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 351.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright: 197.

So the Question was agreed to.

11. Gaming machine licence duty

Resolved, That provision may be made extending to Northern Ireland the provisions of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 relating to gaming machine licence duty.

12. Value added tax (newspaper advertisements)

Resolved, That, with respect to supplies made on or after 1st May 1985, Schedule 5 to the Value Added Tax Act 1983 shall have effect with the omission of Group 5 (newspaper advertisements).

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.

13. Income tax (charge and rates for 1985-86)

Resolved, That—

(1) Income tax for the year 1985-86 shall be charged at the basic rate of 30 per cent and, in respect of so much of an individual's total income as exceeds £16,200 (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):

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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 18th May 1985.

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.

14. 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 1985-86.

(2) In section 8 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (personal reliefs)—
(a) in subsection (1)(a) (married) for "£3,155" there shall be substituted "£3,455";
(b) in subsections (1)(b) (single) and (2) (wife's earned income relief) for "£2,005" there shall be substituted "£2,205";
(c) in subsection (1A) (age allowance) for “£3,955” and “£2,490” there shall be substituted “£4,255” and “£2,690” respectively; and

(d) in subsection (1B) (income limit for age allowance) for “£8,100” there shall be substituted “£8,800”.

(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 18th May 1985.

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.

15. Relief for interest (limit for 1985-86)

Resolved, That, for the year 1985-86, the qualifying maximum referred to in paragraphs 5(1) and 24(3) of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1974 (limit on relief for interest on certain loans for the purchase or improvement of land) shall be £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.

16. Advance corporation tax (rate for financial year 1985)

Resolved, That the rate of advance corporation tax for the financial year 1985 shall be three-sevenths.

17. Capital allowances (machinery and plant)

Resolved, That provision may be made with respect to allowances for machinery and plant under Chapter I of Part III of the Finance Act 1971.

18. Capital allowances (dredging, agricultural land and hotels)

Resolved, That charges to income tax may be imposed by provisions—

(a) terminating initial allowances under section 67 of the Capital Allowances Act 1968 (dredging);

(b) terminating initial allowances and reducing writing-down allowances under section 68 of that Act (agricultural land and buildings); and

(c) terminating initial allowances in respect of capital expenditure incurred in respect of qualifying hotels, within the meaning of section 38 of the Finance Act 1978.

19. Capital allowances (scientific research)

Resolved, That provision may be made with respect to allowances for capital expenditure on scientific research under Part II of the Capital Allowances Act 1968.

20. Interest paid on deposits with banks etc.

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 8 to the Finance Act 1984.

21. Securities

Resolved, That charges to income tax, capital gains tax and corporation tax may be imposed by provisions about transactions occurring on or after 28th February 1985 in relation to securities.

22. Friendly societies

Resolved, That provision may be made with respect to—

(a) the conditions to be fulfilled in order that friendly societies and branches thereof may be entitled to claim exemption from tax;

(b) the application of the limits on tax exempt business of friendly societies and branches thereof in relation to contracts for annuities made before 1st June 1984;

(c) the conditions under which policies issued by friendly societies and branches thereof on or after 19th March 1985, or issued before that date and varied on or after it, are to be regarded as qualifying policies within the meaning of Part I of Schedule 1 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970; and

(d) the application of Chapter III of Part XIV of the said Act of 1970 in relation to contracts for annuities entered into by friendly societies and branches thereof on or after 1st June 1984.
23. Offshore life assurance

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Part III of Schedule 15 to the Finance Act 1984.

24. Business expansion scheme

Resolved, That provision may be made excluding property development in certain circumstances, from the trades which are treated as qualifying trades for the purpose of Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1983.

25. Partnerships (basis of assessment)

Resolved, That provision may be made for altering the basis of assessment relating to partnerships.

26. Limited partners (reliefs)

Resolved, That provision may be made with respect to reliefs from tax available to limited partners and persons in a similar position.

27. London Regional Transport

Resolved, That, in computing for the purposes of corporation tax the profit or loss of London Regional Transport for any accounting period beginning on or after 1st April 1985, the loss of the London Transport Executive for any earlier accounting period shall be computed as if section 16(1)(b) of the Finance Act 1970 had not been enacted.

28. Valuation of oil (income and corporation tax)

Resolved, That provision may be made, for the purposes of income tax and corporation tax, with respect to oil appropriated in certain circumstances to refining or to any use except production purposes of an oil field.

29. Commodity futures, financial futures and traded options

Resolved, That provision may be made for bringing gains on certain disposals of commodity futures, financial futures and traded options within the charge to capital gains tax or corporation tax on chargeable gains.

30. Capital gains (retirement relief)

Resolved, That provision may be made restricting the offices and employments which are relevant to the giving of relief from capital gains tax on the disposal by a person retiring from an office or employment of assets provided or held for the purposes of that office or employment.

31. Capital gains (series of transactions)

Resolved, That charges to capital gains tax and corporation tax may be imposed by provisions relating to assets disposed of in a series of transactions.

32. Capital transfer tax (conditional exemption)

Resolved, That charges to capital transfer tax may be imposed by provisions relating to conditional exemption.

33. Stamp duty (takeovers)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 26th March 1985 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Paragraph (2) below applies where a company (company A) issues relevant securities (but issues or transfers no other property) in exchange for shares in another company (company B) and company A—

(a) has control of company B, or

(b) will have such control in consequence of the exchange or of a general offer as a result of which the exchange is made.

(2) Stamp duty under the heading “Conveyance or Transfer on Sale” in Schedule 1 to the Stamp Act 1891 shall not be chargeable on an instrument transferring the shares in company B (by way of the exchange).

(3) Where paragraph (2) above would apply but for the fact that company A not only issues relevant securities but also issues or transfers other property (whether or not it is or includes money) by way of the exchange, the value of the relevant securities shall be ignored in calculating stamp duty under the heading mentioned in that paragraph on an instrument transferring the shares in company B (by way of the exchange).
(4) In this Resolution "securities" includes shares, and "relevant securities" means securities which may be registered in a register kept by or on behalf of company A and in relation to which the terms of the general offer or other arrangement providing for the exchange make no provision for partial or total conversion directly or indirectly into money (whether by way of redemption, sale or otherwise) at a time which falls or may fall before the expiry of the period of three years commencing with the day on which the exchange is completed.

(5) For the purposes of this Resolution relevant securities shall not be taken to have been issued unless they are registered, in a register kept by or on behalf of company A, in the name of the person transferring the shares in company B by way of the exchange.

(6) References in this Resolution to shares in company B include references to convertible loan capital of the company; and "convertible loan capital" means loan capital mentioned in section 126(2) of the Finance Act 1976.

(7) For the purposes of this Resolution company A has control of company B if company A has power to control company B's affairs by virtue of holding shares in, or possessing voting power in relation to, company B or any other body corporate.

(8) In this Resolution "general offer" means an offer made to members of company B or any class of them, and—
   (a) includes an offer made with exceptions for persons connected with company A, but
   (b) excludes an offer made with exceptions for persons who are not connected with company A, and a person is connected with a company if he would be so connected for the purposes of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979.

(9) An instrument in respect of which stamp duty is not chargeable by virtue only of paragraph (2) above shall not be taken to be duly stamped unless it is stamped with the duty to which it would be liable but for that paragraph or it has, in accordance with section 12 of the Stamp Act 1891, been stamped with a particular stamp denoting that it is not chargeable with any duty.

(10) An instrument in respect of which reduced stamp duty is chargeable by virtue of paragraph (3) above shall not be taken to be duly stamped unless it is stamped with the duty to which it would be liable but for that paragraph or it has, in accordance with section 12 of the Stamp Act 1891, been stamped with a particular stamp denoting that it is duly stamped.

(11) Paragraphs (1) to (10) above shall apply to—
   (a) instruments executed on or after 26th March 1985, and
   (b) instruments executed on or after 19th March 1985 which are stamped on or after 26th March 1985.

(12) 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 paragraph (11)(b) above shall be deemed to be that as varied in accordance with this Resolution.

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.

34. Stamp duty (voluntary winding up: transfer of shares)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 26th March 1985 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Paragraph (2) below applies where a company is being wound up altogether voluntarily and there is an arrangement under section 287 of the Companies Act 1948 or section 257 of the Companies Act (Northern Ireland) 1960 whereby—
   (a) its liquidator transfers to another company (company A) shares in a company (company B) which is a subsidiary of the company being wound up,
   (b) company A issues relevant securities (but issues or transfers no other property) to the liquidator or a member or members of the company being wound up, and
   (c) company A acquires control of company B (in consequence of the transfer of shares in company B).

(2) Stamp duty under the heading "Conveyance or Transfer on Sale" in Schedule 1 to the Stamp Act 1891 shall not be chargeable on an instrument transferring the shares in company B to company A.

(3) Where paragraph (2) above would apply but for the fact that company A not only issues relevant securities but also issues or transfers other property (whether or not it is or includes money) the value of the relevant securities shall be ignored in calculating stamp duty under the heading mentioned in that paragraph on an instrument transferring the shares in company B to company A.
(4) In this Resolution "securities" includes shares, and "relevant securities" means securities which may be registered in a register kept by or on behalf of company A and in relation to which the terms of the arrangement make no provision for partial or total conversion directly or indirectly into money (whether by way of redemption, sale or otherwise) at a time which falls or may fall before the expiry of the period of three years commencing with the day on which the arrangement is completed.

(5) For the purposes of this Resolution relevant securities shall not be taken to have been issued unless they are registered, in a register kept by or on behalf of company A, in the name of the liquidator or member concerned of the company being wound up.

(6) References in this Resolution to shares in company B include references to convertible loan capital of the company; and "convertible loan capital" means loan capital mentioned in section 126(2) of the Finance Act 1976.

(7) For the purposes of this Resolution company A has control of company B if company A has power to control company B's affairs by virtue of holding shares in, or possessing voting power in relation to, company B or any other body corporate.

(8) In this Resolution "subsidiary" has the same meaning as in the Companies Act 1948 or the Companies Act (Northern Ireland) 1960, as the case may be.

(9) An instrument in respect of which stamp duty is not chargeable by virtue only of paragraph (2) above shall not be taken to be duly stamped unless it is stamped with the duty to which it would be liable but for that paragraph or it has, in accordance with section 12 of the Stamp Act 1891, been stamped with a particular stamp denoting that it is not chargeable with any duty.

(10) An instrument in respect of which reduced stamp duty is chargeable by virtue of paragraph (3) above shall not be taken to be duly stamped unless it is stamped with the duty to which it would be liable but for that paragraph or it has, in accordance with section 12 of the Stamp Act 1891, been stamped with a particular stamp denoting that it is duly stamped.

(11) Paragraphs (1) to (10) above shall apply to—

(a) instruments executed on or after 26th March 1985, and
(b) instruments executed on or after 19th March 1985 which are stamped on or after 26th March 1985.

(12) 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 paragraph (11)(b) above shall be deemed to be that as varied in accordance with this Resolution.

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.

35. Stamp duty (gifts inter vivos)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 26th March 1985 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) The stamp duty chargeable by virtue of section 74 of the Finance (1909-10) Act 1910 (gifts inter vivos) is abolished.

(2) In section 58(7) of the Stamp Act 1891 (valuation by reference to value for purposes of section 74 of 1910 Act) for the words from "the value" to the end there shall be substituted "the value at any time of any property, that value shall be taken to be the price which the property might reasonably be expected to fetch on a sale at that time in the open market."

(3) An instrument—

(a) in respect of which stamp duty would be chargeable by virtue of section 74 of the 1910 Act apart from paragraph (1) above, and

(b) on which stamp duty is not chargeable under the heading "Conveyance or Transfer on Sale" in Schedule 1 to the Stamp Act 1891, shall not be deemed to be duly stamped unless it has, in accordance with section 12 of the 1891 Act, been stamped with a particular stamp denoting that it is duly stamped or that it is not chargeable with any duty.

(4) Paragraphs (1) to (3) above shall apply to—

(a) instruments executed on or after 26th March 1985, and

(b) instruments executed on or after 19th March 1985 which are stamped on or after 26th March 1985.

(5) 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 paragraph (4)(b) above shall be deemed to be that as varied in accordance with this Resolution.

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.

36. Stamp duty (transfers in connection with divorce etc.)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 26th March 1985 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Stamp duty under the heading "Conveyance or Transfer on Sale" in Schedule 1 to the Stamp Act 1891 shall not be chargeable on an instrument by which property is conveyed or transferred from one party to another in pursuance of an order of a court made on granting in respect of the parties a decree of divorce, nullity of marriage or judicial separation, or

(a) is executed in pursuance of an order of a court made on granting in respect of the parties a decree of divorce, nullity of marriage or judicial separation, or

(b) is executed in pursuance of an order of a court which is made in connection with the dissolution or annulling of the marriage or the parties' judicial separation and which is made at any time after the granting of such a decree, or

(c) is executed at any time in pursuance of an agreement of the parties made in contemplation of or otherwise in connection with the dissolution or annulling of the marriage or their judicial separation.

(2) An instrument in respect of which stamp duty is not chargeable under the heading mentioned in paragraph (1) above by virtue only of that paragraph shall be chargeable under this paragraph with stamp duty of 50p.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) above shall apply to instruments executed on or after 26th March 1985.

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.

37. Stamp duty (death: varying dispositions, and appropriations)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 26th March 1985 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Where, within the period of two years after a person's death, any of the dispositions (whether effected by will, under the law relating to intestacy or otherwise) of the property of which he was competent to dispose are varied by an instrument executed by the persons or any of the persons who benefit or would benefit under the dispositions, stamp duty under the heading "Conveyance or Transfer on Sale" in Schedule 1 to the Stamp Act 1891 shall not be chargeable on the instrument.

(2) Paragraph (1) above does not apply where the variation is made for any consideration in money or money's worth other than consideration consisting of the making of a variation in respect of another of the dispositions.

(3) Paragraph (1) above applies whether or not the administration of the estate is complete or the property has been distributed in accordance with the original dispositions.

(4) Where property is appropriated by a personal representative in or towards satisfaction of a general legacy of money, stamp duty under the heading mentioned in paragraph (1) above shall not be chargeable on an instrument giving effect to the appropriation.

(5) An instrument in respect of which stamp duty is not chargeable under the heading mentioned in paragraph (1) above by virtue only of paragraph (1) or (4) above shall be chargeable under this paragraph with stamp duty of 50p.

(6) But an instrument which is chargeable under paragraph (5) above shall not be treated as duly stamped unless it has, in accordance with section 12 of the Stamp Act 1891, been stamped with a particular stamp denoting that it is duly stamped.

(7) Paragraphs (1) to (6) above shall apply to instruments executed on or after 26th March 1985.

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.
38. Stamp duty (repeal of certain fixed duties)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 26th March 1985 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) The following headings specified in Schedule 1 to the Stamp Act 1891 shall be omitted—

(a) The heading beginning “Agreement or contract made or entered into pursuant to the Highways Acts”.

(b) The headings beginning “Appointment of a new trustee, and appointment in execution of a power of any property”.

(c) The heading beginning “Charter of resignation”.

(d) The heading beginning “Covenant. Any separate deed of covenant”.

(e) The heading “Deed of any kind whatsoever, not described in this schedule”.

(f) The headings beginning “Letter of allotment and letter of renunciation” and “Scrip certificate, scrip”.

(g) The heading beginning “Letter or power of attorney, and commission, factory, mandate”.

(h) The heading beginning “Precept of clare constat”.

(i) The heading “Procuration, deed or other instrument of”.

(j) The heading beginning “Resignation”, together with the heading “instrument of resignation of any lands or other heritable subjects in Scotland not of burgage tenure”.

(k) The heading “Revocation of any use or trust of any property by any writing, not being a will”.

(l) The heading beginning “Seisin” and the heading “Notarial instrument to be expedites and recorded in any register of sasines”.

(m) The heading “Warrant of attorney of any other kind”.

(n) The heading beginning “Writ”.

(2) In section 7 of the Finance Act 1907 (stamping of hire-purchase agreements) for the words from “shall only be charged” to the end there shall be substituted “shall not be charged with any stamp duty”.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) above shall apply to—

(a) instruments executed on or after 26th March 1985, and

(b) instruments executed on or after 19th March 1985 which are not stamped before 26th March 1985.

(4) 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 paragraph (3)(b) above shall be deemed to be that as varied in accordance with this Resolution.

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.

39. Stamp duty (abolition of duty on contract notes)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 26th March 1985 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Subsections (1) and (2) of section 77 of the Finance (1909-10) Act 1910 (duty on contract notes) shall cease to have effect.

(2) Paragraph (1) above shall apply to contract notes made and executed on or after 26th March 1985.

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.

40. Stamp duty (exchange rates)

Resolved, That provision may be made for the application to certain instruments of section 6 of the Stamp Act 1891 instead of section 12 of the Finance Act 1899.

41. Oil taxation (limit on tax payable)

Resolved, That provision may be made with respect to the chargeable periods which are relevant for the purposes of section 9(1) of the Oil Taxation Act 1975.
42. Oil taxation (exploration and appraisal expenditure)

Resolved, That provision may be made limiting expenditure qualifying for relief under section 5A of the Oil Taxation Act 1975—

(a) by restricting the areas relevant to subsection (2) of that section; and
(b) by treating certain expenditure as reduced by the value of oil won in the course of operations to which the expenditure relates.

43. 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 (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 with respect to the deduction of tax from interest on certain loans;
(b) provisions with respect to allowances under Chapters IV and V of Part I of the Capital Allowances Act 1968 (dredging and agricultural land and buildings);
(c) provisions amending section 343 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (building societies);
(d) provisions with respect to allowances under Chapter I of Part XIV of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (patients and know-how);
(e) provisions with respect to allowances and charges under Chapter I of Part III of the Finance Act 1971 (machinery and plant);
(f) provisions with respect to initial allowances in respect of expenditure on qualifying hotels, within the meaning of section 38 of the Finance Act 1978; and
(g) provisions amending section 56 of the Finance Act 1978 (capital receipts in respect of shares subject to approved profit sharing schemes).

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 Jenkin, Mr. Secretary Tebbit, Mr. Secretary King, Mr. Secretary Ridley, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, and Mr. Ian Stewart, do prepare and bring it in.

Finance 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 111].

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 1985 (S.I., 1985 No. 326), dated 5th March 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th March, be annulled—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

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And the Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay : 179.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones : 268.

So the Question was negatived.

Coal Industry.—Resolved, That the draft Mineworkers’ Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 11th March, be approved. —(Mr. David Hunt.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Lancaster against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of Morecambe and Lunesdale against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of the city of Birmingham against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the North Manchester Pensioners' Association against the Transport 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 ten minutes to Two o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Adjourned at 1.50 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 25th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Government Annuitics and Insurances,—Account of all moneys received on account of contracts for the grant of deferred life annuities and for payments on death, under the provisions of the Government Annuitics Act 1929, and of the disposal thereof, and of the contracts made, for 1984 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Overseas Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 18th March 1985, entitled the Overseas Service Pensions Scheme 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1985, entitled the Local Government (General Grant) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R.(N.I.), 1985, No. 46) [by Act].


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

Judgments,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1985, entitled the Judgment Debts (Rate of Interest) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 437) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had discharged from Standing Committee C Dame Judith Hart (nominated in respect of the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ray Ellis.

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

PRAYERS.

Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) Bill [Lords].—The Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.
Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton By-pass),—Ordered, That the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee to which the Petition of General Objection against the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton By-pass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW1) 1984 and the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton By-pass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW2) 1984 stands referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, have leave to visit and inspect the site of the proposed by-pass, and any sites which have been proposed as alternatives, provided that no evidence shall be taken in the course of such visit and that any party who has made an Appearance before the Committee be permitted to attend by his Counsel or Agent or other representative.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

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

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 25-xxiv].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 48-ix].

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

That the Resolution of the Committee reported to the House on 12th March be varied by substituting the following provisions for those in the Table at the end of that Resolution:

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Report to lie upon the Table.

Procedure,—Sir Peter Emery reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, 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 (First Report) [Printing of oral Questions to the Prime Minister].

Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 298].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 298].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to remove restrictions under the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Acts 1963 to 1984 as to the occasions on which betting may take place on racecourses and other tracks and as to the events in connection with which betting may take place on dog racecourses; and to make further provision with respect to the operation of totalisators on such racecourses; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Licensing Act 1964 in relation to orders for extended hours at premises providing entertainment and in relation to special hours certificates; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

Sittings of the House.—Resolved, That this House do meet on Thursday 4th April at halfpast 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. Michael Neubert.)

Highlands and Islands Development Board Boundaries Amendment Bill,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the boundaries of the Highlands and Islands Development Board area to include the mountain areas of the Grampian, Central and Tayside Regions: And that Mr. Bill Walker, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Michael Forsyth, and Mr. Malcolm Bruce, do prepare and bring it in.

Highlands and Islands Development Board Boundaries Amendment Bill,—Mr. Bill Walker accordingly presented a Bill to amend the boundaries of the Highlands and Islands Development Board area to include the mountain areas of the Grampian, Central and Tayside Regions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 112].

Adjournment (Easter and Monday 6th May),—Resolved, That this House at its rising on Thursday 4th April do adjourn until Monday 15th April and at its rising on Friday 3rd May do adjourn until Tuesday 7th May, and that the House shall not adjourn on Thursday 4th April until Mr. Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) 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 is 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. Peter Lloyd);

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill, without Amendment.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 half-past Nine o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 9.30 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 26th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Britton:

Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 293].

Police,—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(2) the Police (Complaints) (Informal Resolution) Regulations 1985, and
(3) the Police (Complaints) (Mandatory Referrals Etc.) Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Education,—Paper, entitled Better Schools [by Command] [Cmnd. 9469].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Report of the Social Security Advisory Committee on the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Amendment Regulations 1983, with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services [by Command] [Cmnd. 9468].

Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements and Resources) Miscellaneous Provisions Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


Telecommunications,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1985, entitled the Telecommunications Act 1984 (Government Shareholding) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 496) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:


Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th March 1985, entitled the Seed Potatoes (Fees) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 438) [by Act].

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

Crown Estate,—Copy of the Abstract Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 297].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Social Security,—Draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements and Resources) Miscellaneous Provisions Regulations 1985 [laid 21st March].

MEMORANDUM

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Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

(1) the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Resolutions 1985 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
(2) the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
Wednesday 27th March 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Royal Assent.—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:


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

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 the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [The Manpower Services Commission's Corporate Plan 1985-89].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 244].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 244].

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 Equal Opportunities Commission's draft Code of Practice—Observations by the Government on the First Report of the Committee, Session 1984-85].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 304].

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 (Second Special Report) [The implications for industrial relations and employment of the introduction of the polygraph—Observations by the Government on the Third Report of the Committee, Session 1984-85].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 305].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 209-iii].

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 (Sixth Report) [HM Treasury's Consultation Proposals for Legislation in respect of the Nationalised Industries].

Report, together with Appendices, 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].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 27th March.

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

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. 5-xvi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xvi].
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 27th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 295-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 27th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 299-il].

Privileges.—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Committee of Privileges, to which was referred the matter of the complaint of the report in The Times newspaper of 6th March concerning the draft Report of the Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee on the Special Branches of the police, 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 in Times Newspaper regarding Home Affairs Committee].

Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 308].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 308].

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 27th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 307-il].

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 27th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 303-il].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-vil].

Transport.—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 27th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 252-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 27th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 306-il].

Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill.—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 19th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 300].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Application of Construction and Survey Regulations to other ships) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, referred to a Committee on 11th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 301].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 27th March to be printed [No. 89-iii].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to the administration of justice and matters connected therewith; to amend the Solicitors Act 1974; to regulate the provision of conveyancing services by persons practising as licenced conveyancers; to make further provision with respect to complaints relating to
the provision of legal aid services; to amend the law relating to time limits for actions for libel and slander; and to make further provision with respect to arbitrations and proceedings in connection with European Patents; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].—The Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed (Bill 115).

Provision for Young People in Rural Areas.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for facilities and amenities and to extend the rights of young people living in rural and remote parts of the United Kingdom: And that Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. David Steel, Mr. James Wallace, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, do prepare and bring it in.

Provision for Young People in Rural Areas Bill.—Mr. David Penhaligon accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for facilities and amenities and to extend the rights of young people living in rural and remote parts of the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 17th May and to be printed (Bill 114).

Local Government Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committees), That the Reports [12th March and 26th March] of the Business Committee be now considered—(Mr. Archie Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Reports.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in its Resolutions.

Local Government Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Government Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Reports.

A Clause (Control of liabilities affecting successor authorities)—(Mr. Kenneth Baker) brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 324.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Robin Corbett: 189.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Control of disposals and contracts)—(Sir George Young) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Grants to voluntary organisations)—(Sir George Young) brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (d) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 6, at the end, to insert the words

‘(1A) (a) There shall be established for Greater London and for each metropolitan county a body corporate which shall be known in the case of each body corporate for Greater London as the Greater London Regional Economic and Social Council and in the case of a metropolitan county by the name of that county with the addition of the words “Regional Economic and Social Council.”

(b) The Regional Economic and Social Councils shall consist of members elected by the local government electors of Greater London, or as the case may be, of the appropriate metropolitan county, in accordance with this Act and of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

(1B) In addition to the function mentioned in subsection (1) above a Regional Economic and Social Council shall have the powers and duties set out in Schedule (Functions of Regional Economic and Social Councils) and in carrying out its functions under subsection (1) above a Regional Economic and Social Council shall have regard to its duties under that Schedule.’—(Mr. Jack Straw.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. John McWilliam: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 325.

Clause added to Bill.
Amendment (No. 68) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 15, to leave out the words ' 1st April 1986 ' and insert the words ' such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint after he has laid an order before both Houses of Parliament—

(a) for the Residuary Bodies established under section 55(1) of this Act to have a membership directly elected in accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983 and this Act and that section 55 and Schedule 13 of this Act be consequentially modified ; and
(b) for the name of the Residuary Bodies to be changed in consequence of the implementation of proposals of this subsection ; and
(c) providing for the transfer to the Residuary Bodies of such functions, not being functions which are transferred by this Act solely to individual London boroughs or metropolitan district councils as appropriate, as shall be determined by Parliament on the recommendation of a Select Committee ' , instead thereof.—(Dr. John Cunningham.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being half-past Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [11th February] and the Resolution this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Sean Hughes : 193.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 335.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

' (3) Within three months of the date of the Royal Assent to this Act the Secretary of State shall lay an order before both Houses of Parliament—

(a) for the London Residuary Body established under section 55(1)(a) of this Act to have a membership directly elected in accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983 and this Act and that section 55 and Schedule 13 of this Act be consequentially modified ; and
(b) for the name of the London Residuary Body to be changed in consequence of the implementation of proposals of this subsection ; and
(c) for section 65 of this Act to cease to have effect as respects the London Residuary Body ; and
(d) providing for the transfer to the London Residuary Body of such functions, not being functions which are transferred by this Act solely to individual London boroughs, as shall be determined by Parliament on the recommendation of a Select Committee of the House of Commons ' .—(Mr. Patrick Ground.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. John Wilkinson : 210.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather : 334.

Another Amendment (No. 76) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 4, after ' (1) ' to insert the words ' Subject to subsection (5) below '.—(Mr. Harry Cowans.)

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

Amendment (No. 44) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 78) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 24, after the word ' effect ' , to insert the words ' subject to the Secretary of State reporting to Parliament on the arrangements to be made to ensure the satisfactory co-ordination and integration of the responsibilities and work of the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, Museum of London and the City of London '.—(Mr. Patrick Cormack.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 45, 47 and 48) made to the Bill.


It being Twelve o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned pursuant to the Order [11th February].

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee, be further considered this day.

Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1985, dated 14th March 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th March, be approved.—(Mr. Michael Ancram) ;
And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1985, dated 14th March 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th March, be approved.

Business of the House,—Ordered. That, at the sitting on Thursday 28th March, Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Motion in the name of Mr. Secretary Walker relating to the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payment Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1985 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.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Upminster serviced by Anglian Water for sewerage and environmental purposes for transferring them to the service area of Thames Water was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Middleton Pensioners’ Association against the Transport 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 seven minutes to Two o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

Adjourned at 1.53 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 27th March 1985

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 1984 under section 4(1) of the Civil List Act 1972 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Britton:

Telegraphs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th March 1985, entitled the Wireless Telegraphy (Broadcast Licence Charges and Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 490) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Museums and Galleries,—Statement of increase in the value of indemnities in respect of objects loaned to the National Gallery [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Water and Sewerage Services (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st March 1985, entitled the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Control Measures) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 487) [by Act].

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

Law Commissions,—Copies of Reports by the Law Commission on codification of the law of landlord and tenant, concerning—

(1) covenants restricting dispositions, alterations and change of user, and

(2) forfeiture of tenancies

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 278 and 279].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (nominated in respect of the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Howard.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Protection of Trees and Woodlands) (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Nicholas Baker, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Dr. David Clark, Sir John Farr, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Roger Freeman, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Ron Leighton, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. John M. Taylor, and Mr. William Waldegrave.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Second Reading Committee on the Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords] viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Attorney General, Sir Peter Blaker, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Nicholas Budgen, Mr. Alex Carlile, Viscount Cranborne, Mr. Bob Edwards, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. George Gardiner, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr. Alan Hazelhurst, Mr. Richard Hickmet, Mr. Mark Lennard-Boyd, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, and Mr. Norman Miscampbell.

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 National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations 1985, viz.: Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Keith Best, Dr. John G. Blackburn, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Alistair Burt, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Terry Dicks, Mr. Frank Dobson, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Colin Moynihan, and Mr. Laurie Pavitt.

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 Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Keith Best, Dr. John G. Blackburn, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Alistair Burt, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Terry Dicks, Mr. Frank Dobson, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Colin Moynihan, and Mr. Laurie Pavitt.
Lincoln City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 18th April.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 18th April.

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

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 (Fourth Report) [The Beef Variable Premium Scheme].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 257].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 257].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 113].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 311].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Hong Kong Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Bath City Council to appropriate a portion of Royal Victoria Park for the purpose of constructing an access to a parking place for motor vehicles; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Bath City Council Bill [Lords]].

Bath City Council Bill [Lords].—The Bath City Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Surrogacy Arrangements Bill.—Mr. Secretary Fowler, supported by Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Hurd, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, and Mr. John Patten, presented a Bill to regulate certain activities in connection with arrangements made with a view to women carrying children as surrogate mothers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 116].

Local Government Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Local Government Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 80) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 29, at the beginning, to insert the words—

‘This section and section 9 below shall not come into effect until the Secretary of State has laid before Parliament a report giving details of the arrangements for waste disposal which will obtain in Greater London and the metropolitan counties at the date on which those sections come into effect and those which are expected to obtain for the following six months’.—(Dr. John Cunningham.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 49 and 50) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 83) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 3, at the end, to insert the words ‘and such enactments shall have effect subject to the provisions of section 82 and sub-sections (7), (8) and (9) below.’

(7) (a) In the principal Act, after section 141(2) there shall be inserted—

“(3) For the purposes of this section, the Inner London Education Area shall be deemed to be a county and the Inner London Education Authority shall be deemed to be the council of that county.”
(b) The Inner London Education Authority shall be treated as a local authority for the purposes of sections 132, 136, 137, 138, 142, 144 and 222 of the principal Act.

(8) (a) In section 31 of the London County Council (General Powers) Act 1921, references to the Council shall be construed as references to the Inner London Education Authority.

(b) The Inner London Education Authority shall be treated as a local authority for the purposes of section 32 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

(c) In section 20(6) of the Value Added Tax Act 1983, after the words “Isles of Scilly” there shall be inserted the words “the Inner London Education Authority”.

(9) For the purposes of facilitating the proper performance of the functions conferred on the Authority by section 44 of this Act and for that purpose only—

(a) references to the Council in paragraphs 16 and 17 of Schedule 2 to the London Government Act 1963 shall be construed as references to the Authority;

(b) the Authority shall be deemed to be a local authority within the meaning of section 25 of the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964;

(c) the Authority shall be deemed to be a local authority to whom the order confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order (Greater London Parks and Open Spaces) Act 1967 applies;

(d) the Authority shall be deemed to be a local authority to whom section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 applies.—(Mr. Jack Straw.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ray Powell: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 305.

And it being after Six o’clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [11th February] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Questions on the Amendments moved by a member of the Government to the end of Part III of the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 8, 51 and 52) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 84) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 10, at the beginning, to insert the words—

‘(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) below’.—(Mr. Clive Soley.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 85) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2) The provisions of this section and of sections 23, 24, 25 and 26 of this Act shall not have effect until the Secretary of State for the Home Department has reported to Parliament on the arrangements he proposes to ensure that the police, fire and civil emergency planning functions in each metropolitan county or Greater London as the case may be are discharged no less economically, efficiently and effectively under the provisions of this Part of this Act’.—(Mr. Clive Soley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ray Powell: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 301.

And it being after half-past Seven o’clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [11th February] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Questions on the Amendments moved by a member of the Government to the end of Part V of the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 14 to 18) made to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 19, 20, 54 to 56, 22 to 24, 67, 26 to 32, 57 and 58) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 100) proposed to the Bill, in page 59, line 8, after the word ‘order’, to insert the words ‘and after the publication of a report by the Secretary of State setting out arrangements after the abolition date in relation to housing functions exercised before that date by the Greater London Council, and in particular for the continuation of housing mobility in London, the renovation of former GLC estates, the future of Thamesmead, and the effect of abolition on holders of former GLC mortgages, and the distribution of capital receipts’.—(Mr. John Fraser.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 38 and 39) made to the Bill.

And it being Nine o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [11th February] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Questions on the Amendments moved by a member of the Government to the remainder of the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 41, 42, 109 and 60 to 66) 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. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 325.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay : 170.

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 Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 11th March, be approved—(Mr. David Hunt);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 11th March, be approved.

Merchant Shipping.—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 Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr. John Major):—It was agreed to.

Merchant Shipping.—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 Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr. John Major):—It was agreed to.

Merchant Shipping.—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 Merchant Shipping (Application of Construction and Survey Regulations to other ships) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr. John Major):—It was agreed to.

Merchant Shipping.—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 Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr. John Major):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chesterfield 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. John Major.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.39 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 28th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 83, 1984),—Fourth Supplementary List of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc. for 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9456].

Treaty Series (No. 11, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement, done at Brasilia on 13th December 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9455].
Overseas Pensions.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 27th March 1985, entitled the Indian Family Pensions (Transferred) (United Kingdom) Scheme 1985 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Museums and Galleries.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th March 1985, entitled the British Museums (Natural History) (Authorised Repositories) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 462) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Employment.—Paper, entitled Employment: the Challenge for the Nation [by Command] [Cmd. 9474].

Mr. John Biffen

Civil Aviation.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th March 1985, entitled the Air Navigation (Fourth Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 458) [by Act].

Ministers of the Crown.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th March 1985, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Secretary of State and Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 442) [by Act].

Patents.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 20th March 1985, entitled—

(1) the Patents Etc. (Barbados) (Convention) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 456), and

(2) the Patents Etc. (Mongolian People's Republic) (Convention) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 457) [by Act].

South Atlantic Territories.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 20th March 1985, entitled—

(1) the Falkland Islands Constitution Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 444), and

(2) the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Order 1985 (S.I. 1985, No. 449) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Food.—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1985, entitled the Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 509) [by Act].

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

Law Commissions.—Copy of a Report to the Law Commission on codification of the criminal law [by Act]; to be printed [No. 270].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mrs. Edwina Currie (nominated in respect of the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Marcus Fox.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 28th March 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr. James Lamond Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill;

(3) Mr. Michael Shersby an additional Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords];

(4) Mr. Donald Coleman Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Industrial Development Bill [Lords];

(5) Sir Philip Holland Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations 1985; and

(6) Mr. Harry Gourlay Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985.
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the National Joint Council of Transport Users' Committees for the six metropolitan counties of England against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Wythenshawe Pensioners' Association against the Transport Bill 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).

The Economy and Industry in Scotland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with the utmost concern the continuing decline of Scottish manufacturing industry, the increasing and disastrous levels of unemployment, particularly amongst young people and the shortage of investment for training and re-training; and condemns the complete failure of the Budget to offer any hope of economic recovery in Scotland (Dr. Norman A. Godman);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 19th April.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tony Durant)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 1st April.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 29th March 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:

Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 29th March 1985, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the vote for the sale of shares in British Telecommunications plc [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

European Communities.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th March 1985, entitled the Western Isles Integrated Development Programme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 498) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th March 1985, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 534) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service.—Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1985, entitled the Family Practitioner Committees (Consequential Modifications) Amendment Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 497) [by Act].

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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [4th March] from the Campaign for the Homeless and Rootless, Coventry against the Government's proposals on supplementary benefit payments for board and lodging [by Standing Order]; to be printed.
Monday 1st April 1985.

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 1st April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-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 the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration on 1st April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 277-iii].

Public Accounts,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 1st April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 312-4].

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 1st April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 306-ii].

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

The Lords have agreed to the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable certain local government elections in England and Wales to be held by that system which entitles each elector to a single transferable vote; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Local Government (Choice of Electoral Systems) Bill [Lords].

Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Tony Baldry presented a Bill to amend Part II of Schedule I to the Local Government Act 1972 to create the County of Banburyshire: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 117].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones).

Transport 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 7th May 1985.

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 sub-paragraph (2) above, and whether or not the Resolutions have been agreed to by the House.

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(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 first allotted day

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)—

(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 Transport 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);

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. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. Don Dixon : 189.

So the Question was agreed to.

Birmingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birmingham City Council Bill ;
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
Sir Reginald Eyre rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Roger King, Mr. George Park : 188.
Tellers for the Noes, Clare Short, Mr. David Ashby : 73.

So the Question was agreed to.
And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Roger King, Mr. George Park : 202.
Tellers for the Noes, Clare Short, Mr. David Ashby : 68.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Lords Amendments to the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

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 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 368), dated 11th March 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th March, be annulled—(Mr. Michael Meacher);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John Maxton : 171.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 228.

So the Question was negatived.

National Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to National Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Money] (No. 2);
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the moneys so payable under any other Act.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

National Heritage (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 7 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 8:
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Allan Stewart);

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And the Question being put:—It was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 9 to 15 were agreed to.

Liaison,—Ordered, That Mr. Harry Cowans be discharged from the Liaison Committee and Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Tony Durant).

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the South Tyneside Transport Advisory Committee against the Transport 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 Leeds Central against the Transport 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 Manchester, Blackley against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from patients in Brynteg, Wrexham, for the annulment of the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations 1985 was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.55 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 1st April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
- Gas, Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th November 1984 on borrowing by the British Gas Corporation [by Act].
- Water, Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
  (1) 11th March 1985 on borrowing by the Anglian Water Authority, and
  (2) 18th March 1985 on borrowing by the South West Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
- Education (Scotland), Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1985, entitled the Education (Grants for In-service Training of Teachers) (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 506) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:
- Industrial Training, Copies of the Reports of—
  (1) the Ceramics, Glass and Mineral Products Industry Training Board for the period 1st April to 30th September 1982,
  (2) the Furniture and Timber Industry Training Board for the period 1st April to 14th September 1982, and
  (3) the Printing and Publishing Industry Training Board for the period 1st April to 30th November 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
- National Health Service, Copies of Regulations, dated—
  (1) 25th March 1985, entitled the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 508), and
  (2) 29th March 1985, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 540) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
- Northern Ireland Assembly, Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on homoeopathy [by Act].

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

Public Petitions, Observations by—
- (1) the Minister for Overseas Development on the Petition [5th March] from the pupils and teaching staff of St. Thomas of Aquin's High School, Edinburgh for measures to be taken to improve conditions for the world's poor, and
- (2) the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [25th February] from William John Jenkinson, for reconsideration of the Second Report from the Social Services Committee in Session 1979-80 on perinatal and neonatal mortality, with regard to ante-natal testing and counselling procedures [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Supreme Court, Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1985, entitled the Civil Courts (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 511) [by Act].

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Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Ivor Stanbrook (nominated in respect of the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tony Baldry.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 1st April 1985

Business Sub-Committees.—In pursuance 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 Transport Bill, viz.: Sir John Wells (Chairman), Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Don Dixon, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. David Mitchell, and Mr. Secretary Ridley.

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

PRAYERS.

Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—A Motion being made, That the Bournemouth Borough Council 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 it 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.—The House proceeded to consider the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Royal Bank of Scotland Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Royal Bank of Scotland 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; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix I).

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 (Seventeenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 2nd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-xl].

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 2nd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 3154].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Christopher Murphy 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 (First Report).

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

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier reported from the Transport 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. 252-iv].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Harry Gourlay reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 25th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 314].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments certain local enactments in force within the borough of Luton; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords].

Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 120].

Horses and Ponies Bill,—Mr. David Amess, supported by Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Greg Knight, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Allan Roberts, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Ken Hargreaves, Dr. David Clark, and Mr. David Alton, presented a Bill to protect horses and ponies against abandonment by their owners; to provide for a statutory code of practice on the tethering of horses and ponies; to oblige owners to arrange for a humane method of identification for their animals; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 118].

Young People (Scotland).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make increased provision of facilities for and to extend legal and other rights presently available to young people in Scotland and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. James Wallace, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Archie Kirkwood, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Roy Jenkins, and Mr. Robert Maclennan, do prepare and bring it in.

Young People (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Malcolm Bruce accordingly presented a Bill to make increased provision of facilities for and to extend legal and other rights presently available to young people in Scotland and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 7th June and to be printed [Bill 119].

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Prohibition on interception).

Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 1, line 11, to leave out from the word "of" to the word "the" in line 12 and insert the words "the individual to whom".—Mr. Robin Corbett.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 1, line 13, after the word "the", to insert the words "maintenance of".—(Mr. John McWilliam.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 2, line 1, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Warrants for interception).

Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 2, line 9, to leave out the word "issue" and insert the words "apply to a judge of the High Court for".—(Mr. Alex Carlile.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 2, line 17, to leave out subsections (2) to (4) and add the words—

"(2) The Secretary of State shall not issue a warrant under this section unless there exist reasonable grounds for considering and he does consider that the warrant is necessary—

(a) for the defence of the realm;
(b) for the purpose of preventing or detecting serious crime; or
(c) for the purpose of safeguarding the economic well-being of the United Kingdom.

(3) A warrant shall not be considered necessary as mentioned in subsection (2)(a) above unless the information which it is considered necessary to acquire is information required to defend the United Kingdom from external and internal dangers arising from attempts at espionage or sabotage or from the actions of persons and organisations whether directed from within or without the country which may reasonably be considered to be subversive to the state. No action shall be considered "subversive to the state" unless it is an action which can reasonably be regarded as one which threatens the safety and well-being of the state and which is intended to undermine or overthrow parliamentary democracy by unlawful political or unlawful industrial or by violent means.

(4) A warrant shall not be considered necessary as mentioned in subsection (2)(b) unless normal methods of investigation have been tried and have failed or must from the nature of things be unlikely to succeed if tried and unless there exist good reasons for believing that an interception would be likely to lead to an arrest and conviction. For the purpose of subsection (2)(b) a crime is not to be regarded as a "serious crime" unless it is one for which a man with no previous criminal record could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to at least three years imprisonment or an offence of lesser gravity in which either a large number of people is involved or there is good reason to apprehend the use of violence.

(5) A warrant shall not be considered necessary as mentioned in subsection (2)(c) unless the information which it is considered necessary to acquire is information relating to the acts of intentions of persons outside the British Islands.

(6) A warrant shall not be considered necessary as mentioned in subsection (2)(a) and (c) above unless in each case other methods of investigation have been tried and have failed or must from the nature of things be unlikely to succeed if tried.

(7) References in the following provisions of this Act to a warrant are references to a warrant under this section".—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 19 to 23 and insert the words—

"(a) for the defence of the realm;
(b) for the detection or prevention of a major subversive, terrorist or espionage activity that is likely to injure the national interest; or
(c) for the purpose of preventing or detecting a grave offence; and unless the following conditions apply—

(i) normal methods of investigation must have been tried and failed, or must from the nature of things be unlikely to succeed if tried; and
(ii) there must be good reason to think that an interception would be likely to lead to an arrest and a conviction, or, in the case of warrants for interception on behalf of the security service, the material likely to be obtained by interception must be of direct use in compiling the information that is necessary to the security service in carrying out the tasks laid upon it by any directive given by the Secretary of State to its Director General".—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John McWilliam: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Ian Lang: 243.
Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed, in page 2, line 27, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) A warrant shall not extend to data as defined by the Data Protection Act 1984 ".—(Mr. Harry Cohen.)

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

Clause No. 3 (Scope of warrants).

Amendment (No. 21) proposed, in page 2, line 32, to leave out from the word "from " to the end of line 35.—(Mr. Harry Cohen.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed, in page 3, line 1, to leave out subsections (2) to (5).—(Mr. Clive Soley.)

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

Clause No. 4 (Issue and duration of warrants).

Amendment (No. 29) proposed, in page 3, line 33, to leave out the words "the Secretary of State " and insert the words "a Secretary of State designated by the Prime Minister ".—(Mr. Gerald Bermingham.)

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

Amendment (No. 31) made.

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed, in page 3, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to review whether a warrant continues to be necessary as mentioned in section 2(2) above before the expiry of one month from the issue of that warrant ".—(Mr. Clive Soley.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Modification of warrants etc.).

Amendments (Nos. 45 and 47) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Safeguards).

Amendment (No. 51) proposed, in page 5, line 7, to leave out paragraph (b) and insert the words—

" (b) that intercepted material relating to a privileged communication or not relating to the individual named in the warrant is destroyed ".—(Mr. Gerald Bermingham.)

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. Archie Hamilton 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 Interception of Communications Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Interception of Communications Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Interception of Communications Bill.

(In the Committee)

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 51) be made.

Question put and negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 7 (The Tribunal).
Amendment (No. 57) proposed, in page 5, line 33, at the end, to insert the words—
“(a) whether interception has taken place”—(Mr. Kevin Barron.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Robin Corbett : 169.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert : 247.
Amendment (No. 60) made.
To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

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 to-morrow again resolve itself into the Committee.

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements and Resources) Miscellaneous Provisions Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 26th March, be approved,—(Mr. Tony Newton);

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And the Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert : 227.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay : 168.
So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements and Resources) Miscellaneous Provisions Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 26th March, be approved.

Social Security.—Resolved, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Resources) Amendment Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 21st March, be approved. —(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the constituency of Jarrow against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Wigan Borough Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the West Advisory Committee for Public Passenger Transport in Greater Manchester against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the North Advisory Committee for Public Passenger Transport in Greater Manchester against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Chesterfield Borough Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Central Regional Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the East Advisory Committee for Public Passenger Transport in Greater Manchester against the Transport 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 Liverpool, West Derby against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Borough Council of Gateshead against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Derby City Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Fife Regional Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Rochdale Borough Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Wallsend against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from North Tyneside Transport Advisory Committee against the Transport 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 Elmet against the Transport 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 Morley and Leeds South against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Worsley Constituency Labour Party against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Council of the City of Salford against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Stoke on Trent City Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the constituency of Newcastle upon Tyne North against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the District Council of Rhymney Valley in the county of Mid-Glamorgan against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Preston Borough Council against the Transport 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 Hemsworth against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the constituency of South Shields against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the constituency of Crosby against the Transport 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 borough of Hartlepool against the Transport 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 an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.7 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 2nd April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 18th March 1985 on borrowing by the British Waterways Board [by Act].

Welsh Development Agency,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th March 1985 on borrowing by the Welsh Development Agency [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Police,—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th March 1985, entitled—
(1) the Police (Complaints) (General) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 520),
(2) the Police (Discipline) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 518), and
(3) the Police (Discipline) (Senior Officers) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 519) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 3, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement, done at Washington on 1st October 1984, between the European Economic Community and the Government of the United States of America concerning fisheries off the coasts of the United States [by Command] [Cmnd. 9462].

Treaty Series (No. 12, 1985),—Copy of an Additional Protocol, done at Strasbourg on 21st March 1985, to the Protocol to the European Agreement on the Protection of Television Broadcasts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9459].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copies of Orders, dated 18th March 1985, entitled—
(1) the Lotteries (Registration Authority Fees) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 480), and
(2) the Lotteries (Variation of Monetary Limits) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 481) [by Act].

Education (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th March 1985, entitled—
(1) the Central Institutions (Recognition) (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 542), and
(2) the Napier College of Commerce and Technology Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 543) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1985, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Plastics Processing) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 482) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Building and Buildings,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1985, entitled the Building (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 488) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Foreign Limitation Periods (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th March 1985, entitled the Traffic Signs (Temporary Obstructions) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 463) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill,—Report by the Attorney General on the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of the Environment: Operation of the Rate Support Grant System [by Act]; to be printed [No. 313].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Reading Committee on the Industrial Development Bill [Lords] Mr. Geoffrey Robinson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bryan Gould.

[No. 94.]

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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 a 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.: Bath City Council Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Bill,—The South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Bill was read the third time, and passed.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That, in the case of the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) 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).

Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 1) 1984 and Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984 (Petition of General Objection),—Mr. Peter Rost reported from the Joint Committee to which the Petition of General Objection against the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 1) 1984 and the Exeter-Launceston-Bodmin Trunk Road (Okehampton Bypass Supplementary No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSW 2) 1984 stood referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That it had considered the said Petition; and had directed him to report that the Orders be not approved, and had further directed him to report the Orders, without Amendment, to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before 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.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 322].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 322].
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 Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [The Accession of Spain and Portugal to the EEC with special reference to British Agriculture and Food Imports and Exports].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 310].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 310].

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment 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. 209-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 (Eleventh Report) [Property Services Agency: Defence Works in the Falkland Islands].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 180].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 180].

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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 303-iii].

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 (Second Special Report) [The Government's Observations on the Fourth Report of the Committee in Session 1983-84 on the Wealth of Waste].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 321].

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 3rd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-vii].

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, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report) [Financial Documents and Budget Papers].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 323].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 323].

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 3rd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 306-iii].

Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill,—Mr. James Lamond reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 19th April; and to be printed [Bill 122].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 319].

Industrial Development Bill [Lords],—Mr. Donald Coleman reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Industrial Development 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 Industrial Development 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. 318].
Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations (S.I., 1985, No. 298), referred to a Committee on 25th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 320].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to unite The Principal and Governors of Queen Elizabeth College and Chelsea College, University of London with King's College London; to transfer all rights, properties and liabilities from the first two mentioned Colleges to King's College London; and for connected and other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [King's College London Bill [Lords].

King's College London Bill [Lords].—The King's College London Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Trade Union Act 1984 (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Trade Union Act 1984 to replace contracting out with contracting in to trade unions' political funds—(Mr. A. J. Beith);

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. John Cartwright, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. David Winnick: 139.

So the Question was negatived.

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 7 (The Tribunal).

Another Amendment (No. 66) proposed, in page 5, line 43, to leave out the words "Prime Minister" and insert the words "Select Committee".—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr. Roger Thomas, Mr. John McWilliam: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 241.

Another Amendment (No. 68) proposed in page 6, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"(a) direct that any interception in relation to the applicant should cease".—(Mr. Robin Corbett.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 76) proposed, in page 6, line 20, to leave out subsection (8).—(Mr. Alfred Dubs.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (The Commissioner).

Amendment (No. 79) proposed, in page 6, line 38, to leave out from the beginning to the word "to" in line 40 and insert the words "Her Majesty may by letters patent appoint a board of five members of Her Majesty's Privy Council which power shall be exercisable on an address presented by the House of Commons, and no motion shall be made for such an address except by the Prime Minister".—(Mr. Robert Maclennan.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 82) proposed, in page 6, line 42, to leave out from the first word "the" to the word "and" in line 2 on page 7 and insert the words "matters referred to in sections 1 to 6 above".—(Mr. Alfred Dubs.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 87) proposed, in page 7, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) In pursuance of his functions under this Act the Commissioner may receive and retain documents or information from any person whomsoever, and such receipt or retention shall not be the subject of proceedings for an offence".—(Mr. John Golding.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 142 and 143) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Exclusion of evidence).

Amendment (No. 109) proposed, in page 8, line 2, after the word "shall", to insert the words "except as authorised by a direction given in pursuance of subsection (1A) below".—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Interpretation).

Amendment (No. 118) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 11 and 12 agreed to.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Archie Hamilton 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 Interception of Communications Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Interception of Communications Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Interception of Communications Bill.

(In the Committee)

A Clause (Offence of disclosure)—(Mr. John McWilliam)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule No. 1 (The Tribunal).

Amendment (No. 121) proposed, in page 11, to leave out lines 4 to 6.—(Mr. Alfred Dubs.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 (Section Substituted for Section 45 of 1984 Act).

Amendment (No. 126) proposed, in page 13, to leave out lines 6 to 8.—(Mr. Robert Maclellan.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Robert Boscawen reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 123].
Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Road Traffic (Type Approval) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 18th February, be approved.—(Mr. Chris Patten.)

Agricultural Training Board Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Agricultural Training Board Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Agricultural Training Board Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Rating and Valuation.—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 Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 18th March, be approved—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd):—It was agreed to.

Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That, in respect of the Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) 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. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

House of Commons Members’ Fund.—Ordered, That, in pursuance of section 2 of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act 1939, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg be appointed a Managing Trustee of the House of Commons Members’ Fund in the room of the late Sir Anthony Berry.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Parliamentary Contributory Pensions Fund.—Ordered, That, in pursuance of section 1 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1972, Mr. Peter Hordern be appointed a Managing Trustee of the Parliamentary Contributory Pensions Fund in the room of the late Sir Anthony Berry.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Colne Valley against the Transport 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 Normanton against the Transport 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 Tatton against the Transport 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 Bradford West against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Easington against the Transport 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 Warrington South against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Warrington Borough Council against the Transport 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 Halifax against the Transport 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 Manchester, Withington against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Nottingham City Council against the Transport 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. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.23 p.m.]

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Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
- Capital Transfer Tax.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd April 1985, entitled the Capital Transfer Tax (Interest on Unpaid Tax) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 560) [by Act].
- Taxes.—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd April 1985, entitled—
  1. the Estate Duty (Interest on Unpaid Duty) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 561), and
  2. the Income Tax (Interest on Unpaid Tax and Repayment Supplement) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 563) [by Act].
- Northern Ireland.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd April 1985, entitled the Estate Duty (Northern Ireland) (Interest on Unpaid Duty) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 562) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Ian Stewart:
- Banks and Banking.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd April 1985, entitled the Banking Act 1979 (Exempt Transactions) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 564) [by Act].
- Borrowing Control.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd April 1985, entitled the Control of Borrowing (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 565) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
- International Immunities and Privileges.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
  1. the Eumetsat (Legal Capacities) Order 1985, and
  2. the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:
- Education and Training.—Paper, entitled Education and Training for Young People (by Command) [Cmnd. 9482].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
- Population Censuses and Surveys.—Copies of—
  1. the Review of the Registrar General on deaths in England and Wales from 1841 to 1980, and
  2. vital statistics for administrative and health areas of England and Wales for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
- Monopolies and Mergers.—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the supply of animal waste in Great Britain [by Command] [Cmd. 947].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
- Pensions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1985, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 489) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
- Public Petitions.—Observations by the Minister for Overseas Development on the Petition [12th March] from people in Bath for increased aid to Ethiopia [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 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 317].
MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 3rd April 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Charter Trustees Bill.

[No. 95.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Films Bill,—Lords Amendment to the Films Bill to be considered upon Monday 15th April; and to be printed [Bill 124].

Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Bill to be considered upon Monday 15th April; and to be printed [Bill 121].

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council against the Transport 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 Shipley against the Transport 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 Wakefield against the Transport 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. Donald Thompson);

Royal Assent,—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:


Adjournment,—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

And it being half-past Three o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 26th March, until Monday 15th April.

[Adjourned at 3.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 4th April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Banks and Banking,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd April 1985, entitled the Banking Act 1979 (Exempt Transactions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 572) [by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Brittan:  

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:  

Mr. Secretary Younger:  
Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th March 1985, entitled—
(1) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees in Civil Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 557), and
(2) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees in Criminal Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 554) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:  
Northern Ireland,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th March 1985, entitled the Friendly Societies (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 453) [by Act].

PRAYERS.


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

Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable)—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a 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.:

King's College London Bill [Lords].
Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (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 15th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-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 it on 15th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 306-iv].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Gosport Borough Council Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Shops Act 1950 in its application to certain premises in the city of Manchester; to confer further powers upon the Greater Manchester County Council; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Greater Manchester Bill [Lords].

Greater Manchester Bill [Lords],—The Greater Manchester Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 126].
Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the Town and Country Planning (Compensation for Restrictions on Mineral Working) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Eumetsat (Legal Capacities) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Surrogacy Arrangements Bill.—The Surrogacy Arrangements 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).

Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Exemption from corporal punishment not ground for suspension, etc.)—(Mr. Bob Dunn)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Punishment policy)—(Mr. Andrew F. Bennett)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Punishment book)—(Mr. Andrew F. Bennett)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 4, to leave out the words “or an immediate danger to the property of “.—(Mr. Andrew F. Bennett.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 7, 8, 13 to 15, 23 to 26, 29, 33 to 36, 39 to 41, 44 to 49 and 51) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Bill [Lords],—The Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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 5 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Peter Lloyd 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.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Brent and Roehampton for increasing the sentences passed on those convicted of the torture and killing of their own children was presented 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 against the Transport 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. Peter Lloyd);

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. Michael Neubert);

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 140 (Presentation of command papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

European Communities (No. 4, 1985).—Copy of a Protocol, done at Dublin on 15th November 1984, on the extension of the Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, Member Countries of the Association of the South-East Asian Nations, to Brunei Darussalam [Cmd. 9471].


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:

Tuesday 9th April 1985


Public Health.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1985, entitled the Control of Pollution (Territorial Sea) (Revocation) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 507).

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th March 1985, entitled the Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 510).

Food.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th March 1985, entitled the Milk (Special Designation) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 530).

Wednesday 10th April 1985

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1985, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 512).


Thursday 11th April 1985

Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 24th March 1985, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Solicitors' Fees) 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 544).
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 15th April 1985:

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
- Population Censuses and Surveys.—Copies of—
  (1) a Report on social class and occupational mobility, 1971-77, and
  (2) the Review of the Registrar General on cases of diagnosed cancer registered in
  England and Wales in 1981
  [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
- Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th April 1985, entitled the
  Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985,
  No. 573) by Act.

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
- Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly
  on—
  (1) the education of hearing-impaired children, and
  (2) the proposal for a draft Statistics of Trade and Employment (Northern Ireland)
  Order 1985
  [by Act].

Police (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report of the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster
Constabulary for 1984 [by Act].

Tuesday 16th April 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—A Bill to regulate prescribed expenditure and
expenditure on lending to other persons by the Greater London Council during the
financial period from 1st April 1985 to 30th September 1986; and for other purposes,
was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Royal Bank of Scotland Bill,—The Royal Bank of Scotland Bill was read the third time,
and passed.

Bath City Council Bill [Lords],—The Bath City Council 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 ap-
pointed 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 (Eighteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 16th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-xi].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home 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 the Sub-Committee on Race
Relations and Immigration: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report)
[Refugees and Asylum, with special reference to the Vietnamese].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table;
and to be printed [No. 72].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 72].

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Special Report) [HM Treasury's Consultation Proposals for Legislation in respect of the Nationalised Industries].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 334].

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 16th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 335-i].

Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the Family Law (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. 333].

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 with respect to the insolvency of companies and individuals, the winding up of companies, the disqualification and personal liability of persons involved in the management of companies and the avoidance of certain transactions at an undervalue; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Insolvency Bill [Lords]].

Insolvency Bill [Lords],—The Insolvency Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 127].

Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the Order of the House yesterday, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill, with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business, be discharged.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 1985 (S.I. 1985, No. 432) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Community Health Councils Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 304) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Political Parties (Income and Expenditure),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for a limit on the amount of money which may be spent by or on behalf of a political party during the period of a general election campaign; to require companies to establish a political fund from which all political donations shall be made; to provide for a ballot of shareholders and employees before a political fund is established; and to ensure an entitlement for each shareholder to an additional dividend from the company in lieu of any donations to which such shareholder has objected; And that Mr. David Winnick, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Ray Powell, Mr. Robert N. Wareing, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Max Madden, Mrs. Ann Clwyd, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Eric Heffer, and Mr. Stan Thorne, do prepare and bring it in.

Political Parties (Income and Expenditure) Bill,—Mr. David Winnick accordingly presented a Bill to provide for a limit on the amount of money which may be spent by or on behalf of a political party during the period of a general election campaign; to require companies to establish a political fund from which all political donations shall be made; to provide for a ballot of shareholders and employees before a political fund is established; and to ensure an entitlement for each shareholder to an additional dividend from the company in lieu of any donations to which such shareholder has objected; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 125].
Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords].—The Prosecution of Offences 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).

Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords] [Money];

Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) sums payable in respect of expenditure incurred by the Director of Public Prosecutions in the discharge of his functions;

(b) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State or the Attorney General which is attributable to that Act;

(c) any sums required to meet payments ordered to be made out of central funds; and

(d) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Police.—Resolved, That the draft Police (Anonymous, Repetitious Etc. Complaints) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 4th April, be approved.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

Police.—Resolved, That the draft Police (Complaints) (Mandatory Referrals Etc.) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 26th March, be approved.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

Police.—Resolved, That the draft Police (Complaints) (Informal Resolution) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 26th March, be approved.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

Industrial Development Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Development 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).

Industrial Development Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Industrial Development Bill [Lords] [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Industrial Development Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums required by the Secretary of State for defraying out of such money the expenses of the English Industrial Estates Corporation.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Birmingham against a proposed rates increase was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Birmingham against the Transport 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 Pontefract and Castleford against the Transport 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 Leeds East against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Borough Council of Calderdale against the Transport 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, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes past Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.29 p.m.]
Tuesday 16th April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Industrial Organisation and Development.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Wool Textile Export Corporation for 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Berkshire Bill.—Report of the Attorney General on the Berkshire Bill [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:
Record Office and Library Storage Accommodation.—Report from the Informal Joint Committee to the Leader of the House of Lords and the Speaker of the House of Commons on Record Office and Library Storage Accommodation; together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices; to be printed [No. 309].

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

County Courts.—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd April 1985, entitled the County Court Fees (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 574) [by Act].

Funds in Court (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of Funds in Court in Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 329].

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 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 331].

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 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 332].

Severn Bridge Tolls.—Copy of the Account prepared pursuant to the Severn Bridge Tolls Act 1965 for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 330].

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Wednesday 17th April 1985.

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

Mr. Speaker's Absence.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting.

Whereupon Mr. Harold Walker, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (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 17th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 209-v.]

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).
Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 5-xvii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xvii].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home 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: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [Special Branch].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 71].

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

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 17th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 339-i].

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 17th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 335-ii and -iii].

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 17th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 338-i].

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 17th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 337-i].

Charter Trustees Bill,—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Charter Trustees Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 336].

Domestic Content of Motor Vehicles,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish domestic content requirements for motor vehicles sold or distributed in Great Britain and Northern Ireland: And that Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. George Park, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. David Winnick, Jo Richardson, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Ernie Ross, and Mr. Robin Corbett, do prepare and bring it in.

Domestic Content of Motor Vehicles Bill,—Mr. Doug Hoyle accordingly presented a Bill to establish domestic content requirements for motor vehicles sold or distributed in Great Britain and Northern Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 128].

Interception of Communications Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Interception of Communications Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Appointment of select committee) (Mr. Clive Soley)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Frank Haynes: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Tony Durant: 212.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 19, to leave out paragraph (a) and insert the words—

"(a) for the defence of the realm or to prevent subversion, terrorism or espionage", instead thereof.—(Mr. Robin Corbett.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Robin Corbett: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Donald Thompson: 226.
Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 23, at the end, to insert the words " (or unless the persons whose transmissions by post or whose communications by a public telecommunications system are the subject of a warrant are officials of any Government department or of Her Majesty's Armed Forces or of any police force, who are authorised to receive and read information that for the time being is classified as secret ").—(Sir Philip Goodhart.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 27, to leave out the words " sent to or by him ".—(Mr. John Golding.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Robin Corbett: 88.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. John Major: 218.

Amendment (No. 8) made to the Bill.

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 Interception of Communications Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Interception of Communications Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Interception of Communications Bill be now read the third time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr Mark Lennox-Boyd: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr, John McWilliam: 105.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Telegraphs,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Wireless Telegraphy (Broadcast Licence Charges and Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 490), dated 25th March 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th March, be annulled.—(Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk):

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. Peter Griffiths, Mr. Eldon Griffiths: 9.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 290.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Gwent County Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from bus users in the constituency of Dewsbury against the Transport 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 Dewsbury against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from bus users in the Calder Valley against the Transport 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 Elmet against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Council of the City of Coventry against the Transport 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 fifteen minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.15 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 17th April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Water.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 20th March 1985 on borrowing by the Anglian Water Authority,
(2) 25th March 1985 on borrowing by the Thames Water Authority,
(3) 2nd April 1985 on borrowing by the Severn-Trent Water Authority, and
(4) 2nd April 1985 on borrowing by the Severn-Trent Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Employment Protection.—Copy of the Report of the Certification Officer for 1984 [by Act].

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Unfair Dismissal (Variation of Qualifying Period) Order 1985 [by Act].

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

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Copy of the Third Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1984-85 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 324].

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 Surrogacy Arrangements Bill, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. David Amess, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Peter Brundells, Mr. John Butterfill, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Colin Moynihan, Mr. Peter Pike, Jo Richardson, and Mr. Roger Sims.

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 Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. David Ashby, Dr. John G. Blackburn, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Richard Caborn, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Reg Freeson, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Kenneth Hind, Mr. Greg Knight, Mr. Humfrey Malins, Mr. John Morris, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Derek Spencer, and Mr. Teddy Taylor.
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 Industrial Development Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Iain Mills, Mr. Gerrard Neale, Mr. Michael Newbert, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Mark Robinson, Mr. Andrew Stewart, Mr. David Sumberg, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mr. David Trippier, Mr. John Watson, Mr. James White, and Mr. Mark Wolfson.

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 Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1985, viz.: Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Alistair Burt, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Carlisle, Mr. Michael Carrittis, Mr. Bob Dunn, Mr. Tony Fawell, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Ken Hargreaves, Mr. Richard Holt, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. Nigel Spearing, and Mr. George Walden.

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 Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1985 and the draft Eumetsat (Legal Capacities) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Sir Anthony Buck, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. Eric Firth, Mr. George Foulkes, Mr. Patrick Ground, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Mr. John Heddle, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Eddie Loydon, Mr. Tim Renton, and Mr. Donald Thompson.

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 Town and Country Planning (Compensation for Restrictions on Mineral Working) Regulations 1985, viz.: Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Ron Davies, Sir Reginald Eyre, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. David Heatcote-Amory, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Roger King, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Ron Leighton, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. George Park, and Mr. Tim Sainsbury.

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 Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Sir William Clark, Mr. Tim Eggar, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Peter Horder, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr. David Lighthouse, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. John Major, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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 Community Health Councils Regulations 1985, viz.: Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Michael Colvin, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Cecil Franks, Mr. Roy Galley, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr. Christopher Hawkins, Mr. James Hill, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Robert Key, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. John Patten, Mr. Ernie Roberts, and Mr. David Young.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 17th April 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Deputy Speaker allocated:

(1) the Surrogacy Arrangements Bill to Standing Committee B;
(2) the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D;
(3) the Industrial Development Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee E;
(4) the draft Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1985 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(5) the draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1985 and the draft Eumetsat (Legal Capacities) Order 1985 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(6) the Town and Country Planning (Compensation for Restrictions on Mineral Working) Regulations 1985 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Mr. Speaker's Absence,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day’s sitting.

Whereupon Mr. Harold Walker, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 25th April.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 25th April.

Lincoln City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 25th April.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 25th April.

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

Agriculture.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 18th April. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 340-il.

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Youth Charter Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Youth Charter Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 7th June.

Employment of Young People Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Employment of Young People Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 7th June.

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 April.

Budget Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Budget Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 26th April.

Ports (Finance) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ridley, supported by Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary King, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Peter Bottomley, and Mr. David Mitchell, presented (under Standing Order No. 111 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to provide for grants to be made to the National Dock Labour Board; to increase the limit on the amount of financial assistance to the Port of London.
Authority and the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company; to make further provision relating to borrowing by and the audit of the accounts of certain harbour authorities; and to repeal section 9 of the Harbours Act 1964; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 129].

Social Security Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Social Security Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Calculation of contributions) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Medical evidence) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to extend Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) Act 1979) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Housing benefits—subsidy) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Pensions and gratuities for members of certain Boards) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Managers of schemes) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Miscellaneous amendments relating to statutory sick pay) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Entitlement of married women to Category A retirement pensions) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Dock workers) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Special hardship allowance) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendments relating to protection of pensions) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Entitlement to benefit dependent on claim) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Other regulations) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Definition of the term “prescribed”) brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Power of Secretary of State to award increments to small firms) brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Exceptionally severe weather payments) brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Invalid care allowance for married women) brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Removal of discrimination in occupational pension schemes) brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 24, after “(2B)” to insert the words “Provided that nothing in this subsection shall empower an additional component to widow’s pension to be deducted from the rate of invalidity allowance.”—(Margaret Beckett.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 5, 6, 109, 7 and 8) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 37, to leave out the word " any " and insert the word " all ", instead thereof.—(Margaret Beckett.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 12, to leave out the word " larger ".—(Margaret Beckett.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

" (6) Leave out section 7(1) to that Act and insert—

'(1) Statutory Sick Pay shall be payable by an employer at the weekly rate of—

(a) £54.80, in a case where the employee's normal weekly earnings under his contract of service with that employer are not less than £68;

(b) £46 in a case where those earnings are less than £68, but not less than £50.50;

(c) £37 in any other case .'")—(Margaret Beckett.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 27, to leave out Clause No. 10.—(Margaret Beckett.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 18, 129, 130, 20, 21, 131, 136 to 144, 161, 22 and 23) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Miscellaneous amendments relating to statutory sick pay)—(Mr. Tony Newton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 25 to 28, 34, 36 and 37) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 38, after the word " widow ", to insert the words " and of any other contingent beneficiary who can be identified at the time the policy is effected ".—(Margaret Beckett.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 41 to 43, 154 to 156, 110 to 115, 157, 116, 158, 117 to 124, 159, 132, 133, 160, 125, 145 to 148, 126, 48, 49 and 149 to 151) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 50) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

" (7) A member who has exercised an option as in sub-paragraph (2)(b) above can subsequently require the insurance company or friendly society to provide the then cash equivalent of the annuity purchased to be reapplied as in sub-paragraph (1) above ”.—(Margaret Beckett.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 152) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, line 8, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) Regulations shall provide that the cash equivalent mentioned in paragraph 10(1) shall not be less than the aggregate—

(a) of the contributions under the scheme paid by a member or on his behalf; and

(b) of any investment yield and bonuses which have arisen out of those contributions ".—(Mr. Tim Smith.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 127, 53 to 64, 128 and 65 to 80) 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 Social Security Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)
Social Security Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Social Security Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 81 to 93, 162, 163, 167, 164, 94, 165, 95, 96, 134, 168 to 170, 153, 97 to 99, 166, 135 and 100 to 106) made to the Bill.

Title amended, as follows: A Bill to amend the law relating to occupational pensions, social security and statutory sick pay; to empower the Secretary of State to extend the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation Act) 1979; to make provision for pensions and gratuities for members of the Horserace Totalisator Board, the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Gaming Board for Great Britain; and for connected purposes.

Mr. Secretary Fowler, 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 it shall think fit.

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

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

Social Services,—Ordered, That Mr. James Couchman and Mr. Tony Lloyd be discharged from the Social Services Committee and Mr. Tony Fowell and Mr. Terry Patchett be added.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Education, Science and Arts,—Ordered, That Mr. Terry Lewis and Mr. George Walden be discharged from the Education, Science and Arts Committee and Mr. Malcolm Thornton and Mr. Jack Thompson be added.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Trade and Industry,—Ordered, That Mr. Teddy Taylor be discharged from the Trade and Industry Committee and Mr. Barry Porter be added.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Agriculture,—Ordered, That Mrs. Marion Roe be discharged from the Agriculture Committee and Mr. Andrew Hunter be added.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Environment,—Ordered, That Mr. Reg Freeson and Mr. Julian Critchley be discharged from the Environment Committee and Mr. Peter Pike and Mr. Andrew Mackay be added.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Clare Short be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Mr. Tony Lloyd be added.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Energy,—Ordered, That Mr. Michael Morris be discharged from the Energy Committee and Mr. Geoffrey Dickens be added.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council against the Transport 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. Ian Lang.)

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 18th April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity (Scotland).—Five Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th March 1985 on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].
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, 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd April 1985, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 375) [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Rules, dated 2nd April 1985, entitled the Police (Appeals) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 376) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 5, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 3rd December 1984 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1983-84 delivery period [by Command] [Cmnd. 9475].

European Communities (No. 6, 1985),—Copy of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 5th July 1984 relating to Point 2 of the Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland on trade in sheepmeat and goatmeat [by Command] [Cmnd. 9476].

European Communities (No. 7, 1985),—Copy of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 5th July 1984 relating to Point 2 of the Arrangement in the form of Letters exchanged between the European Economic Community and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay on trade in mutton and lamb [by Command] [Cmnd. 9477].

European Communities (No. 8, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 3rd December 1984 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar in the 1984-85 delivery period [by Command] [Cmnd. 9478].

Treaty Series (No. 16, 1985),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Cairo on 21st January 1985 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt regarding the use of British capital untransferable accounts in Egypt [by Command] [Cmnd. 9479].

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 Sir Bernard Braine (nominated in respect of the Surrogacy Arrangements Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Patrick Thompson.

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Secretary Brittan and Mr. Richard Caborn (nominated in respect of the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Mellor and Mr. Martin Redmond.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Andrew F. Bennett and Mr. Richard Holt (nominated in respect of the draft Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Barry Sheerman and Mr. Michael Stern.

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. Michael Knowles (nominated in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Compensation for Restrictions on Mineral Working) Regulations 1985); and had appointed in substitution Dr. Ian Twinn.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Christopher Hawkins (nominated in respect of the Community Health Councils Regulations 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Townend.
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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Deputy Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Surrogacy Arrangements Bill;
(2) Mr. Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Gaming (Bingo) Bill;
(3) Mr. Michael Morris Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords];
(4) Mr. John Hunt Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Industrial Development Bill [Lords];
(5) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1985;
(6) Mr. David Knox Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1985 and the draft Eumetsat (Legal Capacities) Order 1985;
(7) Sir Philip Holland Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Compensation for Restrictions on Mineral Working) Regulations 1985;
(8) Sir Michael Shaw Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 1985; and
(9) Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Community Health Councils Regulations 1985.

[No. 100.]

Friday 19th April 1985.

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

Mr. Speaker's Absence.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting.

Whereupon Mr. Harold Walker, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table a 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.:

Greater Manchester Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Council of the City of Manchester against the Transport Bill was presented and read: and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Charter Trustees Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Charter Trustees Bill, not 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.

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 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.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 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.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Solicitors (Independent Complaints Procedure) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors (Independent Complaints Procedure) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 3rd May.

Minimum Wages Etc. Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Minimum Wages Etc. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 3rd May.

Northern Ireland (Termination of Jurisdiction) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Termination of Jurisdiction) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 3rd May.

Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 26th April.

Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 26th April.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 26th April.
Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Schedule 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.

Political Parties (Income and Expenditure) Bill.—The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Political Parties (Income and Expenditure) Bill;

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 23rd April, 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.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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 being then four minutes past Three o'clock, till Monday 22nd April.

[Adjourned at 3.4 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 19th April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 25th March 1985, and
(2) 29th March 1985
on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copies of Orders, dated 14th March 1985—
(1) amending the rates of pay, allowances and pensions of the Royal Air Force, and
(2) amending the rate of Falkland Islands Additional Pay of the Royal Air Force [by Act].

Defence (Royal Air Force Reserve),—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1985, amending the Regulations for the Royal Air Force Reserve (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Defence (Royal Auxiliary Air Force),—Copy of an Order dated 14th March 1985, amending the Regulations for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force (Third Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th April 1985, entitled the Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 577) [by Act].
Monday 22nd April 1985.

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

Mr. Speaker's Absence.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting.

Whereupon Mr. Harold Walker, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Greater London Council (Money) Bill, referred after the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with.

Bill to be read a second time.

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).

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 22nd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 344-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 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 (Eighth Report) [The 1985 Budget]

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 306].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 306].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Local Government (Choice of Electoral Systems) Bill [Lords],—The Local Government (Choice of Electoral Systems) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 17th May and to be printed [Bill 130].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—The Order made on 17th April, That the Third Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1984-85, be printed, was read and discharged.

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).

Dismantling of the Welfare State,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls upon the Government to withdraw its plans to abolish the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme and its proposals to cut back other key benefits as part of its callous dismantling of the welfare state designed to provide even bigger tax hand-outs for 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 "notes the Government's commitment to improving the social security and health care systems in this country as shown by increased spending on the National Health Service and increased benefit levels for pensioners and others; supports the Government's aim of reducing the burden of taxation and National Insurance contributions especially for the lower paid;"
notes the Opposition's plans to end mortgage tax relief and increase income tax and National Insurance contributions; and congratulates the Government on having set in hand the most thorough review of the social security system for 40 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. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 167.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert: 276.

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. Ian Lang, Mr. Tony Durant: 274.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 184.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes the Government's commitment to improving the social security and health care systems in this country as shown by increased spending on the National Health Service and increased benefit levels for pensioners and others; supports the Government's aim of reducing the burden of taxation and National Insurance contributions especially for the lower paid; notes the Opposition's plans to end mortgage tax relief and increase income tax and National Insurance contributions; and congratulates the Government on having set in hand the most thorough review of the social security system for 40 years.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from East Lothian District Council against the Transport 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. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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 I

Monday 22nd April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Gas,—Two Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 25th March 1985 on borrowing by the British Gas Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Weights and Measures,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Weights and Measures (Liquid Fuel carried by Road Tanker) Order 1985 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Petitions [11th March] from Annie MacDougall and residents of Inverclyde and district against limited list prescribing, and [18th March] from patients in Crindon for the annulment of the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 [by Standing Order]; to be printed.
National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: financial performance of Covent Garden Market Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 342].

Paper withdrawn:
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Third Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1984-85 [laid 17th April].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection
Standing Committee E,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Bryan Gould (nominated in respect of the Industrial Development Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Geoffrey Robinson.
MEMORANDUM
Mondon 22nd April 1985

Chairman of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Deputy Speaker appointed Mr. Ted Leadbitter an additional Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords].

[No. 102]

Tuesday 23rd April 1985.

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

Mr. Speaker's Absence,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting.

Whereupon Mr. Harold Walker, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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

Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

Harrogate Stray Bill,—Mr. Jack Thompson reported from the Committee on the Harrogate Stray 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 had altered certain provisions of the Bill for the protection of the Petitioners Gordon Liddle, David Liddle, Malcolm Swires, Elizabeth Swires and John Walmsley and was unanimously of opinion that they had been unreasonably subjected to expense in defending their rights proposed to be interfered with by the Bill, and were entitled to recover from the Promoters of such Bill, viz., the Council of the Borough of Harrogate, thirty per cent of their costs in relation thereto; and had 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.

Procedure,—Sir Peter Emery reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, 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) [Public Bill Procedure].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 49].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 49].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Industrial Development Bill [Lords],—Mr. John Hunt reported from Standing Committee E, that it had gone through the Industrial Development Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 132].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 35].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 432), referred to a Committee on 16th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 346].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College; to transfer to the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College all rights, properties, assets and liabilities of the Royal Holloway College and Bedford College and to dissolve those colleges; to enact provisions with regard to the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House (Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords]).

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords].—The Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Building (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 488) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Housing (Limits of Rateable Value for Improvement Grants and Repairs Grants) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 297) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Protected Tenancies and Part VII Contracts (Rateable Value Limits) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 314) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Lancashire.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in Bill to make further provision regarding local government services in Lancashire (Mr. Jack Straw);

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. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. John Golding: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Aitkins, Mr. Ken Hargreaves: 155.

So the Question was negatived.

Opposition day [3rd 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).

Trade Union Ballots.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls upon the Government immediately to amend the Trade Union Act 1984 to ensure that, unless absolutely impossible in a particular case, all strike ballots, political fund ballots and elections for trade union executive committees are held on the basis of full secret postal voting conducted by independent returning officers and scrutineers so as to minimise the risk of abuse—(Dr. David Owen);

And 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 success of the Government's step-by-step approach to the reform of industrial relations law and to the strengthening of rights of individual trade union members; welcomes the new and stringent provisions of the Trade Union Act 1984 concerning secret ballots before strike action, for trade union elections and for the maintenance of political funds; notes the fundamental change in trade union attitudes and practices now taking place; welcomes in particular the increasing interest and involvement of trade union members in the conduct of their unions' affairs; and congratulates the Government on making the achievement of greater democracy in trade unions a central objective of its industrial relations policy', 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. John Cartwright, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 25.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 374.

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. Ian Lang: 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 167.
So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved. That this House welcomes the success of the Government’s step-by-step approach to the reform of the industrial relations law and to the strengthening of rights of individual trade union members; welcomes the new and stringent provisions of the Trade Union Act 1984 concerning secret ballots before strike action, for trade union elections and for the maintenance of political funds; notes the fundamental change in trade union attitudes and practices now taking place; welcomes in particular the increasing interest and involvement of trade union members in the conduct of their unions’ affairs; and congratulates the Government on making the achievement of greater democracy in trade unions a central objective of its industrial relations policy.

Ports (Finance) Bill.—The Ports (Finance) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Commitment of bills).

Ports (Finance) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Ports (Finance) Bill [Money];

Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Ports (Finance) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Secretary of State for making grants (not in the aggregate exceeding £40 million) to the National Dock Labour Board in respect of costs incurred by the Board for the purpose of reducing the number of registered dock workers; and

(b) any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys or into the Consolidated Fund which is attributable to increasing the limit in section 1(3) of the Ports (Financial Assistance) Act 1981 from £360 million to £500 million.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved. That the draft Foreign Limitation Periods (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 2nd April, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Water and Sewerage Services (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 27th March, be approved—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 94.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. Cecil Walker, Mr. William Ross: 6.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Water and Sewerage Services (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 27th March, be approved

Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Family Law (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. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for an effective United Nations Convention against torture was presented 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 against the Transport 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. Robert Boscawen.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.50 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 23rd April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Technology, Growth and Employment,—Report on the Environment by the Technology, Growth and Employment Working Group [by Command] [Cmnd. 9500].

Mr. John Moore:

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th March 1985 on borrowing by the Cwmbran Development Corporation [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 9, 1985),—Copy of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 9th August 1984 relevant to Point 2 of the Letters exchanged comprising an Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of Hungary on trade in mutton, lamb and goatmeat [by Command] [Cmnd. 9481].

Miscellaneous (No. 2, 1985),—Copy of a Procès-Verbal of Rectification, signed at Berne on 17th October 1984, to a Convention for the establishment of a European organisation for the exploitation of metrological satellites (Eumetsat) signed at Geneva on 24th May 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9483].


Treaty Series (No. 84, 1984),—Copy of the Index to Treaty Series 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9480].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Housing (Scotland),—Draft of an Order, entitled the Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1985 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Education,—Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the academic validation of degree courses in public sector higher education [by Command] [Cmnd. 9501].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence,—Copy of a Statement of the financial position of the Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Associations on 31st March 1984 [by Command].


Mr. Secretary King:


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films,—Copy of the Report of the Cinematograph Films Council for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 325].

Mr. John Biffen:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 17th April 1985, entitled—

(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Naval Assistants) Order 1985, and
(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Non-effective Benefits and Family Pensions) (Amendment) Order 1985 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Deputy Speaker:

Journals,—General Index to the Journals of the House of Commons, commencing with Volume 226 (1970-71) and ending with Volume 236 (1979-80); to be printed.

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

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: incorporation of the Royal Ordnance Factories [by Act]; to be printed [No. 343].
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. Colin Moynihan (nominated in respect of the Surrogacy Arrangements Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Patten.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Kenneth Hind (nominated in respect of the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Patrick Nicholls.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Ms Harriet Harman (nominated in respect of the Community Health Councils Regulations 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Frank Dobson.

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 23rd April 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Deputy Speaker allocated:

(1) the Ports (Finance) Bill to Standing Committee G;

(2) the Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee;

(3) the Housing (Limits of Rateable Value for Improvement Grants and Repairs Grants) (Scotland) Order 1985 and the Protected Tenancies and Part VII Contracts (Rateable Value Limits) (Scotland) Order 1985 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(4) the Building (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1985 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Deputy Speaker appointed Mr. John Hunt an additional Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords].

[No. 103.]

Wednesday 24th April 1985.

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

Mr. Speaker's Absence,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting.

Whereupon Mr. Harold Walker, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Alexandra Park and Palace Bill,—The Alexandra Park and Palace Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Greater Manchester Bill [Lords],—The Greater Manchester Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

Scarborough Borough Council 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 Scarborough Borough Council 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; 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.

Streatham Park Cemetery 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 Streatham Park Cemetery 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; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to authorise The Great Southern Cemetery and Crematorium Company Limited to sell or develop certain lands forming part of Streatham Park Cemetery belonging to the said Company free from restrictions; and for other purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, 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 (Eighteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-xviii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xviii].

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) [Famine in Africa].

Report, together with Appendices and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 56].

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

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 24th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 355-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 24th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 328-i].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier 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 the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [HM Treasury's consultation proposals for legislation in respect of the Nationalised Industries].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 354].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 354].

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 24th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 338-ii].

Gaming (Bingo) Bill,—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Gaming (Bingo) Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 347].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1985, referred to a Committee on 1st April.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 351].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Town and Country Planning (Compensation for Restrictions on Mineral Working) Regulations 1985, referred to a Committee on 15th April.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 348].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Community Health Councils Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 304), refered to a Committee on 16th April.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 352].

People’s Right to Fuel Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the People’s Right to Fuel Bill was read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 17th May.

Budget Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Budget Bill was read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 17th May.

Avon,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for local government services in Avon—(Mr. Robin Corbett);
And the Motion being oposed, 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. Frank Haynes, Mr. John McWilliam : 95.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jack Aspinwall, Mr. Robert Hayward : 166.
So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Michael Neubert);
The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Insurance (Fees) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Insurance (Fees) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bradford North against the Transport 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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-eight minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 24th April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
New Towns (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 29th March 1985 on borrowing by the Cumbernauld Development Corporation, and
(2) 15th April 1985 on borrowing by the East Kilbride Development Corporation
[by Act].

Welsh Development Agency.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th March 1985 on borrowing by the Welsh Development Agency [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
University Grants Committee.—Copy of the Survey of the University Grants Committee for the academic year 1983-84 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9489].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:
Defence.—Government Response to the Report of the Study Group on Censorship on the protection of military information [by Command] [Cmnd. 9499].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th April 1985, entitled the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 600) [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 the Commissioners of Irish Lights, and
(3) local navigational aids by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses [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 Investments Account Fund for 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 350].

Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Account of the Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 349].

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. Reg Freeson (nominated in respect of the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Welsh.

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 Ports (Finance) Bill, viz.: Mr. David Alton, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mrs. Ann Clywd, Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. David Evennett, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Roger Gale, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Robert Harvey, Mr. Robert Haywood, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. David Mitchell, Mrs. Marion Roe, Clare Short, Mr. Michael Stern, Mr. Roger Stott, and Mr. Donald Thompson.

First Scottish Standing Committee.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Denis Canavan, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. John MacKay, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. John
Maxton, Sir Hector Munro, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Mr. Bill Wilker.

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 Housing (Limits of Rateable Value for Improvement Grants and Repairs Grants) (Scotland) Order 1985 and the Protected Tenancies and Part VII Contracts (Rateable Value Limits) (Scotland) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Craigen, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Sir Hector Munro, and Mr. Bill Walker.

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 Building (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1985, viz.: Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Terry Fields, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Patrick Ground, Mr. Christopher Hawkins, Mr. Warren Hawksley, Mr. Richard Holt, Mr. Michael Howard, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Jack Thompson, and Sir George Young.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 24th April 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Deputy Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr. John Forrester Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Ports (Finance) Bill;

(3) Mr. Hugh McCartney and Mr. Ian Campbell Chairmen of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; and

(4) Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords].

[No. 104.]  


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

Mr. Speaker's Absence,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting.

Whereupon Mr. Harold Walker, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 2nd May.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 2nd May.

Lincoln City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 2nd May.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 2nd May.

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

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him 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. 340-i].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Surrogacy Arrangements Bill,—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Surrogacy Arrangements 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. 357].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. David Knox reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1985 and the draft Eumetsat (Legal Capacities) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 15th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 356].

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 United Kingdom to ratify two international Conventions relating respectively to the civil aspects of international child abduction and to the recognition and enforcement of custody decisions ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend article 3 of the Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords].—The Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 133].

Recreational Gardening Bill [Lords].—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Recreational Gardening Bill [Lords] was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 3rd May.

Coal Industry Bill,—Mr. Secretary Walker, supported by Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Alrick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. David Hunt, and Mr. Alastair Goodlad, 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 new provision for grants by the Secretary of State to the National Coal Board in respect of group deficits and further provision with respect to certain grants and payments by the Secretary of State under the Coal Industry 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 131].

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 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.

Friday 26th April 1985

And it being Twelve o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Order this day.

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 (Assisted Places) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 20th March, be approved—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Town and Country Planning.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Town and County Planning (Compensation for Restrictions on Mineral Working) Regulations 1985, dated 26th March 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th March, be approved—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Huddersfield against the Transport 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. Robert Boscawen.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourmed at 12.28 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 25th April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 17, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement, done at Brasilia on 31st December 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil amending the United Kingdom/Brazil Loan Agreement 1973 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9484].

Treaty Series (No. 18, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 5th February 1985, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Togo on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9486].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Scottish Local Government Financial Statistics for the year ended 31st March 1982 [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 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 288].

Mr. John Biffen:


Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th April 1985, entitled the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 610) [by Act].

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


Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Third Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1984-85 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 324].
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. Bob Clay, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Terry Fields, and Mr. Brian Sedgemore (nominated in respect of the Building (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Alfred Morris, and Mr. Robert N. Wareing.

[No. 1053]

Friday 26th April 1985.

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

Mr. Speaker's Absence.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting.

Whereupon Mr. Harold Walker, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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

Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, to leave out from the word "law" to the end of line 14 and insert the words "no person who drives a motorcycle shall be guilty of an offence if carrying a passenger who is committing a contravention, if it can be shown that a suitable crash helmet was made available for the passenger to wear at the time", instead thereof.—(Sir John Farr.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 14, to leave out the words "a child under the age of fourteen years" and insert the words "under the age of 21 years", instead thereof.—(Sir John Farr.)

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

Amendment (No. 4) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Further duties of agriculture Ministers with respect to the countryside)—(Dr. David Clark) brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 6, to leave out the word "three" and insert the word "six", instead thereof.—(Sir John Farr.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

"(1D) At least six months before such consultation takes place the Commission shall have prepared a list of the bodies it proposes to consult and shall have such list available for public inspection."—(Sir John Farr.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 12 and 17) made to the Bill.


The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Gaming (Bingo) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Gaming (Bingo) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Official Secrets Act (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Official Secrets Act (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 14th June.

Social Security (Cold Climate Allowance) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security (Cold Climate Allowance) Bill;

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 3rd May.

Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 3rd May.

Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 3rd May.

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 29th April.

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 26th April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Consumer Credit,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 17th April 1985, entitled the Consumer Credit (Exempt Advertisements) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 621),

(2) an Order, dated 17th April 1985, entitled the Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 620),

(3) Regulations, dated 17th April 1985, entitled the Consumer Credit (Advertisements and Quotations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 619), and


Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th April 1985, entitled the Community Road Transport Rules (Exemptions) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 615) [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, 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 29th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-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 had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twelfth Report) [The British Oxygen Company and the National Health Service].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 67].

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

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 29th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 360-i].

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures (Liquid Fuel carried by Road Tanker) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Major.)

Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of the Welsh economy, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. John Major.)

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

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “That” to the end of the Question and add the words “this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which fails to face the real problems of the United Kingdom economy, increases the burden of taxation without providing adequate relief for the lowest paid or desperately needed help to pensioners, the sick and families, and is the product of a Budget which was misleadingly described by the Chancellor of the Exchequer as primarily intended to reduce unemployment”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Roy Hattersley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. John McWilliam: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Ian Lang: 278.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 (Amendments on second or third reading):—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22 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 it had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee.—(Mr. John Moore.)

Committee to-morrow.
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 Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved—(Mr. Archie Hamilton):—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 Eumetsat (Legal Capacities) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved—(Mr. Archie Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the matter of the Welsh economy, the Welsh Grand Committee have leave to sit twice on the first day on which 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. Archie Hamilton.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituencies of Doncaster North, Doncaster Central and Don Valley against the importation of primates for the purpose of experimental research 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-two minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.38 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 29th April 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Statement by the Minister for Health concerning a guarantee in respect of a loan for the refurbishment of the premises of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting [by Command] [Cmnd. 9505].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Road Traffic and Vehicles,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th April 1985, entitled the Road Traffic Accidents (Payments for Treatment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R.(N.I.), 1985, No. 83) [by Act].

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

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Independent Broadcasting Authority: additional payments by programme contractors [by Act]; to be printed [No. 358].

Tuesday 30th April 1985

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 a 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.:

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill.

Bill committed.

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Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable)—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a 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.:

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

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

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

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 (Nineteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xxvii].

Liaison,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Liaison 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) [The Select Committee System].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 363].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 363].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords].—Mr. Michael Morris reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 136].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 362].

Ports (Finance) Bill,—Mr. John Forrester reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Ports (Finance) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 361].

Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords].—Mr. Michael Shersby reported from Standing Committee H, That it had gone through the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords], 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. 364].

Companies (Procedure) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Companies (Procedure) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 17th May.

Greater Employee Involvement,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote and stimulate greater employee involvement at the place of work: And that Mr. Tony Baldry, Mr. Ted Garrett, Mr. Michael Howard, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Merlyn Rees, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, do prepare and bring it in.

Greater Employee Involvement Bill,—Mr. Tony Baldry accordingly presented a Bill to promote and stimulate greater employee involvement at the place of work: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 135].

Insolvency Bill [Lords].—The Insolvency 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).
Insolvency Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Insolvency Bill [Lords] [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Insolvency Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required by a Government department for defraying expenses incurred under or in consequence of that Act;
(b) the payment out of such money or out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment;
(c) the payment of any sums into that Fund.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Films Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Films Bill.

The Lords Amendment was disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment.—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

Ordered, That Mr. Alex Fletcher, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Michael Neubert, and Dr. Roger Thomas, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Films Bill.—Mr. Norman Lamont reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment to the Films 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 infringe the sole and undoubted right of the Commons to impose taxation, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendment.

Industrial Development Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Industrial Development Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.16 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 30th April 1985

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity.—Two Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 17th April 1985 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].
Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 13, 1985),—Copy of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th December 1984 between the European Economic Community and the Government of Canada amending the concession with regard to the Community tariff quota opened under GATT for newsprint falling under Subheading No. 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff [by Command] [Cmnd. 9495].

European Communities (No. 14, 1985),—Copy of an Arrangement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 14th November 1984 between the European Economic Community and the Government of Canada on the establishment of a scientific observation programme in the regulatory area of the NAFO Convention [by Command] [Cmnd. 9496].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 15th April 1985, entitled the Sheriff Courts (Civil Jurisdiction and Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1963 (Interim Aliment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 626) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:


Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th April 1985, entitled the Housing Benefits Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 677) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Fair Trading,—Copy of the Report of the Director General of Fair Trading for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 327].

Mr. John Biffen:


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. Christopher Hawkins, Mr. Richard Holt, and Mr. Michael Knowles (nominated in respect of the Building (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Andrew McKay, Mr. Paul Marland, and Mr. Tony Marlow.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 30th April 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

(1) the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22) to Standing Committee B;

(2) the Insolvency Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee E; and

(3) the Weights and Measures (Liquid Fuel carried by Road Tanker) Order 1985 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 108.]

Wednesday 1st May 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Glensanda 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 Glensanda Harbour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 7th May and to be printed [Bill 134].
Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (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 1st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-i].

Employment.—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 254-ii].

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 May.

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

Environment.—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment 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. 367-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 1st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 328-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 1st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 303-iii].

Transport.—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier 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. 338-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 1st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 369-i].

Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords].—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 10th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 365].

Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords].—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Enduring Powers of Attorney 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 Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords] ought to be read a second time.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 366].

Commercial Rate Limitation (Scotland).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Secretary of State for Scotland to set a ceiling on increases in rateable value imposed by assessors on commercial premises in the course of revaluations in Scotland; to make emergency powers available in the short term to provide assistance to those commercial ratepayers whose commercial viability is threatened by rate cost increases of more than 25 per cent. as a direct result of revaluation; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Robert Maclemann, Mr. David Steel, and Mr. James Wallace, do prepare and bring it in.

Commercial Rate Limitation (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Archy Kirkwood accordingly presented a Bill to empower the Secretary of State for Scotland to set a ceiling on increases in rateable value imposed by assessors on commercial premises in the course of revaluations in Scotland; to make emergency powers available in the short term to provide assistance to those commercial ratepayers whose commercial viability is threatened by rate cost increases of more than 25 per cent. as a direct result of revaluation; and for
connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 138].

Public Accounts,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Twenty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts in the last Session of Parliament on Financial Assistance to De Lorean Motor Cars Limited (House of Commons Paper No. 127 of Session 1983-84) and of the Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memoranda on that Report (Cmd. 9374 and House of Commons Paper No. 199 of Session 1984-85).—(Mr. John Major.)

Coal Industry Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Industry Bill;

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

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 may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Comittal 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—

Deficit grants

1.—(1) Grants to the National Coal Board out of money provided by Parliament being grants for reducing or eliminating—

(a) any outstanding group deficit for the financial year of the Board ending in March 1985; and

(b) any group deficit for the financial year of the Board ending in March 1986 and 1987.

(2) In this paragraph “group deficit” means, in relation to a financial year of the Board, any deficit shown in any consolidated profit and loss account of the Board and any of their subsidiaries prepared by the Board in accordance with a direction given by the Secretary of State in respect of that year under section 8(1) of the Coal Industry Act 1971.

(3) The aggregate of the grants authorised by sub-paragraph (1)(a) above shall not exceed £1,200 million.

(4) The aggregate of the grants authorised by sub-paragraph (1)(b) above shall be subject to a limit of £600 million, capable of being increased by order to not more than £800 million; and that limit (as it applies for the time being) may be treated as increased by any amount by which the aggregate amount expended by way of grants authorised by sub-paragraph (1)(a) above falls short of the limit mentioned in sub-paragraph (3) above after reaching an amount equal to the amount of any such outstanding group deficit as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a) above.

Grants in connection with pit closures

2. Any increase in payment 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 year of the Board ending in March 1987; and

(b) providing power by order to increase the limit under subsection (5) of that section on the aggregate amount of such grants to £450 million.

Redundant workers

3. 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 or in respect of redundant workers) until 29th March 1987;
(b) extending the period to which the limit under subsection (5) of that section on the aggregate amount of such payments applies to cover the financial year of the Board ending in March 1987; and
(c) providing power by order to increase that limit to £1,800 million.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Council of the Borough of Darlington against the Transport 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. Archie Hamilton);
And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Wednesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half a hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eight minutes past Two o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.8 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 1st May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Water,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 15th April 1985 on borrowing by the Yorkshire Water Authority,
(2) 17th April 1985 on borrowing by the Welsh Water Authority, and
(3) 19th April 1985 on borrowing by the Northumbrian Water Authority
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th April 1985, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 641) [by Act].

Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th April 1985, entitled the Fire Blight Disease (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 637) [by Act].

Solicitors (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Lay Observer for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 326].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:
Defence,—Statement on the Defence Estimates 1985 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9430].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Forty Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22), viz. : Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Graham Bright, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Tim Eggar, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Roger Freeman, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. John Major, Mr. John Maples, Dr. John Marek, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. William Powell, Mr. Stuart Randall, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Tom Sackville, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Michael Stern, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. John Ward, Mr. John Watts, Mr. Timothy Wood, and Mr. Tim Yeo.

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 Insolvency Bill [Lords], viz. : Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Francis Maude, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Peter Thornham, Mr. Richard Tracey, Mr. David Trippier, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. Gary Waller, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.
Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Mr. Tony Durant as an additional Member to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Welsh economy.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Michael Howard (nominated in respect of the Building (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1985); and had nominated Mr. John Hannam.

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 Weights and Measures (Liquid Fuel carried by Road Tanker) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Ray Ellis, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Dr. Brian Mawhinney, Mr. Piers Merchant, Mr. Bill Michie, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Richard Needham, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Steve Norris, Mr. Philip Oppenheim, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, Mr. Tom Pendry, and Mr. Mark Robinson.

MEMORANDUM
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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. James Lamond Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Charities Bill [Lords];
(2) Sir Michael Shaw Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Insolvency Bill [Lords];
(3) Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Welsh economy;
(4) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Building (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1985; and
(5) Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures (Liquid Fuel carried by Road Tanker) Order 1985.

[No. 109.]

Thursday 2nd May 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 13th May at Seven o'clock.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 9th May.

Lincoln City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 9th May.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 9th May.

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 agreed to a Special Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report) [HM Treasury’s Consultation Proposals for Legislation in respect of the Nationalised Industries].
Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 372].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 372].

Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Ian Campbell reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, that it had gone through the Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

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. 371].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision for the administration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Superannuation Fund; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill [Lords].

Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill [Lords].—The Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords].—The Order for considering, upon Friday 10th May, the Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords], was read and discharged.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 17th May.

Planning Authorities (Restriction of Liability) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Planning Authorities (Restriction of Liability) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July.

Oil and Pipelines Bill.—Mr. Secretary Walker, supported by Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, and Mr. David Hunt, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment and functions of a body corporate to be called the Oil and Pipelines Agency, for the vesting in that Agency of the property, rights and liabilities of the British National Oil Corporation and for the subsequent dissolution of that Corporation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 139].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Money] (No. 2).—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Secretary of State in paying fees or other amounts to the Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936 taken from the extra-parliamentary panel in respect of their duties under the said Act of 1936.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Amendment of enactments relating to solicitors)—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to pay extra-parliamentary Commissioners for service on inquiries under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936)—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Places for the care of drunken persons)—(Mr. John Maxton)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Police Complaints Panel)—(Mr. John Maxton)—brought up, and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Restriction on sale of alcohol in vicinity of sporting events)—(Mr. John Maxton)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Recording of questioning at police stations)—(Mr. John Maxton)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Committee to look into problems of young offenders)—(Mr. Martin O'Neill)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Malicious contamination or alleged malicious contamination of food)—(Mr. Michael Shersby)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Award of expenses where defendant acquitted or prosecution not proceeded with)—(Dame Judith Hart)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Breach of the peace (child molestation)—(Mr. Malcolm Bruce)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Interim detention in places of safety of a child, beyond the control of his parent)—(Mr. James Wallace)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

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 Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Membership of the Sheriff Court Rules Council)—(Mr. James Wallace)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 11) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 25, at the end, to insert the words—

"(6A) In section 15(3) of that Act there shall be added at the end the following ' even if there are no grounds for believing that a criminal offence as such has been committed ';"—(Mr. Donald Dewar.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 14 and 15) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 38, at the end, to insert the words " and which are raised initially by the pursuer under the small claims proceedings or have been subject to a direction under section 37(2C) of this Act ";—(Mr. Donald Dewar.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 17, 19, 21 to 26, 28 to 37, 39, 41, 43 and 47 to 52) made to the Bill.
A Schedule (Amendments of Legal Aid and Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1949 and Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980)—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 54 to 56) made to the Bill.

And a Motion being made, That the 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 it shall think fit.

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

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

Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Enduring Powers of Attorney 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).

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Southwark and Bermondsey for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Halesowen and Dudley against the Transport 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. Ian Lang.)

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

Thursday 2nd May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Iron and Steel.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 17th April 1985 on borrowing by the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 10, 1985).—Copy of a Protocol, done at Brussels on 24th July 1984, on the privileges of the European Foundation [by Command] [Cmnd. 9491].

European Communities (No. 11, 1985).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 21st November 1984, between the European Economic Community and Barbados, Belize, the People's Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of the Ivory Coast, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, Mauritius, St. Christopher and Nevis, 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 1984/85 delivery period [by Command] [Cmnd. 9492].

European Communities (No. 12, 1985).—Copy of the Third Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 18th December 1984, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel [by Command] [Cmnd. 9493].

Treaty Series (No. 19, 1985).—Copy of a Treaty, done at Brussels on 13th March 1984 amending, with regard to Greenland, the Treaties establishing the European Communities with a Protocol [by Command] [Cmnd. 9490].
Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland).—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th April 1985, entitled—

(1) the Central Institutions (Recognition) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 678), and

(2) the Glasgow College of Technology Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 679) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on the proposal for a draft Credit Unions (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 [by Act].

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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Petition [21st March] from Hatton Senior Citizens Club against the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

[No. 110.]

Friday 3rd May 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom against the Unborn Children (Protection) 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the North West of England against the Unborn Children (Protection) 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 against the Unborn Children (Protection) 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 Shipley against the Transport 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 Strangford for a ban on experiments with living embryos was presented 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 against the Transport Bill 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 I).

Agriculture.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture 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. 340-iii].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 17th May and to be printed [Bill 142].
Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 14, to leave out the word "seven" and insert the word "ten", instead thereof.—(Mr. Ian Mikardo.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. W. W. Hamilton: 50.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Peter Thurnham: 108.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 15, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Tony Banks.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 6, after the word "person" to insert the words "or by another person authorised by him so to do."—(Mr. Ian Mikardo.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Unborn Children (Protection) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, after the word "shall", to insert the word "knowingly".—(Mr. Leo Abse.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Mr. J. Enoch Powell rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Peter Bruinvels and Mr. Neil Hamilton were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. W. W. Hamilton: 82.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Peter Bruinvels: 157.

And it being after half-past Two o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Solicitors (Independent Complaints Procedure) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors (Independent Complaints Procedure) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 17th May.

Minimum Wages Etc. Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Minimum Wages Etc. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 10th May.

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

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

Horses and Ponies Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Horses and Ponies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 10th May.

Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 10th May.
Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 10th May.

Energy.—Ordered, That Mr. Gerald Malone be discharged from the Energy Committee and Mr. Spencer Batiste be added.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Transport.—Ordered, That Mr. Harry Cowans be discharged from the Transport Committee and Mr. David Marshall be added.—(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 twenty-one minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 7th May, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 26th March.

[Adjourned at 3.21 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday, 3rd May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr John Moore:

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 23rd April 1985 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Mr Secretary Heseltine:

Government Trading Funds,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Royal Ordnance Factories Trading Fund (Revocation and Repeal) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr John Biffen:

Opticians,—Copy of an Order of Council, dated 25th April 1985, entitled the General Optical Council (Membership) Order of Council 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 664) [by Act].

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

National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) the Department of Health and Social Security and the Department of Employment: unemployment benefit service, and

(2) the National Health Service; hospital based medical manpower [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 374 and 373].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Clive Soley (nominated in respect of the Charities Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk.
Tuesday 7th May 1985.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock

PRAYERS.

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Glensanda Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Glensanda Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. 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 (Twentieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xxviii].

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 7th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-xii].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 7th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 358-xiv].

Transport Bill,—Sir John Wells reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Transport Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 141].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 377].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Building (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 488), referred to a Committee on 23rd April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 375].

Abolition of Forth and Tay Road Bridge Tolls,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish tolls on the Forth and Tay Road Bridges: And that Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. David Marshall, and Mr. Robert Hughes, do prepare and bring it in.

Abolition of Forth and Tay Road Bridge Tolls Bill,—Mr. Gordon Brown accordingly presented a Bill to abolish tolls on the Forth and Tay Road Bridges: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 143].

Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22),—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22).

(Ordered, That the order in which proceedings in Committee of the whole House on the Finance Bill are to be taken shall be Clause No. 3, Clause No. 10, Clause No. 35, Clause No. 40, Clause No. 54, Schedule No. 12, Clause No. 64, Schedule No. 16, Clause No. 87 and Schedule No. 22.—(Mr. Peter Rees).)
Clause No. 3 (Hydrocarbon oil).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Michael Neubert: 220.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John Maxton: 119.
Clause No. 10 (Newspaper advertisements).
Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 5, line 16, at the beginning, to insert the words "Save in so far as Schedule 5 to the principal Act applies to the classified advertisements concerning births, marriages and deaths".—(Mr. Tony Blair.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 111.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 202.
Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 5, line 16, at the beginning, to insert the words "Save where advertisements concern employment".—(Mr. Tony Blair.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 5, line 16, at the beginning, to insert the words "Save in so far as Schedule 5 to the principal Act concerns value added tax on advertisements by charities".—(Mr. Tony Blair.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 119.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert: 220.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 35 (Personal reliefs).
Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 34, line 2, to leave out "£4,255" and insert "£4,475".—(Dr. Oonagh McDonald.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

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Question put and agreed to.
Clause No. 40 agreed to.
Clause No. 54 (Election for certain machinery or plant to be treated as short-life assets).
Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 51, line 19, to leave out the word "fourth" and insert the word "fifth".—(Mr. Richard Wainwright.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Schedule No. 12 agreed to.
To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. John Moore.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd 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 the County Council of Durham against the Transport 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 Burton for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mitcham and Morden against the closure of the heart unit at Guy's Hospital 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 the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Tuesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then six minutes to Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.54 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 7th May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Police,—Copy of the Report of the Police Complaints Board for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 359].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 3, 1985).—Copy of the Final Act of the Fifteenth Session of The Hague Conference on Private International Law, including a draft Convention and Decisions, done at The Hague on 20th October 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9494].

Miscellaneous (No. 4, 1985).—Copy of a Headquarters Agreement, done at Edinburgh on 26th April 1985, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation [by Command] [Cmnd. 9488].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Telecommunications,—Copies of—

(1) Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Westminster Cable Company Limited and Broadband Ventures Limited, and


[by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Allen McKay (nominated in respect of the Insolvency Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ray Powell.

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Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

(1) the Coal Industry Bill to Standing Committee G;

(2) the Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee H; and

(3) the draft Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1985 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Miss Janet Fookes and Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22);
(2) Mr. John Forrester an additional Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Consequences of the Budget and the Government's Economic Policies in Wales; and

(3) Mr. Ian Campbell Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Housing (Limits of Rateable Value for Improvement Grants and Repairs Grants) (Scotland) Order 1985 and the Protected Tenancies and Part VII Contracts (Rateable Value Limits) (Scotland) Order 1985.

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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 a 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.:

Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords]:

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

Glensanda Harbour Order Confirmation Bill. —The Glensanda Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Bath 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 Bath City Council Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report 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 Manchester 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 Greater Manchester 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.

Luton Borough 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 Luton Borough 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.

Plymouth Marine Events Base 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 Plymouth Marine Events Base 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.

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 8th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 37-xiv].

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 the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [Wages Councils].

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 254].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 254].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment 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. 367-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 (Nineteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 5-xix].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xix].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [Nos. 376-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 (Thirteenth Report) [Forestry Commission: Disposal of Forestry Land].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 233].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 233].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 381].

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 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) [Government Reply to the First Report from the Social Services Committee, Session 1984-85, on the DHSS Supplementary Estimate for Compensation Payments to NHS Staff].

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 380].

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier 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. 252-vi].

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, together with an Appendix, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report) [The Government Response to the Sixth Report (Public Expenditure White Paper)].

Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 382].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed No. 382].
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 8th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 383-ii].

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 8th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 337-ii].

Charities Bill [Lords],—Mr. James Lamond reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Charities Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 379].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures (Liquid Fuel carried by Road Tanker) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 29th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 378].

Abolition of Forth and Tay Road Bridge Tolls Bill,—Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Abolition of Forth and Tay Road Bridge Tolls Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

Licensing Acts (Amendment),—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the licensing Acts for England and Wales to permit longer and flexible opening hours: And that Mr. Roger Gale, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. David Gilroy Bevan, Mr. John Butterfill, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. Robert Hayward, Mr. Greg Knight, Mr. Barry Porter, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, and Mr. Colin Shepherd, do prepare and bring it in.

Licensing Acts (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Roger Gale accordingly presented a Bill to amend the licensing Acts for England and Wales to permit longer and flexible opening hours: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 144].

Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22),—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 64 (Modification of indexation allowance).

Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 59, line 26, to leave out the words 'indexation allowance' and insert the words 'chargeable gain'.—(Mr. Neil Hamilton.)

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Tim Sainsbury : 225.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Frank Haynes : 154.

Schedule No. 16 agreed to.

Clause No. 87 (Abolition of development land tax and tax on development gains).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tony Durant : 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Austin Mitchell : 117.

Schedule No. 22 agreed to.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22) to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Sir Philip Holland reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22) and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22) do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of Newcastle upon Tyne against the Transport 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 South Derbyshire 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. Tim Sainsbury);

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-three minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.23 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 8th May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production, Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1983 on optical precision instruments and photographic equipment [by Act].

Companies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th April 1985, entitled the Companies (Unregistered Companies) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 680) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Housing,—Paper, entitled Home Improvement—A New Approach [by Command] [Cmnd 9513].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Coal Industry Bill, viz.: Mr. Spencer Batiste, Mrs. Ann Clwyd, Mr. Stephen Dorrell, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Alex Eadie, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Richard Hickmet, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Francis Maude, Mr. Tony Speller, Mr. Andrew Stuart, Mr. Jack Thompson, Mr. James Wallace, and Mr. Michael Welsh.

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of the Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Keith Best, Sir Peter Blaker, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Nicholas Budgen, Mr. Alex Carlile, Viscount Cranborne, Mr. Bob Edwards, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. George Gardiner, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, and Mr. Norman Miscampbell.

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 Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Craig, Mr. Tam Dalvay, Lord James Douslas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas
Thursday 9th May 1985

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 Tom Ellis Hooson, Esquire, Member for Brecon and Radnor, 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.

Harrogate Stray Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Harrogate Stray Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Scarborough Borough Council Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Scarborough Borough Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 16th May.

Lincoln City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 16th May.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 16th May.

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 16th May.

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

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture 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. 340-iv].

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. 37-xv].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Civil Aviation Bill,—Ordered, That Standing Committee F be discharged from considering the Civil Aviation Bill.

Bill withdrawn.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 384].

Licensing Acts (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Licensing Acts (Amendment) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 17th May.

Re-acquisition of Public Assets Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Re-acquisition of Public Assets Bill was read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.

Royal Assent.—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:


Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Peter Lloyd);
The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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 (Liquid Fuel carried by Road Tanker) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 22nd April, be approved—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 9th May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd May 1985, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 693) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Museums and Galleries,—Statement of increase in the value of indemnities given for objects loaned to the National Galleries of Scotland [by Command].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Francis Maude and Mr. Richard Tracey (nominated in respect of the Insolvency Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Hayward and Mr. Steve Norris.

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Business Committee,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committee), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Don Dixon, Mrs.
Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Matthew Parris, Mr. Secretary Ridley and Mr. Michael Spicer to be members of the Business Committee in respect of the Transport Bill.

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Protection of Trees and Woodlands) (Amendment) Bill;
(2) Mr. Michael Morris Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Coal Industry Bill; and
(3) Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1985.

[No. 114.]

Friday 10th May 1985.

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).

Sexual Offences Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Sexual Offences Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Soliciting a woman for sexual purposes in a manner causing nuisance or fear)—(Mr. Clive Soley)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Matthew Parris: 10.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Christopher Chope, Mr. Derek Spencer: 33.

Another Clause (No publicity before finding of guilt)—(Mr. Tony Marlow)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Charities Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Charities Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

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 12th July.

Tobacco Products (Sports Sponsorship) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tobacco Products (Sports Sponsorship) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 12th July.

Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of bills).

Greater Employee Involvement Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater Employee Involvement Bill;

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

Minimum Wages Etc. Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Minimum Wages Etc. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 17th May.
Horses and Ponies Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Horses and Ponies Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 17th May.

Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 17th May.

Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 17th May.

Town and Country Planning (Protection of Trees and Woodlands) (Amendment) Bill,—

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Town and Country Planning (Protection of Trees and Woodlands) (Amendment) Bill that it have power to extend the provisions of the Bill to Scotland.—(Mr. Roger Freeman.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 15th May, Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Motion in the name of Mr. Secretary King relating to the draft Unfair Dismissal (Variation of Qualifying Period) Order 1985 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 three minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 13th May.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 10th May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th April 1985, entitled the Education (Grants) (Music and Ballet Schools) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 684) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th May 1985, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Hotel and Catering) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 721) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Cutlery and Allied Trades Research Association for 1983 [by Act].

Telecommunications,—Copies of Orders, dated 7th May 1985, entitled—

(1) the Telecommunication Apparatus (Advertisements) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 719),

(2) the Telecommunication Apparatus (Bell Noise—Labelling) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 718), and

(3) the Telecommunication Apparatus (Marking and Labelling) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 717)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th April 1985, entitled the Explosives (Licensing of Stores and Registration of Premises) Variation of Fees Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R. (N.I.), 1985, No. 97) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Attorney General:

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on the Consolidation of the Housing Acts: the Housing Bill, the Housing Associations Bill, and the Landlord and Tenant Bill [by Command] [Cmnd. 9515].
Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Northern Ireland,—Copy of the Accounts of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland for the period from 1st December 1982 to 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 386].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection
Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. William Waldegrave (nominated in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Protection of Trees and Woodlands) (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Neil Macfarlane.

MEMORANDUM
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Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee C.

[No. 115.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Hastings Pier Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Hastings Pier Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Streatham Park Cemetery 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).

Transport 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 Transport 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 Clause No. 1, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 2 and 3, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 4 to 55, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 56 to 94, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 95 to 114, Schedules Nos. 5 to 7 and Clause No. 115 and new Schedules;

(2) the allotted days which under the Order [1st April] 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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Report to lie upon the Table.

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-vii].

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 13th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 389-i].

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 13th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 390-i and 391-i].

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 in the city of Durham; to empower the Durham City Council to acquire land or rights therein or thereover for altering, adding to and extending the town hall in that city; to confer further powers on the Durham City Council; to make further provision with regard to the freedom of that city; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Durham City Council Bill [Lords].

Durham City Council Bill [Lords],—The Durham City Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Civil Liberties,—Resolved, That this House strongly endorses the need to protect the essential rights and liberties of the individual citizen, while recognising the vital need to preserve order and stability in our society.—(Mr. Richard Ottaway.)

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;

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

Mr. Eldon Griffiths 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. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. William Powell: 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett: 54.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. William Powell: 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Eddie Loyden: 59.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Surrogacy Arrangements Bill and the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)
Surrogacy Arrangements Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Surrogacy Arrangements Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"(10) In any contract for a surrogacy arrangement, no part of the contract shall be enforceable at law which requires a surrogate mother to hand over a child to another person or persons".—(Mr. Michael Meadowcroft.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Expenses) —(Mr. David Mellor) —brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2A) Regulations made pursuant to subsection (1) above shall be made either,

(a) as experimental regulations, which regulations shall be expressed to apply for a period not longer than 18 months; or

(b) as permanent regulations, which regulations shall be made by statutory instrument requiring an affirmative resolution of the House of Commons,

and in respect of any area specified in such regulations only one set of experimental regulations may be made".—(Mr. John Morris.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 9 to 12) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 29, to leave out lines 9 to 18. —(Mr. Roger Sims.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 14, 17, 15, 16 and 18) made to the Bill.

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:—It was agreed to.

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

Procedure.—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 20th March 1984 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on Procedure be amended, by leaving out Mr. Allen Adams and Mr. Jim Callaghan and inserting Mr. John Golding and Mr. Gregor Mackenzie. —(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North Shropshire and others against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Geoffrey Timothy Petherick for action to improve conditions at H.M. Prison, Wandsworth, 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 Monday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then three minutes past One o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.3 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 13th May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Patents,—Copy of the Report of the Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 341].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd May 1985, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 1) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 699) [by Act].

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

[No. 116.]

Tuesday 14th May 1985.

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. 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 14th May and a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-first Report).

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xxix].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-xiii].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 315-ii].

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 252-vi].

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Films Bill to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have agreed to the Glensanda Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

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Sexual Offences Bill.—Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 10th May, on consideration of the Sexual Offences Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (No publicity before finding of guilt) be read a second time, be resumed upon Friday.

Rent (Amendment)—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision as to the circumstances in which possession of a dwelling-house is recoverable under Case 11 in Schedule 15 to the Rent Act 1977 and Case 11 in Schedule 2 to the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 and as to the parliamentary procedure applicable to an Order in Council under paragraph 1(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 which states that it is made for corresponding purposes; And that Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. John Cartwright, Sir Paul Hawkins, Mr. John Heddle, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Allan Roberts, and Mr. Neil Thorne, do prepare and bring it in.

Rent (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Michael Mates accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision as to the circumstances in which possession of a dwelling-house is recoverable under Case 11 in Schedule 15 to the Rent Act 1977 and Case 11 in Schedule 2 to the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 and as to the parliamentary procedure applicable to an Order in Council under paragraph 1(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 which states that it is made for corresponding purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 146].

Oil and Pipelines Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Oil and Pipelines 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. Ian Lang: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 159.

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 Ports (Finance) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Oil and Pipelines Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Oil and Pipelines Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Oil and Pipelines Bill ("the Act"), it is expedient to authorise:

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums required by the Secretary of State for defraying expenditure of, or making grants to, the Oil and Pipelines Agency ("the Agency");

(b) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling any guarantee given by them under the Act;

(c) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of sums required by the Secretary of State for making loans to the Agency;

(d) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund. (Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Ports (Finance) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Ports (Finance) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Safeguarding of fair competition)—(Mr. Christopher Chope)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Simon Hughes: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 80.

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Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words "other than those registered with the Port of London Authority and the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company". (Mr. Peter Snape.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Eddie Loyden : 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 74.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Teignbridge for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 sixteen minutes to Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.44 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 14th May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Animals,—Paper, entitled Scientific procedures on living animals [by Command] [Cmnd. 9521].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Countryside (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Countryside Commission for Scotland for 1984 [by Act].

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Scottish Transport Group for 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Bus Company for 1984 [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [15th February] from Maurice Sidney Wainwright for his obtaining justice [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

[No. 117.]

Wednesday 15th May 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill [Lords],—The Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

C-Poultry Company Limited 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 C-Poultry Company Limited 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.
Employment.—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment 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. 209-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 15th May.

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

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-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 (Twentieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-xx].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xx].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 263-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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 376-iii and iv].

Home Affairs.—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home 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 the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [Misuse of hard drugs—Interim Report].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 399].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 399].

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 15th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 299-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 15th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 400-i and 401-1].

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, together with an Appendix, which it had directed her to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [University Grants Committee Cuts and Medical Services Report: Follow-up].

Report, together with Appendix, 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].

Transport.—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier 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. 338-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 15th May.

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

Town and Country Planning (Protection of Trees and Woodlands) (Amendment) Bill (changed to Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill).—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Town and Country Planning (Pro-
tection of Trees and Woodlands) (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to extend section 62 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 and section 60 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1972 to trees in woodlands.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 145].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 393].

Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the Consequences of the Budget and the Government's economic policies in Wales, referred to it on 18th March, and the matter of the Welsh economy, referred to it on 29th April, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 398].

Budget Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Budget Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July.

People's Right to Fuel Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the People's Right to Fuel Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July.

Companies (Procedure) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Companies (Procedure) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 7th June.

Handicapped Young Persons.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Education Act 1981 to improve provision for handicapped young people; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Hancock, and Mr. Charles Kennedy, do prepare and bring it in.

Handicapped Young Persons Bill.—Mr. Clement Freud accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Education Act 1981 to improve provision for handicapped young people; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 7th June and to be printed [Bill 147].

Opposition day [11th allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

British Industry and the New Technologies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the Government's wilful neglect of British manufacturing industry which has caused the continuous erosion of the industrial base, the record high levels of unemployment and the huge and unprecedented trade deficit in manufactured goods; and calls upon the Government to put into effect a programme of industrial regeneration based on the application of new technology to modernise existing industries and to develop new products and processes, the provision of adequate investment for industry in Britain, the necessary provision of research and development and a massive expansion of education and training in order to reduce production costs and increase competitiveness at home and abroad (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 "welcomes the recent substantial increase in manufacturing output, the sharp rise in exports, the major gains in the competitiveness of British industry, and the improved optimism of independent bodies such as the Confederation of British Industry; congratulates the Government on the measures it has taken to assist the recovery of British industry through its support for innovation programme, support for investment, support for exports, business and technical advisory services, assistance with education and training and in particular today's Export for Jobs seminar and the commencement of Local Enterprise Week, as well as its policies to improve the economic climate in which business operates; and regrets the Opposition's willingness to support every single strike no matter what the cost, its reactionary and damaging policies in favour of increased taxation, further nationalisation, and greater state intervention, its policies of deplorable fiscal irresponsibility, incompatible with the restraint of inflation and enhancement of competitiveness, and its eagerness to seek partisan gain at the expense of British industry and jobs", instead thereof (Mr. Geoffrey Pattie).

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. Frank Haynes, Mr. Robin Corbett: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 274.

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. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Tony Durant: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Sean Hughes: 178.

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 recent substantial increase in manufacturing output, the sharp rise in exports, the major gains in the competitiveness of British industry, and the improved optimism of independent bodies such as the Confederation of British Industry; congratulates the Government on the measures it has taken to assist the recovery of British industry through its support for innovation programme, support for investment, support for exports, business and technical advisory services, assistance with education and training and in particular today's Export for Jobs seminar and the commencement of Local Enterprise Week, as well as its policies to improve the economic climate in which business operates; and regrets the Opposition's willingness to support every single strike no matter what the cost, its reactionary and damaging policies in favour of increased taxation, further nationalisation, and greater state intervention, its policies of deplorable fiscal irresponsibility, incompatible with the restraint of inflation and enhancement of competitiveness, and its eagerness to seek partisan gain at the expense of British industry and jobs.

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Unfair Dismissal (Variation of Qualifying Period) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 17th April, be approved—(Mr. Peter Bottomley);

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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. 3 (Exempted business) and Order [10th May];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert: 221.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Robin Corbett: 138.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Unfair Dismissal (Variation of Qualifying Period) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 17th April, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Council of the Borough of Kirklees against the Transport 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. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.8 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 15th May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
- Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th May 1985, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for Schools, further education and other educational services (Department of Education and Science) [by Act].
- Water.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th April 1985 on borrowing by the Severn-Trent Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
- Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th April 1985, entitled the Police Cadets (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 686) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
- Monopolies and Mergers.—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the Birmingham Post and Mail Holdings plc and Yattendon Investment Trust Ltd. [by Command] [Cmd. 9516].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
- Public Health.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd May 1985, entitled the Control of Pollution (Radioactive Waste) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 708) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
- Education (Northern Ireland).—Statements and Summary of Accounts of the Education and Library Boards for the year ended 31st March 1984 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cmd. 9487].

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 Oil and Pipelines Bill, viz.: Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr. Michael Martin, Mr. Michael Portillo, Mr. Martin Redmond, Mr. Ted Rowlands, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Lewis Stevens, Mr. Stefan Terlezki, Mr. James Wallace, Mr. John Watson, and Mr. Mike Woodcock.

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 Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. Terry Fields, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Gerald Howarth, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. David Mellor, Mr. Piers Merchant, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mr. Matthew Parris, Mr. Terry Patchett, Mr. K. Harvey Proctor, and Mr. Clive Soley.

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Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Oil and Pipelines Bill to Standing Committee A.

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

1. Mr. Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords];
2. Mr. David Crouch Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords]; and
3. Mr. Ian Campbell Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords].
PRAYERS.

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

Harrogate Stray Bill.—The Harrogate Stray Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Scarborough Borough Council Bill.—The Scarborough Borough Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Hastings Pier Bill.—The Hastings Pier Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Streatham Park Cemetery Bill.—The Streatham Park Cemetery Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 23rd May at Seven o'clock.

Lincoln City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lincoln City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 21st May.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 23rd May.

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords].—The Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

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

Coal Industry Bill.—Mr. Michael Morris reported from Standing Committee G, 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. 403].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ian Campbell reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Housing (Limits of Rateable Value for Improvement Grants and Repairs Grants) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 297), and the Protected Tenancies and Part VII Contracts (Rateable Value Limits) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 314), referred to a Committee on 23rd April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 402].

Provision for Young People in Rural Areas Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Provision for Young People in Rural Areas Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 7th June.

Adjournment (Spring).—Resolved, That this House at its rising on Friday 24th May do adjourn until Monday 3rd June, and the House shall not adjourn on Friday 24th May until Mr. Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses. —(Mr. Tony Durant.)

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being 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, at this day's sitting, the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)
Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].—The Question being again proposed, That the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of bills).

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums required by the Lord Chancellor—

(i) for making grants to the Council for Licensed Conveyancers established by the Act, or

(ii) for making payments by way of reimbursement of additional costs incurred by parties to proceedings in consequence of the incapacity or death of any judge or other person presiding or assisting at the proceedings;

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under the Legal Aid Act 1974 out of money so provided.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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);

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

[Adjourned at 12.9 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 16th May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Public Order.—Paper, entitled Review of Public Order Law [by Command] [Cmnd. 9510].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 15, 1985).—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 9th October 1984, between the European Economic Community and the Yemen Arab Republic [by Command] [Cmnd. 9502].

European Communities (No. 16, 1985).—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 People's Republic of Poland on trade in sheepmeat and goatmeat [by Command] [Cmnd. 9506].

European Communities (No. 17, 1985).—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 People's Republic of Bulgaria on trade in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector [by Command] [Cmnd. 9507].

European Communities (No. 19, 1985).—Copy of the Third ACP-EEC Convention and Final Act (with related documents) done at Lomé on 8th December 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9511].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Trade,—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 19th November 1984 for a Return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1985, for March.

Consumer Credit,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th May 1985, entitled the Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) (No. 2) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 757) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

National Heritage,—Statement of disposals or transfers of property accepted in lieu of tax made in the financial year 1984-85 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of the Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 370].

Transport,—Copy of the Report of the Transport Tribunal for 1984 [by Act].

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. David Knox Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Oil and Pipelines Bill.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of Great Britain and Northern Ireland against the use of live animals in the Lethal Dose 50 Test was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Highland Region Branch of the National and Local Government Officers' Association against the Transport Bill was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from tenants of flats in Hanover Drive, Winlaton, in the Borough of Gateshead for implementation of the “Strata Title Scheme” in England 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).

Local Government (Access to Information) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Consequential amendments and repeals) (Mr. Robin Squire) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1, 2, 97, 3 to 29, 95, 30 to 39, 91 and 40 to 46) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Consequential amendments) (Mr. Robin Squire) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Schedule (Repeals) (Mr. Robin Squire) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 49 to 54, 98, 55, 90, 56 to 75, 92, 93, 76, 96, 77 to 89 and 94) 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.
Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords], not 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, without Amendment.

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill (changed from Town and Country Planning (Protection of Trees and Woodlands) (Amendment) Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) 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.

Sexual Offences Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 10th May, on consideration of the Sexual Offences Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (No publicity before finding of guilt) be read a second time:

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

Question put and negatived.

Another Clause (Conduct of police)—(Jo Richardson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 12, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—

"(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—

(a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding 3 on the standard scale (as defined in section 75 of the Criminal Justice Act 1982); and

(b) on conviction on indictment to a fine not exceeding the maximum applicable to summary conviction under this section ", instead thereof.—(Mr. Matthew Parris.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 65) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 15, to leave out Clause No. 4.—(Mr. John Fraser.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Freedom of Probate Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freedom of Probate 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.

Local Government (Choice of Electoral Systems) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Choice of Electoral Systems) Bill [Lords];

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

Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

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

Licensing Acts (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Acts (Amendment) Bill;

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

Minimum Wages Etc. Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Minimum Wages Etc. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 5th July.
Horses and Ponies Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Horses and Ponies Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 7th June.

Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill:

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

Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of the Rights of the Elderly in Home Ownership Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th June.

Rent (Amendment) Bill.—The Rent (Amendment) Bill, was according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones reported, That the Committee had gone though 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.

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 20th May.

[Adjourned at 3.3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 17th May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Duchy of Cornwall.—Copy of the Revenue and Capital Accounts of the Duchy of Cornwall for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 385].

National Health Service.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 26th March 1985 on borrowing by the General Practice Finance Corporation, and
(2) 1st May 1985 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Companies.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th May 1985, entitled the Companies (Registers and other Records) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 724) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

General Medical Council.—Copy of the Accounts of the General Medical Council for 1984 [by Act].

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 a 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.:

Durham City 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).

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

That the Resolution of the Committee reported to the House on 13th May be varied by substituting the following provisions for those in the Table at the end of that Resolution:

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Report to lie upon the Table.

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-ix].

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 (Fourteenth Report) [Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts 1983-84].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 246].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 246].

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 (Fifteenth Report) [FCO: Management of the Overseas Estate].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 255].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 255].
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 (Sixteenth Report) [MoD: Major Projects Statement 1983-84].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 273].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 273].

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 (Seventeenth Report) [NHS: General Dental Service].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 111].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 111].

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 20th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 405-i].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Royal Bank of Scotland Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Unsolicited Newspapers (Limitation of Delivery) Bill.—Mr. Tony Speller presented a Bill to prevent delivery of free newspapers to a dwelling where the occupier or his representative has given notice in writing to the publisher of a free newspaper that he or she no longer wishes to receive copies of that newspaper: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 7th June and to be printed [Bill 148].

Auld Committee Report on Shops Acts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Proposals to Amend the Shops Acts (Cmnd. 9376); accepts the case for the removal of legislative limitations on shop hours; and looks forward to the Government bringing forward legislation to remove such limitations.—(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 "requires that any legislation relating to shop hours should include full and proper protection for the pay and working conditions of shop workers"; 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. Robin Corbett: 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 321.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Michael Welsh: 184.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Proposals to Amend the Shops Acts (Cmnd. 9376); accepts the case for the removal of legislative limitations on shop hours; and looks forward to the Government bringing forward legislation to remove such limitations.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Russell Albert Painter for investigation of prison conditions was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table to be printed.
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

Monday 20th May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Weights and Measures,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th May 1985, entitled the Units of Measurement Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 777) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:


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 [27th March] from residents of the constituency of Upminster serviced by Anglian Water for sewerage and environmental purposes for transferring them to the service area of Thames Water [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Solicitors,—Copy of the Report of the Lay Observer for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 387].

Tuesday 21st May 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Bath City Council Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Bath City Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Greater Manchester Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Greater Manchester Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Lincoln City Council Bill.—The Lincoln City Council 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 (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 Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-second Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xxxi].

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 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 Use of Merchant Shipping for Defence Purposes].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 114].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 114].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 48-xiv].

Members’ Interests.—Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith reported from the Select Committee on Members’ Interests, 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, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 408].

Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Members’ Interests in the last Parliament to be printed [No. 408].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 408].

Procedure.—Mr. J. Enoch Powell reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, 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) [Questions lost when a sitting is broken].

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].

Transport.—Mr. Peter Fry reported from the Transport 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. 338-vil].

Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords].—Mr. David Crouch reported from Standing Committee H, that it had gone through the Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 151].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 406].

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Ian Campbell reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, that it had considered the Bankruptcy (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. 407].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Rent (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—The Lords communicate that they have made the following Order, viz.: That the Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] be referred to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, & Bills; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Fair Rating.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the elimination of agricultural derating over a five year period—(Mr. Teddy Taylor);

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. Richard Shepherd, Mr. Jonathan Aitken : 99.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. David Penhaligon : 184.

So the Question was negatived.

Transport Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committee), That the Reports [13th and 20th May] of the Business Committee be now considered—(Mr. Michael Neuberger):—It was agreed to.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Reports.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in its Resolutions.

Transport Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Transport Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Application of Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 to agreements between road passenger transport operators)—(Mr. David Mitchell)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Ian Lang : 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sean Hughes, Dr. Roger Thomas : 153.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (London taxi and taxi driver licensing : appeals)—(Mr. Michael Spicer)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Compulsory participation in travel concession schemes)—(Mr. Secretary Ridley)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Further provisions with respect to participation notices)—(Mr. Secretary Ridley)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Supplementary provisions)—(Mr. Secretary Ridley)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Repeal of section 24(3) of the 1968 Act)—(Mr. Michael Ancram)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 218.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Frank Haynes : 164.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Extension of taxi licensing in England and Wales)—(Mr. Michael Spicer)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Ten o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [1st April] and the Resolution this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to bring to a decision the Question so proposed.

Clause added to the Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Question on the new Clause brought up by a member of the Government.

Another Clause (Enforcement of participation in travel concession schemes)—(Mr. David Mitchell)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 124, 125, 3, 4, 126 to 132, 5 and 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—
(6) The enactments referred to in subsections (5)(b) and (c) above are—

(a) sections 12 to 21 of this Act; and

(b) sections 22 to 25 of the Transport Act 1985.

(7) The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument amend subsection (6) above by adding a reference to an enactment or by removing any such reference; and any statutory instrument made in exercise of the power conferred by this subsection shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament"—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Peter Lloyd : 193.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Malcolm Bruce : 19.

Other Amendments (Nos. 8, 9 and 11 to 18) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 177) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 12, to leave out the word " and ".—(Mr. Jim Craigen.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 36, 38 to 42 and 44 to 46) made to the Bill.

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And it being Twelve o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [1st April] and the Resolution [21st May], to put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by a member of the Government to the end of Part II of the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 47 to 57, 59 and 60) made to the Bill.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Burnley against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Burnley and Pendle Joint Transport Committee against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Lancashire County Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the South Advisory Committee for Public Passenger Transport in Greater Manchester against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Nottinghamshire County Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Dorset and others for a public inquiry into the possible cause of the excess incidence of leukaemia in Dorset 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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);

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

[Adjourned at 12.34 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 21st May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
- Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Sixth and Seventh Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1984-85 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9530].
- Local Government Finance,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th April 1985 on borrowing by the Audit Commission [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
- European Communities (No. 18, 1985),—Copy of Letters, exchanged at Brussels on 15th October 1984, between the European Economic Community and Switzerland on collaboration concerning the official control of wine [by Command] [Cmnd. 9508].
- Treaty Series (No. 21, 1985),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Addis Ababa on 10th and 28th December 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Provisional Military Government of Socialist Ethiopia amending the United Kingdom/Ethiopia Aid Grant and Loan 1973 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9509].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
- Education,—Paper, entitled The Development of Higher Education into the 1990s [by Command] [Cmnd. 9524].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
- Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Copy of Statements on residential care of handicapped persons under the age of sixty-five in England and Wales at 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 388].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
- Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations and General Directions, dated 28th March 1985, entitled the Traffic Signs (Welsh and English Language Provisions) Regulations and General Directions 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 713) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
- National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Health and Safety Commission and Executive: operations and administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 404].

Industrial Provident Society Bill, That it be read a Second time.

[No. 122.]

Wednesday 22nd May 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Birmingham City Council Bill,—Mr. David Knox reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Birmingham 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.
Leicestershire Bill [Lords],—Mr. David Knox reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Leicestershire 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.

Defence,—Dr. John Gilbert 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 had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Security at Royal Ordnance Factories and Nuclear Bases].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 217].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 217].

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment 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 [Nos. 416-i and -ii].

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) [Department of the Environment Main Estimates for 1985-86].

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].

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. 5-xxi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xxii].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 295-ii and -iii].

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 22nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 417-i].

Social Services,—Mr. 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 Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [Misuse of Drugs, with special reference to treatment and rehabilitation of misusers of hard drugs].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 208].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 208].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.
Trade and Industry.—Mr. Martin Stevens 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) [The Government’s Observations on the First Report of the Committee in Session 1984-85 on the Operation of ECGD].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 413].

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Martin Stevens reported from the Trade and Industry 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. 172-viii].

Transport.—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier 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. 252-vii].

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 22nd May.

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

Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 5th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 410].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Scottish Special Housing Association (Limitation of Advances) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 2nd May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 412].

Unborn Children (Protection) Bill,—Ordered, That the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be further considered upon Friday 7th June.

Law Reform (Parent and Child) (Scotland).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make fresh provision in the law of Scotland with respect to the consequences of birth out of wedlock, the rights and duties of parents, the determination of parentage and the taking of blood samples in relation to the determination of parentage; to amend the law as to guardianship; and for connected purposes: And that Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. John Maxton, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Sir Hector Monro and Mr. Bill Walker, do prepare and bring it in.

Law Reform (Parent and Child) (Scotland) Bill.—Lord James Douglas-Hamilton accordingly presented a Bill to make fresh provision in the law of Scotland with respect to the consequences of birth out of wedlock, the rights and duties of parents, the determination of parentage and the taking of blood samples in relation to the determination of parentage; to amend the law as to guardianship; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 7th June and to be printed [Bill 150].

Transport Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Transport Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 62) proposed to the Bill, in page 39, line 38, after the word "undertaking", to insert the words "with not more than 49 per cent. thereof being transferred to any party".—(Mr. Matthew Parris.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 176) proposed to the Bill, in page 41, line 8, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5A) The Company’s disposal programme shall also—

(a) specify the parts of their undertaking the provision of which has been financed wholly or partly by any one or more Passenger Transport Executives or local authorities and in respect of which sums are repayable to the Executives or local authorities; and

(b) describe the manner in which the sums are to be assessed".—(Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Another Amendment (No. 63) proposed to the Bill, in page 42, line 26, after the word "shall ", to insert the words—

" (a) take such steps as may be necessary fully to secure the payment of the benefits that, but for the operation of this Part, would have been payable under any pension scheme or in accordance with customary practice in respect of the employment, before the coming into operation of this section, of persons employed or formerly employed by the Bus Company or in any undertaking or part of an undertaking which is to be the subject of a disposal under the programme, and to secure the due performance of the employer's obligations in respect of those benefits ; and

(b) ' .—(Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Dr. Roger Thomas : 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert : 241.

Another Amendment (No. 190) proposed to the Bill, in page 48, line 22, at the end, to insert the words—

" (aa) such provision to require that the appointment, or any suspension, dismissal or requirement to resign, of any member of the Executive shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of State ; and ".—(Mr. Kenneth Hind.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 168) proposed to the Bill, in page 49, line 23, after the word " area ", to insert " (a) ".—(Mr. Roger Stott.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Dr. Roger Thomas : 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Tony Durant : 244.

And it being after half-past Seven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [1st April] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by a member of the Government to the end of Part IV of the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 68, 69, 133 and 70 to 86) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 87) proposed to the Bill, in page 78, line 11, at the end, to insert the words " provided that any such authority shall have the option of adopting a system of comprehensive competitive tendering ".—(Mr. Peter Fry.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Malcolm Bruce : 91.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. John Major : 225.

And it being after Nine o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [1st April] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by a member of the Government to the remainder of the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 89, 91 to 97, 99 to 106, 110 to 114, 134 to 143, 116 to 122, 144 to 155 and 123) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

And it being Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [1st April], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Dr. Roger Thomas : 170.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Government Trading Funds,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Royal Ordnance Factories Trading Fund (Revocation and Repeal) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 3rd May, be approved.—(Mr. John Lee);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings, 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. Michael Neubert: 210.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Dr. Norman A. Godman: 143.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Royal Ordnance Factories Trading Fund (Revocation and Repeal) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 3rd May, be approved.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy (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. Archie Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act resulting from the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

1. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

   (1) any amount of outlays and remuneration payable by the Accountant in Bankruptcy where the funds in the debtor's estate are insufficient to meet that amount;
   (2) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State;
   (3) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other Act.

2. The payment into the Consolidated Fund of—

   (1) any payments received by the Secretary of State from the Accountant in Bankruptcy in respect of an unclaimed dividend or unapplied balance;
   (2) any amount handed over to the Secretary of State when a distribution of the estate is proposed after an amount has been paid by the Accountant in Bankruptcy out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of outlays and remuneration.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Lords Message yesterday communicating the Order, That the Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills, be now considered.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Order.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Lothian Regional Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Russell Albert Painter for investigation into his solitary confinement at Her Majesty's Prison, Wandsworth, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Russell Albert Painter for an investigation into the disparity between different prisons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Russell Albert Painter for an investigation into delays in the legal process 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 twenty-five minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.25 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Wednesday 22nd May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th May 1985 on borrowing by the Northumbrian Water Authority [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
Miscellaneous (No. 6, 1985),—Copy of the Report of the Foreign Compensation Commission for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9531].

Commonwealth Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Commonwealth Development Corporation for 1984 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th May 1985, entitled the Education (Grants for Teacher Training) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 741) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1982, Summary Tables [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Environmental,—Copy of the Government’s Reply to the First Report from the Environment Committee, Session 1984-85, on the operation and effectiveness of Part II of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9522].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Housing,—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the year ended 31st March 1984 ; with the Reports of the Local Government Auditor and of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cmnd. 9512].

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Historic Churches (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th May 1985, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 730) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:
Dentists,—Copy of the Account of the General Dental Council for 1984 [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Wales on the Petition [1st April] from patients in Brynteg, Wrexham, for the annulment of the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations 1985 [by Standing Order] ; to be printed.

[No. 123.]


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:

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 6th June.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (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 21st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 340-vl].

Defence,—Dr. John Gilbert reported from the Defence 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 (Third Report) [Defence Commitments and Resources and the Defence Estimates 1985-86].

Report, together with Appendices and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 37].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 37].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the British Railways Board to construct works and to purchase or use land in the city of Norwich, in the county of Norfolk; to confer further powers on the Board; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords].

British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords].—The British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Rating (Revaluation Rebates) (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Younger, supported by Mr. Michael Ancram, 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 provide, as respects Scotland, for rebates in respect of rates on certain lands and heritages: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 149].

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

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

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

And the Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John McWilliam: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 219.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Mr. Colin Moynihan 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.

Mr. Vivian Baxendall 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 the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Part V, Clause No. 54 and Schedule No. 2. (Mr. Simon Hughes.)
Arrangement of Public Business.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of
public business) be amended as follows:

Line 4, leave out paragraph (2) and insert:

“(2) Twenty days shall be allotted in each session for proceedings on opposition
business, seventeen of which shall be at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition
and three of which shall be at the disposal of the Leader of the second largest
opposition party; and matters selected on those days shall have precedence over
government business provided that—

(a) two Friday sittings shall be deemed equivalent to a single sitting on any
other day;

(b) on any day other than a Friday, not more than two of the days at the dis-
posal of the Leader of the Opposition may be taken in the form of four half
days, and one of the days at the disposal of the Leader of the second largest
opposition party may be taken in the form of two half days; and

(c) on any such half day proceedings under this paragraph shall either—

(i) lapse at seven o’clock if not previously concluded, or

(ii) be set down for consideration at seven o’clock and, except on days on

which private business has been set down for consideration under the
provisions of paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 7 (Time for taking
private business), shall be entered upon at that time:

Provided that on days on which business stands over until
seven o’clock
under the provisions of Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on speci-
fic and important matter that should have urgent consideration) pro-
ceedings under this sub-paragraph shall not be entered upon until such
business has been disposed of, and may then be proceeded with for
three hours, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 1
(Sittings of the House).

(2A) For the purposes of this order “ the second largest opposition party ” shall
be that party, of those not represented in Her Majesty’s Government, which has the
second largest number of Members elected to the House as members of that party.”;

and

That Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments) be amended as follows:

Line 9, leave out from first “ the ” to “ Standing ” in line 11, and insert “ twenty days
allotted under paragraph (2) of ”.—(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 Ten o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, with-
out Question put.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.22 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 23rd May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Savings Banks,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd May 1985, entitled the Trustee
Savings Banks (Interest-bearing Receipts) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 798) [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd May 1985, entitled the Value
Added Tax (Hiring of Goods) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 799) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Com-
munities (Definition of Treaties) (Third ACP-EEC Convention of Lome) Order 1985 [by
Act].
Mr. Secretary Younger:

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd May 1985, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 804) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Education,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Education Support Grants (Amendment) Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd May 1985, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 803) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on a Proposal for a draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th November 1984, entitled the Warkworth 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].

Highways,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th May 1985, entitled the Severn Bridge Tolls Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 726) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

European Communities,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th May 1985, entitled the European Communities (Designation) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 749) [by Act].

Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th May 1985, entitled the Extradition (Taking of Hostages) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 751) [by Act].

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

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 353].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 23rd May 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Forrester an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Oil and Pipelines Bill.

[No. 124.]

Friday 24th May 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Reform Bill.—Mr. Tony Benn, supported by Mr. Tony Banks, Margaret Beckett, Mr. Gerald Bemingham, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Bill Michie, Mr. Dave Nellist, Mr. Dennis Skinner, and Mr. Gavin Strang, presented a Bill to extend and enshrine the democratic rights of the electors of the United Kingdom, through their representatives in the House of Commons, over all legislation, all foreign and defence policy, all treaty-making and all executive powers that do not at present derive from statute, to abolish the House of Lords, to reduce the duration of a Parliament, to repeal the Official Secrets Act, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 152].
Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Nigel Spearing, 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 7th June and to be printed [Bill 153].

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. Tony Durant.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd June, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 16th May. [Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX
Friday 24th May 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Designs.—Copy of Rules, dated 20th May 1985, entitled the Designs (Amendment) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 784) [by Act].
Patents.—Copy of Rules, dated 20th May 1985, entitled the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 785) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Walker:
Atomic Energy.—Statement of determination of salary of the Chairman and members of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority [by Act].

MR. SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE
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 (Revaluation Rebates) (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 125.]

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 a 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.:
British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords].
Bill to be read a second time.

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the C-Poultry Company Limited Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Bill to be read the third time.

Durham City Council Bill [Lords].—The Durham City Council 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).

Solicitors (Independent Complaints Procedure) Bill,—Ordered, That the Solicitors (Independent Complaints Procedure) Bill be read a second time upon Friday.

Companies (Procedure) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Companies (Procedure) Bill was read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July.

Rating (Revaluation Rebates) (Scotland) Bill.—The Rating (Revaluation Rebates) (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee to-morrow.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Rating (Revaluation Rebates) (Scotland) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Rating (Revaluation Rebates) (Scotland) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Rating (Revaluation Rebates) (Scotland) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Secretary of State in paying rating authorities amounts equal to the total amounts of rebates granted by them under the Act.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2A) An order under subsection (1)(a) for the transfer of heritable property from one spouse to the other which is made by the court shall have no effect in relation to third parties transacting with the spouse against whom the order has been made unless it is registered in the Register of Inhibitions and Adjudications within fourteen days from the date on which it is made."—(Mr. Donald Dewar.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 2, 5, 7 and 8) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 23rd April, 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 twenty-three minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.23 p.m.

APPENDIX

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:

Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [Cmnd. 9539].

Papers 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:

28th May 1985

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th May 1985, entitled the Housing (Right to a Shared Owner Lease) (Further Advances Limit) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 758).


29th May 1985

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 14th May 1985, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Shorthand Writers’ Fees) 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 759).

30th May 1985

Children and Young Persons,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd May 1985, entitled the Custodianship (Reports) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 792).


31st May 1985

Court of Session (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd May 1985, entitled the Court of Session etc. Fees Amendment Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 826).

High Court of Justiciary (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd May 1985, entitled the High Court of Justiciary Fees Amendment Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 825).

Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd May 1985, entitled the Sheriff Court Fees Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 827).


Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 3rd June 1985

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Animals,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Legal Aid (Scotland).—Copy of the Report of the Law Society of Scotland on the Legal Aid Scheme for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Companies.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd May 1985, entitled the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 805) [by Act].

Telecommunications,—Copies of—

(1) Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Coventry Cable Limited and Broadband Ventures Limited, and

(2) an Order, dated 23rd May 1985, entitled the Public Telecommunication System Designation (Coventry Cable Limited and Broadband Ventures Limited) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 822)
[by Act].

Telegraphs,—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd May 1985, entitled—

(1) the Wireless Telegraphy (Control of Interference from Fluorescent Lighting Apparatus) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 807), and

(2) the Wireless Telegraphy (Control of Interference from Household Appliances, Portable Tools etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 808)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Housing,—Copy of the Report of the Review Team on the Housing Benefit Review [by Command] [Cmnd. 9520].

Social Security,—Papers, entitled—

(1) Reform of Social Security (Volume 1),

(2) Reform of Social Security : Programme for Change (Volume 2), and

(3) Reform of Social Security : Background Papers (Volume 3)
[by Command] [Cmnd. 9517, 9518 and 9519].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Land Authority for Wales,—Copy of the Report of the Land Authority for Wales for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British National Oil Corporation for 1984 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of—
(1) St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, on 27th February 1985, and
(2) St. Hugh’s College, Oxford, on 23rd May 1985 amending the Statutes of the Colleges [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Cambridge City Council Bill,—Report of the Attorney General on the Cambridge City Council Bill [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 Petition [7th May] from residents of the constituency of Mitcham and Morden against the closure of the heart unit at Guy’s Hospital [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 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 421].

Land Authority for Wales,—Copy of the Accounts of the Land Authority for Wales for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 420].

[No. 126.]

Tuesday 4th June 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Royal Bank of Scotland Bill,—Ordered, That the Lords Amendments to the Royal Bank of Scotland Bill be considered to-morrow.

Bath City Council Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Bath City Council Bill [Lords] be read the third time to-morrow.

Greater Manchester Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Greater Manchester Bill [Lords] be read the third time to-morrow.

Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords] be read the third time to-morrow.

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 a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-third Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xxxii].

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 (Second Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 26-iii].

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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 Industrial Development Bill, without Amendment.

Young People (Scotland) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Young People (Scotland) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July.

Youth Charter Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Youth Charter Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July.

Employment of Young People Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Employment of Young People Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July.

Handicapped Young Persons Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Handicapped Young Persons Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July.

Provision for Young People in Rural Areas Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Provision for Young People in Rural Areas Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. Ian Lang.)

Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee. (Mr. Ian Lang.)

Local Government (Proportional Representation).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the single transferable vote system of proportional representation for all local government elections in the United Kingdom. (Mr. David Alton);

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. Archy Kirkwood : 29.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. D. N. Cambell-Savours : 188.

So the Question was negatived.

Opposition day [12th allotted day]—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Rural Communities in Wales.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, noting with alarm the Government's complacency in the face of deteriorating economic and social conditions in rural communities in Wales, urges the Government to change to policies which by improving transport and other services and employment opportunities will reverse the decline of those communities. (Mr. Brynmor John);

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 difficulties faced by the farming industry and by rural communities in a period of change, but welcomes the reversal of the long period of depopulation in much of rural Wales, and supports the continued efforts of the Government to improve the services provided and to develop employment opportunities in the countryside", instead thereof. (Mr. John Stradling Thomas.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ray Powell, Dr. Roger Thomas : 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd : 267.

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 recognises the difficulties faced by the farming industry and by rural communities in a period of change, but welcomes the reversal of the long period of depopulation in much of rural Wales, and supports the continued efforts of the Government to improve the services provided and to develop employment opportunities in the countryside.

Higher Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the Government's short-sighted and defeatist policy on higher education which, because it fails to match the nation's need for a sustained supply of graduates, for increased opportunities for continuing education and for high quality research, is a recipe for national economic, industrial and social decline—(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 "congratulates Her Majesty's Government on its policies for ensuring that higher education is better managed and more attuned to the needs of the economy, for maintaining and enhancing standards, and for broadening the criteria for access to higher education; urges Her Majesty's Government to continue to seek ways of making more effective use of the resources available for higher education; and welcomes the framework for the future development of higher education set out in Cmnd. 9524", instead thereof.—(Secretary Sir Keith Joseph.)

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. Sean Hughes: 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tony Durant: 254.

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 congratulates Her Majesty's Government on its policies for ensuring that higher education is better managed and more attuned to the needs of the economy, for maintaining and enhancing standards, and for broadening the criteria for access to higher education; urges Her Majesty's Government to continue to seek ways of making more effective use of the resources available for higher education; and welcomes the framework for the future development of higher education set out in Cmnd. 9524.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Coal Industry Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Coal Industry Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Coal Industry Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 16, to leave out "600" and insert "400", instead thereof.—(Mr. Michael Fallon.)

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:—It was agreed to.

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

Mr. Speaker certified that the Coal Industry Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lancaster for a ban an experiment 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. Ian Lang.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.22 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 4th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Ultimus Haeres (Scotland),—Abstract Account of Receipts and Payments of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the administration of Estates and Treasure Trove in Scotland on behalf of the Crown in 1983 [by Command].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 16th May 1985,
(2) 16th May 1985,
(3) 21st May 1985,
(4) 22nd May 1985, and
(5) 23rd May 1985
on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Royal Fine Art Commission,—Copy of the Twenty-second Report of the Royal Fine Art Commission for the period October 1971 to December 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9498].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:


Overseas Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 20th May 1985, entitled the Governors' Pension (Amendment) Scheme 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Telecommunications,—Copies of Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Aberdeen Cable Services Ltd. and Broadband Ventures Ltd. [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd May 1985, entitled the Glan Conwy-Conwy Morfa Special Road and the Chester-Bangor Trunk Road Compulsory Purchase Order 1985 ; 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 Hurd:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of All Souls College, Oxford, on 26th February 1985, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 4th June 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

(1) the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D ;
(2) the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee ;
and
(3) the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1985 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill,--Ordered, That the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Royal Bank of Scotland Bill,--The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Royal Bank of Scotland Bill;

Ordered, That the Lords Amendments be considered to-morrow.

Bath City Council Bill [Lords],--The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Bath City Council Bill [Lords];

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

Greater Manchester Bill [Lords],--The Greater Manchester Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords],--The Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

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

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,--The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it has examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Greater London Council (Money) 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 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.

King's College London 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 King's College London 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 (Twenty-second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 5-xxii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xxii].

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 5th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 295-iv].

Home Affairs,—Mr. John Wheeler reported from the Home 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 the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report) [Immigration and Nationality Department of the Home Office].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 277].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 277].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Social Services.—Sir David Price 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 him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [Medical Education Report: Follow-up]. Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 303]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 303]. Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop reported from the Trade and Industry 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 [Nos. 172-ix and 335-iv].

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 5th June. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 337-iii].

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 Greater Manchester Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Luton Borough Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Local Authorities (Political Expenditure).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision relating to expenditure by local authorities for political purposes: And that Mr. Roy Galley, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Gary Waller, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, Mr. John Butterfill, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Tony Favell, and Mr. Derek Conway, do prepare and bring it in.

Local Authorities (Political Expenditure) Bill.—Mr. Roy Galley accordingly presented a Bill to make provision relating to expenditure by local authorities for political purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 154].

Rating (Revaluation Rebates) (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating (Revaluation Rebates) (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Rates rebates).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 5, to leave out the word “may” and insert the word “shall” .—(Mr. Donald Dewar.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. James Hamilton: 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 193.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 13, to leave out “3” and insert “2.5”.—(Mr. Malcolm Bruce.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 13, after the word “value”, to insert the words “or such other figure as shall be set by statutory instrument which shall not have effect until approved by resolution of the Commons House of Parliament” .—(Mr. Donald Dewar.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. James Hamilton: 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 181.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.
Clause No. 3 (Citation, commencement and extent).

Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 2, line 38, to leave out the word "which".—(Mr. Donald Dewar.)

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

Clause agreed to.

A Clause (Limitation of relief)—(Mr. Malcolm Bruce)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tim Sainsbury 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.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Tony Durant: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Ken Maginnis: 5.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newcastle upon Tyne North against the Transport 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);

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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 Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.10 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 5th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 14th May 1985 on borrowing by the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd May 1985, entitled the Police Federation (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 809) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Report on the efficiency and costs of the British Railways Board in its property activities [by Command] [Cmnd. 9532].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st May 1985, entitled the Assured Tenancies (Approved Bodies) (No. 1) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 812) [by Act].

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Public Health,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd May 1985, entitled the Control of Pollution (Registers) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 813) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Health and Social Services (Northern Ireland).—Summary of Health and Personal Social Services Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cmnd. 9523].

Police (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report of the Police Complaints Board for Northern Ireland for 1984 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 392].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Airports,—Paper, entitled Airports Policy [by Command] [Cmnd. 9542].

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

National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) the Ministry of Defence: design and procurement of warships, and
(2) the Scottish Education Department: control of further education establishments
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 423 and 424].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Spencer Batiste, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. William Cash, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Cecil Franks, Mr. Michael Howard, Mr. Greg Knight, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. John Morris, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Derek Spencer, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. John Wheeler, and Mr. John Wilkinson.

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 Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. John Corrie, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Bob McTaggart, Mr. Michael Martin, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Bruce Millan, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Allan Stewart, and Mr. Bill Walker.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee on the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Attorney General, Mr. W. Benyon, Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Mr. John Browne, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Patrick Ground, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Robert Macdonnan, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. John Morris, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Roger Sims, and Dr. Roger Thomas.

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 Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Graham Bright, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Geoffrey Lothhouse, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Jonathan Sayeed, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Richard Shepherd, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. John M. Taylor, Mr. Patrick Thompson, and Mr. Neil Thorne.

MR. SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

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 (Parent and Child) (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

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 a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.

Bill committed.

Private Bills (Petition for Additional Provision) (Standing Orders not complied with).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for Additional Provision in the following Bill the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.

Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

C-Poultry Company Limited Bill.—The C-Poultry Company Limited Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Royal Bank of Scotland Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Royal Bank of Scotland Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Bath City Council Bill [Lords].—The Bath City Council Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill.—The Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 13th June.

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

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Transport.—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier reported from the Transport 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 [Nos. 338-vii and -viii].

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 Bath City Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Members of Parliament (Minimum Age) Bill.—Mr. David Amess, supported by Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Eric Forth, and Mr. Jeremy Hanley, presented a Bill to reduce from 21 years to 18 years the minimum age for election as a Member of the House of Commons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 155].

Opposition day [13th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Problems of the Elderly.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while recognising the need for a review of the social security system, rejects those parts of the Green Paper which are designed to cut costs and will therefore add greatly to the problems of many elderly people on low incomes by reducing their entitlement to help with the high cost of rent and rates, will eventually remove the state earnings related pension scheme without substantially increasing the basic pension, and will replace a parsimonious death grant scheme with one likely to cause maximum distress at the time of bereavement—(Mr. David Steel);

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 Government's achievement in increasing the value of the retirement pension and welcomes the Government's continued commitment to protect its value; congratulates the Government
on carrying out a thorough review of the social security system; and endorses the aim of ensuring a coherent and soundly based benefit structure to meet the needs of pensioners and others"; instead thereof.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert: 218.

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 recognises the Government's achievement in increasing the value of the retirement pension and welcomes the Government's continued commitment to protect its value; congratulates the Government on carrying out a thorough review of the social security system; and endorses the aim of ensuring a coherent and soundly based benefit structure to meet the needs of pensioners and others.

Wages Councils,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the conclusion of the Employment Committee that wages councils should not be abolished.—(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 "notes that the period for consultation on the consultative document on wages councils is only just ending and representations are still being received; and asks the Government to take into account the views of the Employment Committee, together with the very many other responses from interested organisations and individuals", 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. John Cartwright, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert: 194.

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 the period for consultation on the consultative document on wages councils is only just ending and representations are still being received; and asks the Government to take into account the views of the Employment Committee, together with the very many other responses from interested organisations and individuals.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

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

Thursday 6th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Armed Forces Pay,—Eleventh Report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay [by Command] [Cmnd. 9526].

Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration,—Fifteenth Report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration [by Command] [Cmnd. 9527].

Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions allied to Medicine,—Second 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] [Cmnd. 9528 and 9529].
Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 22, 1985).—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 7th March 1985, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Niger on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9534].

Treaty Series (No. 23, 1985).—Copy of an Agreement, done at Lusaka on 15th February 1985, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Zambia on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9535].

Treaty Series (No. 24, 1985).—Copy of a Provisional Understanding regarding deep seabed matters, done at Geneva on 3rd August 1984, with a Memorandum on the implementation thereof [by Command] [Cmnd. 9536].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Fees and Charges.—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd June 1985, entitled the Measuring Instruments (EEC Pattern Approval Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 852) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Mines and Quarries.—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd May 1985, entitled the Mining Dereliction (Compulsory Works) (Procedure) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 814) [by Act].

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. John Wheeler (nominated in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Richard Ryder.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 6th June 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. John Hunt Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];
(2) Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
(3) Mr. James Lamond Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords]; and
(4) Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1985.

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Friday 7th June 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Brecon and Radnor Writ.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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 Brecon and Radnor in the room of Tom Ellis Hooson, Esquire, deceased—(Mr. Dennis Skinner);

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 do pass to the Orders of the day”, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

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

Mr. Peter Bruinvels 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 Brainvelds, Mr. Christopher Murphy: 201.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 109.
So the Question was agreed to.
And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 225.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Dennis Skinner: 86.
So the Question was agreed to.
And the Main Question, so amended, being put;
Resolved, That this House do pass to the Orders of the day.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents in the United Kingdom for increased resources for housing was presented and read; ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for a reversal of Her Majesty's Government's present policies 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 against the London Dockland Development Corporation undertaking any development which will adversely affect the welfare of the people in the docklands area was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of Birmingham for a return of the £125 million lost to the City of Birmingham because of changes in local government finance 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 against the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from members of Leytonstone Labour Party for a co-ordinated food policy was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from members of Leytonstone Ward Labour Party for improvements in housing and environmental conditions near the M11 link road 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 against the Unborn Children (Protection) 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 Dwyfor area against further cuts by Gwynedd Health Authority in the ambulance service was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of Lancashire against the take-over of Matthew Brown PLC was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Blackburn Borough Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from patients at Bourn Hall Clinic against the Unborn Children (Protection) 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 against the Motion permitting proceedings on the Unborn Children (Protection) 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 against legislation implementing the proposals in the Green Paper on Social Security was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the Meirionnyd Nant Conwy area against cuts by Gwynedd Health Authority in the ambulance service 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 against the Unborn Children (Protection) 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from those working on infertility at Bourn Hall Clinic against the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That at this day's sitting the remaining stages of the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill may be proceeded with until any hour though opposed and on Friday 5th July Lords Amendments to the said Bill may be proceeded with until any hour though opposed—(Mr. Andrew Bowden);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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

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

Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 5th July.
Members of Parliament (Minimum Age) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Members of Parliament (Minimum Age) Bill:

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

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 10th June.

Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 7th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 22nd May 1985 on borrowing by the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Cremation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd May 1985, entitled the Cremation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 820) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Museums and Galleries,—Minute relating to indemnities to be given by the British Museum (Natural History) in respect of items borrowed for an exhibition [by Command].

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th May 1985, entitled the Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 830) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Companies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th May 1985, entitled the Companies (Disqualification Orders) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 829) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th May 1985, entitled the Greater London Council (Transfer of Land and Housing Accommodation) (No. 3) Order 1981 (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 828) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th May 1985, entitled the Rate Limitation (Designation of Authorities) (Exemption) (Wales) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 823) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th May 1985, entitled the Special Road (Colwyn Bay to Glan Conwy) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 842) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th May 1985, entitled the Swansea and Port Talbot Pilotage Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 831) [by Act].

Port of London,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Port of London Authority for 1984 [by Act].

Public Passenger Vehicles,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th May 1985, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (S.I., 1985, No. 833) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 30th May 1985, entitled:

(1) the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 832), and

(2) the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 834), [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th June 1985, entitled the Import and Export (Plant Health) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 873) [by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Reading Committee on the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords] Mr. Bruce George; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Nicholas Brown.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Graham Bright and Mr. Giles Shaw (nominated in respect of the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Mellor and Mr. Patrick Nicholls.

PRAYERS.

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

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix 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 10th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 389-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 10th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 429-ii].

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 reported the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 6th and 10th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 405-ii and -iii].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill, without Amendment.

Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—Dr. David Clark, supported by Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Peter Hardy, and Dr. Mark Hughes, presented a Bill to amend the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to improve and clarify certain procedures under section 28 of that Act relating to notification of proposed sites of special scientific interest; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 156].

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Hiring of Goods) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 799) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Opposition day [8th allotted day: second partl,—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd);

And it being Seven o'clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to the Standing Order.
Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Enforcement of Conventions)—(Mr. John MacGregor)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Codes of practice)—(Mr. Brynmor John)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, to leave out the words "or may have been".—(Sir John Farr.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4A) The Ministers may jointly by regulations provide for the payment of compensation to any person who has incurred loss or damage as a result of the making of an emergency order in circumstances where no hazard to human health has been created in the area in which that loss or damage occurred".—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 5, 6, 8 and 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 16, at the beginning, to insert the words—

"(1) The provisions of this Part of this Act shall have effect with a view to reducing the use of deposit in the sea as a means of disposal of industrial waste and sewage sludge.

(2)".—(Dr. David Clark.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 19, to leave out the words "in United Kingdom waters" and insert the words "within United Kingdom waters, either in the sea or under the sea-bed", instead thereof.—(Mr. John MacGregor.)

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 Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 11) be made.

Question put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 12 to 16) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 19, at the end, to insert the words "and

(c) shall consider any written representations from a person objecting of that licence".—(Dr. David Clark.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 18 to 20) made to the Bill.

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

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting to-morrow, Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Motion in the name of Mr. Secretary Hurd relating to the draft Historic Churches (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 with the substitution of half-past Twelve o'clock or two and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, for the provisions in paragraph 1(b) of the Standing Order.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)
Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 10th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Charities,—Copy of the Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 394].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Bankruptcy,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th May 1985, entitled the Bankruptcy (Increase of Monetary Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R. (N.I.), 1985, No. 126) [by Act].
Companies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th May 1985, entitled the Companies (Winding up) (Increase of Monetary Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R. (N.I.), 1985, No. 125) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th June 1985, entitled the Medicines (Exemptions from Restrictions on the Retail Sale or Supply of Veterinary Drugs) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 857) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Supreme Court,—Copy of Rules, dated 3rd June 1985, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 2) 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 846) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Reading Committee on the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords] Mr. John Morris; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Guy Barnett.

[No. 131.]

Tuesday 11th June 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Birmingham City Council Bill,—Ordered, That the Birmingham City Council Bill be considered to-morrow.

King's College London Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the King's College London Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, 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 (Twenty-fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xxxiii].
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 June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 430].

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 Berkshire; to confer further powers on the Berkshire 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; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Berkshire Bill [Lords]].

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

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Legal Profession Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the development of a more unified legal profession by enabling solicitors, as of right, to exercise rights of audience in all courts and tribunals, civil and criminal, in England and Wales; to regulate and provide for advertising of pupillages and tenancies in barristers’ practices and to enable barristers to establish practices anywhere in England and Wales with direct access to those seeking legal advice and, when appropriate, representation, there being no mandatory intervention of any solicitor’s or barrister’s clerk or any other person whatsoever; to enable barristers and solicitors to practice together in any mutually acceptable form; to enable barristers to litigate for professional fees; to enable barristers to advertise; and to abolish the rank and title of Queen’s (or King’s) Counsel and the two counsel rule—(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. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Ken Weetch: 119.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Ian Percival, Mr. Nicholas Lyell: 151.

So the Question was negatived.

Opposition day [14th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Famine and Debt Crisis in Developing Countries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the Government’s continuing and substantial cuts in overseas aid and its failure to provide an effective response to the crisis of drought and debt afflicting sub-Saharan Africa; and calls on the Government to double the official United Kingdom aid programme, both advancing our assistance to developing countries towards the United Nations target of 0.7 per cent. of gross national product and generating employment opportunities in Britain, to take urgent and new measures to increase food, fuel and aid for agricultural development to famine areas, and to promote joint international action to re-schedule and, where possible, write off the debts of the poorest countries—(Mr. Stuart Holland);

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 effectiveness of the Government’s action in tackling the famine in Africa; endorses its policies to promote long term development in Africa; supports the present approach of the Government and the international financial institutions to the severe debt problems of the day; and recognises that Britain’s aid policy confers real benefits not only on the developing countries but also on British industry and employment’, instead thereof.—(Mr. Timothy Raison.)

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. Lawrence Cunliffe: 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 277.

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 effectiveness of the Government's action in tackling the famine in Africa; endorses its policies to promote long term development in Africa; supports the present approach of the Government and the international financial institutions to the severe debt problems of the day; and recognises that Britain's aid policy confers real benefits not only on the developing countries but also on British industry and employment.

Government Policy towards Young People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, mindful of the fact that 1985 is the International Year of Youth, believes that Her Majesty's Government has failed to foster conditions for opportunity, choice and participation for young people and has contributed to the desperate plight of youth by failing to operate the policies necessary to assist young people in securing work, housing, income and social security; and believes that all young people, regardless of sex and social background, have a right to effective education and training in order to give them wide and continuing opportunities to secure fulfilling employment and the consequent economic and social rewards—(Mr. Barry Sheerman);

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 that 1985 is the International Year of Youth, congratulates the Government on the action it is taking to improve the prospects for young people and, in particular, for introducing through the Youth Training Scheme the most imaginative and far reaching training programme since the last war; recognises the tremendous opportunities the scheme has created for young people and looks forward with confidence to the introduction of the two-year Youth Training Scheme in April 1986; and welcomes the initiatives being taken to provide more effective education for young people; 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. Don Dixon, Mr. Ray Powell: 182.*

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 274.

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, recognising that 1985 is the International Year of Youth, congratulates the Government on the action it is taking to improve the prospects for young people and, in particular, for introducing through the Youth Training Scheme the most imaginative and far reaching training programme since the last war; recognises the tremendous opportunities the scheme has created for young people and looks forward with confidence to the introduction of the two-year Youth Training Scheme in April 1986; and welcomes the initiatives being taken to provide more effective education for young people.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Historic Churches (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved.—(Mr. Chris Patten.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Douglas William Crerand for action to improve conditions at H.M. Prison, Wandsworth 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);

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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. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House.
without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-eight minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.28 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 11th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
- Public Accounts—Treasury Minute on the Ninth to Eleventh Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1984-85 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9546].
- Water—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 3rd June 1985 on borrowing by—
  (1) the North West Water Authority, and
  (2) the Southern Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
- Immigration—Copy of Statistics on the control of immigration for 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9544].
- Police—Copy of the Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9541].
- Parole—Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 411].
- Video Recordings—Proposals by the Home Secretary for the designation of certain persons as the authority to determine the suitability of video works for classification certificates [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:
- Defence—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
- Sea Fisheries—Copy of an Order, dated 30th May 1985, entitled the Poole Fishery Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 847) [by Act].

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Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:
(1) the Value Added Tax (Hiring of Goods) Order 1985 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
(2) the draft Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1985 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 132.]

Wednesday 12th June 1985

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

PRAYERS.

Brecon and Radnor 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 Brecon and Radnor in the room of Tom Ellis Hooson, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. John Wakeham.)

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Amendments made to the Bill.
Bill to be read the third time.
Birmingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Birmingham City Council Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.

British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords];

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 I).

Lincoln City Council 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 Lincoln City Council 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; 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.

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College 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 Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords] and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; 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.

Agriculture.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th and 12th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 340-vi and -vii].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy 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. 87-ii].

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) [The Problems of Management of Urban Renewal].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 435].

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 (Third Special Report) [The British Board of AGRÉMONT: Government response].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 436].

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 June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-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 (Twenty-third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-xxiii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xxiii].

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 12th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 299-iii].

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. John Biften 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 part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee on 12th and 26th November and 15th May: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [Transport Office]. Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 437]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 437].

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 12th June. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 434-i].

Scottish Affairs,—Mr. David Lambie 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) [Highlands and Islands Development Board: The Government's Reply to the Committee's Second Report of Session 1984-85]. Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 428].

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 12th June. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 433-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 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: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report) [Public Expenditure on the Social Services]. Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 339]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 339].

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 12th June. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 172-x and 335-\-v].

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier 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. 252-vii].

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 12th June. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 57-vii].

Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords].—Mr. James Lamond reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Child Abduction and Custody 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 Child Abduction and Custody 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. 432].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 4th June. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 431].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 12th June to be printed [No. 89-iv].

Divisions,—Mr. Ian Mikardo having complained yesterday that in the Division on the Question, That the original words stand part of the Question (Government Policy towards
Young People), he had passed into the Aye Lobby to vote, but that the Tellers had left the door before he had reached it:

Mr. Speaker directed the Clerk of the House to correct the error by adding the name of the honourable Member to the Ayes and stating the number in the Journal accordingly, viz.: Ayes 182, Noes 274.

Pensioners' Heating and Communications,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to guarantee supplies of gas and electricity to pensioners and to abolish standing charges for pensioners for gas and electricity and to abolish telephone rentals: And that Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. Tony Benn, Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Miss Joan Maynard, Clare Short, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Robert N. Waring, and Mr. David Winnick, do prepare and bring it in.

Pensioners' Heating and Communications Bill,—Mr. Jeremy Corbyn accordingly presented a Bill to guarantee supplies of gas and electricity to pensioners and to abolish standing charges for pensioners for gas and electricity and to abolish telephone rentals: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 157].

Defence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1985, contained in Cmnd. 9430—(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 1985, Cmnd. 9430, in particular the Government's policies of buying, at an ever-increasing cost, the Trident nuclear system, will inevitably lead to further damaging cuts in Britain's real defence and in our conventional contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation: believes also, that in view of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's present strategy of "first use" of nuclear weapons, a reduced conventional contribution will increase the risk of a nuclear war in Europe; calls upon the Government to cancel Trident, to remove all nuclear bases from the United Kingdom and work within the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation for a substantial reduction in, and eventually the elimination of, battlefield nuclear weapons; notes with alarm the decline of the Merchant Navy; and urges the Government to take positive and immediate steps to arrest and reverse that decline', 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 constituency of Hertsmere against the plans of the Barnet Health Authority to turn Potters Bar Hospital into a long-term geriatric unit was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table 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. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then half-past Ten o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]
Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
European Communities (No. 20, 1985),—Copy of a Decision of the Council of the European Communities, done at Brussels on 7th May 1985, on the Communities' system of own resources [by Command] [Cmnd. 9549].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Weights and Measures,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on the Metrological Control of Equipment for Use for Trade [by Command] [Cmnd. 9545].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland,—Copy of the Northern Ireland Trading and other Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1984; 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. 409].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
British Railways,—Minute, dated 12th June 1985, concerning a guarantee given to the British Railways Savings Company Limited in respect of an Agreement between the British Railways Board and the Company [by Command] [Cmnd. 9547].

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 Warkworth Harbour Revision Order 1984 [by Act].

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 Value Added Tax (Hiring of Goods) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Robert B. Jones, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Iain Mills, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. Matthew Parrish, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, Sir Hugh Rossi, Mr. Tom Sackville, Mr. Brian Sedgehere, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. David Winnick, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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 Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Tom Clarke, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Barry Gourlay, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. John MacKay, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Sir Hector Monro, and Mr. Alexander Pollock.

MEMORANDUM

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. James Lamond an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22);

(2) Mr. Ian Campbell an additional Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

(3) Miss Betty Boothroyd Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Hiring of Goods) Order 1985; and

(4) Sir Philip Holland Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1985.
Thursday, 13th June 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Birmingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Birmingham City Council Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 20th June.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 20th June.

British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 20th June.

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).

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
The Lords have agreed to the Coal Industry Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Representation of the People Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Representation of the People Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Representation of the People Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 159].

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, Regional assistance, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 8, Housing, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 9, New Towns, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 11, Administration of justice, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 12, Police grant, legal aid and criminal inquiries compensation, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 13, Legal proceedings, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 15, Education, arts, libraries and social work, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 16, Student awards, Scotland.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

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 1985, contained in Cmnd. 9430;

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 1985, Cmnd. 9430, in particular the Government's policies of buying, at an ever-increasing cost, the Trident nuclear system, will inevitably lead to further damaging cuts in Britain's real defence and in our conventional contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation; believes also, that in view of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's present strategy of "first use" of nuclear weapons, a reduced conventional contribution will increase the risk of a nuclear war in Europe; calls upon the Government to cancel Trident, to remove all nuclear bases from the United Kingdom and work within the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation for a substantial reduction in, and eventually the elimination of, battlefield nuclear weapons; notes with alarm the decline of the Merchant Navy; and urges the Government to take positive and immediate steps to arrest and reverse that decline', instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.
Royal Assent,—Mr. Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:

1. Industrial Development Act 1985.

Defence,—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Question;
And the Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Allen McKay: 157.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 367.
So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 353.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Allen McKay: 168.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House approves the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1985, contained in Cmdn. 9430.

Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Child Abduction and Custody 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).

Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords] [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) any expenses incurred by the Lord Chancellor or the Secretary of State by virtue of the said Act; and
(b) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums so payable under any other Act.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

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 1985, which was laid before this House on 20th May, be approved—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—It was agreed to.

Energy,—Ordered, That Mr. Robert Hayward be discharged from the Energy Committee and Mr. Michael Portillo be added.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Scottish Grand Committee,—Ordered, That, in the course of its consideration of Scottish Estimates, the Scottish Grand Committee may meet in Edinburgh on Monday 8th July at half-past Ten o'clock.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the parish of St. Anne’s, in the constituency of Gateshead East, against the Transport 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. Peter Lloyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.50 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 13th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:


Treaty Series (No. 26, 1985),—Copy of a Joint Declaration, done at Beijing on 19th December 1984, of Her Majesty’s Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on the question of Hong Kong with Annexes [by Command] [Cmnd. 9543].

Treaty Series (No. 27, 1985),—Copy of an Undertaking, made by representatives of the governments of the member states of the European Community meeting within the Council, on 23rd and 24th April 1985 in Brussels, to make payments to the Community to finance the general budget for the financial year 1985 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9548].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Trade,—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 19th November for a Return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1985, for April.

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on the Museum Service in Northern Ireland [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Report of the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce for 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9540].

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 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 438].

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. Spencer Batiste (nominated in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Butterfill.
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Chairmen of Standing Committees.—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 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, Regional assistance, Scotland.
- Class XV, Vote 8, Housing, Scotland.
- Class XV, Vote 9, New Towns, Scotland.
- Class XV, Vote 11, Administration of justice, Scotland.
- Class XV, Vote 12, Police grant, legal aid and criminal inquiries compensation, Scotland.
- Class XV, Vote 13, Legal proceedings, Scotland.
- Class XV, Vote 15, Education, arts, libraries and social work, Scotland.
- Class XV, Vote 16, Student awards, Scotland.

[No. 134.]

Friday 14th June 1985.

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 a 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.:

- Berkshire Bill [Lords].
  
Bill to be read a second time.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Steven Alfred Wilkins for the improvement of the Wakefield prison regime 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Lamesley in the Borough of Gateshead against the Transport Bill 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; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix).

European Communities (Finance).—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, and Mr. Ian Stewart, 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 the definition of 'the Treaties' and 'the Community Treaties' in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 so as to include the decision, of 7th May 1985, of the Council of the Communities on the Communities' system of own resources and the undertaking made by the Representatives of the Governments of the member States, meeting within the Council on 23rd and 24th April 1985 in Brussels, to make payments to finance the Communities' general budget for the financial year 1985: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 17th June and to be printed [Bill 158].

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 Monday 17th June, the Motion relating to Airports Policy in the name of the Prime Minister may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o’clock.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd).

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd);

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 one minute past Three o’clock, till Monday 17th June.

[Adjourned at 3.1 p.m.

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Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:
National Debt,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th June 1985, entitled the Premium Savings Bonds (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 861) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Video Recordings,—Proposals by the Home Secretary for the designation of certain persons as the authority to determine the suitability of video works for classification certificates [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Health Service Commissioner,—Copy of the Second Report from the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1984-85 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 418].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Trade,—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 19th November for a Return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1985, for February.

Paper withdrawn and order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Video Recordings,—Proposals by the Home Secretary for the designation of certain persons as the authority to determine the suitability of video works for classification certificates [laid 11th June].

[No. 135.]

Monday 17th June 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Leicestershire Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the Leicestershire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
Bill to be read the third time.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Greater London Council (Money) 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).

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 17th June.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-xi].
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 17th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 440-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 17th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 441-i].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill to be considered upon Friday 5th July ; and to be printed [Bill 162].

Airports Policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Government's White Paper on Airports Policy, Cmnd. 9542—(Mr. Secretary Ridley) ;

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ' House ' to the end of the Question and add the words ' declines to approve a White Paper which encourages a form of further airport development in the South East of England which will disadvantage many of the local communities, inflict damage on the local environment, deny necessary public investment to other parts of the country, increase the gross economic imbalance between the North and South of the United Kingdom and totally fail to foster a modern strategy for regional airports ', instead thereof.—(Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody.)

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

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Peter Pike : 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather : 332.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather : 326.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Peter Pike : 190.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House approves the Government's White Paper on Airports Policy, Cmnd. 9542.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from employees of Courtaulds' Deeside Mill, Flint for the continuation of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement 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 to One o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.51 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 17th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Barney Hayhoe :

Mr. Secretary Brittan:


Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

British Council,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 14th June 1985, concerning the indemnification of works of art lent to the British Council for the 'Treasure Houses of Britain' exhibition to be held in Washington from 3rd November 1985 to 16th March 1986 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th June 1985, entitled the Central Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 866) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Industrial Training,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Telecommunications,—Copies of—

(1) a Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Clyde Cablevision Ltd., and
(2) an Order, dated 10th June 1985, entitled the Public Telecommunication System Designation (Clyde Cablevision Limited) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 882) [by Act].

Trade Marks,—Copy of Rules, dated 14th June 1985, entitled the Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 921) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Clean Air,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th June 1985, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 864) [by Act].

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th June 1985, entitled the Rate Limitation (Designation of Authorities) (Exemption) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 863) [by Act].

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

Tourism,—Copy of the Accounts of the Scottish Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed (No. 439).

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. James Lamond an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Insolvency Bill [Lords].

[No. 136.]

Tuesday 18th June 1985

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

PRAYERS.

King's College London Bill [Lords].—A Motion being made, That the King's College London 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 it shall think fit.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join 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. 25-xxxiv].

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 18th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 444-i].

Transport.—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier reported from the Transport 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. 338-ix].

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 163].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 445].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the King's College London Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Northern Ireland Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of the Proposal for a draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Education Support Grants (Amendment) Regulations 1985 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 (Various Foods) (Amendment) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Crown Immunity (Removal from Workplaces).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove Crown Immunity from premises covered by the Health and Safety at Work Act and the Food Hygiene Regulations; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Jack Ashley, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, and Mr. Gerald Kaufman, do prepare and bring it in.

Crown Immunity (Removal from Workplaces) Bill.—Mr. Jack Ashley accordingly presented a Bill to remove Crown Immunity from premises covered by the Health and Safety at Work Act and the Food Hygiene Regulations; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 161].

Reform of Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the Government's Green Paper, Reform of Social Security, Cmnd. 9517-9; and endorses the Government's aims of achieving a better social security system which would direct help to the people who need it most, make the benefit system simpler to understand and run, base pensions on a partnership between the state and individuals, and put social security on a sound basis which the country can afford.—(Mr. Secretary Fowler);

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 'whilst seeking to achieve a more just and efficient system of provision and contribution for social security, strongly
condemns the proposals made in the Government's Green Paper, Reform of Social Security, which would, if implemented, destroy many of the established and widely supported principles of care for the needy in Britain, bring about substantial reductions in income, security and, therefore, freedom for pensioners, mothers, widows, low income and pensioner home owners and low paid and unemployed families, result in increased means-testing for the poor in order to produce savings in resources for the rich, and force the great majority of workers to pay higher contributions for pensions without providing for the needs of the disabled; and rejects as fraudulent the Government's claim to be undertaking consultations when they refuse to provide proper estimates of payments and contributions resulting from proposals for major and retrograde change which they have never put to the electorate', instead thereof. (Mr. Neil Kinnock.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 178.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather: 335.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 335.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Derek Fatchett: 196.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government's Green Paper, Reform of Social Security, Cmnd. 9517-9; and endorses the Government's aims of achieving a better social security system which would direct help to the people who need it most, make the benefit system simpler to understand and run, base pensions on a partnership between the state and individuals, and put social security on a sound basis which the country can afford.

European Legislation,—Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Gould be discharged from the Select Committee on European Legislation and Mr. Roland Boyes be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Plymouth and the surrounding area for safeguarding Devonport Dock Yard as an integrated industrial enterprise was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

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 I

Tuesday 18th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Supply Estimates, 1985-86,—Revised Estimates for Classes I-XVIII for the year ending 31st March 1986 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 426].

Supply Estimates, 1985-86,—Supplementary Estimates for Classes I-XVIII for the year ending 31st March 1986 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 427].

Supply Estimates, 1985-86,—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 1986 [by Command].
Water,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 3rd June 1985 on borrowing by the Anglian Water Authority;
(2) 3rd June 1985 on borrowing by the Southern Water Authority, and
(3) 6th June 1985 on borrowing by the Yorkshire Water Authority
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th June 1985, entitled the Police (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 885) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Overseas Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 14th June 1985, entitled—
(1) the Barbados Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1985,
(2) the Barbados Public Officers' Widows' and Children’s Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1985, and
(3) the Barbados Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans’ Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1985
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Museums and Galleries (Scotland),—Statement of increase in the value of indemnities given for loss of objects on long term loan to the National Galleries of Scotland [by Command].

Mr. Secretary King:

Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1983 on—
(1) insulated wires and cables, and
(2) machinery for the food, chemical and related industries; process engineering contractors
[by Act].

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1983, introductory notes [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th June 1985, entitled the Fishing Vessels (Reporting of Accidents) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 855) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985,
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985,
(4) the Merchant Shipping (Grain) Regulations 1985, and
(5) the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985
[by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of—
(1) Christ Church, Oxford, on 18th March 1985, amending the Statutes of the House,
(2) Jesus College, Oxford, on 13th March 1985, amending the Statutes of the College,
(3) New College, Oxford, on 15th March 1985, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(4) St. John’s College, Oxford, on 2nd April 1985, amending the Statutes of the College
[by Act].
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., Dr. Oonagh McDonald (nominated in respect of the Value Added Tax (Hiring of Goods) Order 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tony Blair.

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Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

(1) the draft Education Support Grants (Amendment) Regulations 1985 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(2) the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Foods) (Amendment) Order 1985 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

No. 137.

Wednesday 19th June 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Berkshire Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Berkshire Bill [Lords] 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).

Cambridge City Council 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 Cambridge 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.

Durham City 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 Durham City 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 to re-enact with amendments certain local enactments in force in the City of Durham; to empower the Durham City Council to acquire land or rights therein or thereover for altering, adding to and extending the town hall in that city; to make further provision with regard to the freedom of that city; 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.

Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation) 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 Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation) 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 part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 19th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 453-ii].

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 the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report) [The dismissal of National Coal Board employees].

Report 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 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. 87-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 19th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-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-fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-xxiv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xxiv].

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 19th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 452-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 19th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 433-ii].

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 19th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 451-i].

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier reported from the Transport 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. 252-ix].

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 June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 337-iv].

Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22),—Miss Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee B, That it gone through the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 3, 10, 35, 40, 54, 64 and 87 and Schedules Nos. 12, 16 and 22), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 166].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee to be printed [No. 450].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Miss Betty Boothroyd reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Value Added Tax (Hiring of Goods) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 799), referred to a Committee on 10th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 446].

Scottish Estimates,—Ordered, That the Estimate, Class XVIII, Vote 5, Rate Support Grants to local revenues, Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)
Consumer Guarantee Protection.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to oblige traders offering long-term guarantees when providing goods or services to make suitable arrangements to ensure that such guarantees remain effective in the event of the trader ceasing to trade: And that Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Spencer Batiste, Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Stuart Randall, Mr. James Wallace, and Mr. Gordon Wilson, do prepare and bring it in.

Consumer Guarantee Protection Bill.—Mr. Michael Hirst accordingly presented a Bill to oblige traders offering long-term guarantees when providing goods or services to make suitable arrangements to ensure that such guarantees remain effective in the event of the trader ceasing to trade: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 164].

Opposition day [15th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Government Imposed Price Increases.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government's policy of intentionally increasing public sector prices through rising tariffs for gas and electricity, increased rents, rates, water charges and bus fares, higher charges for school meals, meals on wheels, home helps and prescriptions, which will result in disadvantage for all but the richest sections of society; deplores the increases in private sector prices resulting from the Government's extension and imposition of higher levels of value added tax; and strongly disapproves of the Government's mismanagement of the economy which has produced record interest rates and a consequent level of mortgage repayments which for most families greatly exceeds any gains from changes in income tax—(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 'supports the Government's sound financial policies to reduce and contain inflation, to provide the basis for a fifth successive year of economic growth and to secure a sustained rise in living standards', 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. Frank Haynes, Mr. John Maxton: 166.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 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. Ian Lang, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John Maxton: 165.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House supports the Government's sound financial policies to reduce and contain inflation, to provide the basis for a fifth successive year of economic growth and to secure a sustained rise in living standards.

Frozen Foodstuffs.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 9402/84 on the approximation of laws relating to quick frozen foodstuffs for human consumption; and supports the Government's intention to oppose Community measures in this field, unless they can be modified to meet United Kingdom interests. (Mrs. Peggy Fenner.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from pupils of St. Aelred's Catholic High School and other residents of Newton-le-Willows for a change in the Government's policy towards the Youth Training Scheme 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);

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

[Adjourned at 12.20 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 19th June 1985

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Credit Unions (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 [by Act].

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


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Glyn Barnett, Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. John Browne, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Patrick Ground, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Robert MacMullen, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Roger Sims, Dr. Roger Thomas, and Mr. Timothy Wood.

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 Proposal for a draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, viz. : Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. Peter Archer, Mr. Stuart Bell, Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. W. Benyon, Sir John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Michael Carttiss, Mr. Christopher Chope, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Lawrence Cruikshank, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Robert MacMullen, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. James Pawsey, Mr. Barry Porter, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Mr. Ivor Stanbrook.

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 Education Support Grants (Amendment) Regulations 1985, viz. : Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Den Dover, Mr. Bob Dunn, Mr. David Evennett, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Clement Freud, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Christopher Hawkins, Mr. Gerald Howarth, Mr. John Powley, Mr. John Straddling Thomas, and Mr. George Walden.

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 Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Foods) (Amendment) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. John Butcher, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Gregor MacKenzie, Mr. Hal Miller, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. David Mudie, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. William O’Brien, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Sir John Page, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Michael Portillo, Mr. Keith Rajkan, Mr. Alan Williams, and Mr. David Young.

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Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee F.
PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill, — The Greater London Council (Money) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Leicestershire Bill [Lords], — The Leicestershire Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Birmingham City Council Bill, — The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Birmingham City Council Bill, as amended in the Committee ;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Monday 24th June at Seven o'clock.

British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords], — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords] ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 27th June.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill, — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 27th June.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 27th June.

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

Standing Orders, — The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committees, a Resolution as follows:

That, in the case of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill, Petition for Additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the Parties be permitted to insert their Additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

The Resolution was agreed to.

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

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. 444-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. 57-viii].

Insolvency Bill [Lords], — Sir Michael Shaw reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Insolvency Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 168].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 458].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Hospital Complaints Procedure Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Associated British Ports (No. 2) 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 Leicestershire Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

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 Clwyd ; to confer further powers on the local authorities in that county ; to make further provision with respect to the improvement, health and local government of the county ; and for other

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purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Clwyd County Council Bill [Lords].

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

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Hospital Complaints Procedure Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Hospital Complaints Procedure Bill to be considered upon Friday 5th July; and to be printed [Bill 169].

Developments in the European Community.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the White Paper on Developments in the European Community, July to December 1984 (Cmd. 9485), of the Report to the European Council of the Ad Hoc Committee for Institutional Affairs (the Dooge Report), and of European Community Documents Nos. 11911/1/81 on a conciliation procedure between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, 10350/82 on stronger action in the cultural sector, and 8667/82 and 4469/85 on the easing of controls and formalities applicable to nationals of member states at Community internal borders; and welcomes the Government's determination to seek early progress towards completion of the common market and to ensure that the easing of checks at frontiers is compatible with the fight against drug trafficking, terrorism and illegal immigration—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind);

The Question was amended in line 2, by leaving out from the word ' House ' to the end of the Question and adding the words ' calls on the Government to ensure that proper control is exercised over the Common Agricultural Policy; expects the Government to take all possible steps to ensure that expenditure is made subject to effective limits and urges the Government to use the British veto as necessary to protect very important national interests; urges the Government to ensure that areas in Britain with special needs receive a proper share of the regional aid budget; believes that the European Council should be fully engaged in planning jobs and giving particular attention to youth employment and should not dilute its energies by focusing on less important goals; urges the European Council to cut the burden of bureaucracy and to reduce the number of Community rules and regulations; and urges the Government to resist any proposals to dismantle border controls which would interfere with its ability to combat terrorism and drug trafficking', instead thereof.(Mr. George Robertson.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House calls on the Government to ensure that proper control is exercised over the Common Agricultural Policy; expects the Government to take all possible steps to ensure that expenditure is made subject to effective limits and urges the Government to use the British veto as necessary to protect very important national interests; urges the Government to ensure that areas in Britain with special needs receive a proper share of the regional aid budget; believes that the European Council should be fully engaged in planning jobs and giving particular attention to youth employment and should not dilute its energies by focusing on less important goals; urges the European Council to cut the burden of bureaucracy and to reduce the number of Community rules and regulations; and urges the Government to resist any proposals to dismantle border controls which would interfere with its ability to combat terrorism and drug trafficking.

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 (Hiring of Goods) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 799), dated 22nd May 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd May, be approved—(Mr. John Major):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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.
APPENDIX
Thursday 20th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:
Banking,—Report of the Committee set up to consider the system of banking supervision [by Command] [Cmnd. 9550].

Mr. John Moore:
Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 20th June 1985, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for the sale of Government shares in British Aerospace Public Limited Company [by Act].
Electricity,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 3rd June 1985,
(2) 14th June 1985, and
(3) 14th June 1985
on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
Overseas Development and Co-operation,—Draft of an Order, entitled the African Development Fund (Fourth Replenishment) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Education (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Examination Board for 1984 [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Census of Production,—Copies of the Reports of the Census of Production 1983 on—
(1) clocks, watches and other timing devices,
(2) foundries,
(3) measuring, checking and precision instruments and apparatus,
(4) medical and surgical equipment and orthopaedic appliances,
(5) ordnance, small arms and ammunition,
(6) railway and tramway vehicles, and
(7) refractory and ceramic goods
[by Act].
Iron and Steel,—Draft of an Order, entitled the British Steel Corporation (Borrowing Powers) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Nuclear Industry (Finance),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Energy on 20th June 1985 on borrowing by British Nuclear Fuels plc [by Act].

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:
(1) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Proposal for a draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1985;
(2) Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Education Support Grants (Amendment) Regulations 1985;

(3) Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Foods) (Amendment) Order 1985; and

(4) Mr. Ian Campbell and Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the following Scottish Estimate: Class XVIII, Vote 5, Rate Support Grants to local revenues, Scotland.

[No. 139.]

Friday 21st June 1985.

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).

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower local education authorities to supply goods and services through further education establishments and to make loans to certain other persons to enable them to do so; to repeal section 28(b) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Further Education Bill [Lords].

Further Education Bill [Lords].—The Further Education Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 24th June and to be printed [Bill 167].

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

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 24th June.

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 21st June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax.—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th June 1985, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 886) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Video Recordings.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th June 1985, entitled the Video Recordings (Labelling) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 911) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th June 1985, entitled the Asbestos (Prohibitions) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 910) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Consumer Protection.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Food Imitations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Water.—Copy of an Order, dated 11th June 1985, entitled the Thames Water Authority (Local Enactments) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 914) [by Act].
Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petitions [24th October in the last session of Parliament and subsequently] on human embryos and the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

[No. 140]
Monday, 24th June 1985.

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).

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 24th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-xiii].

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 24th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 461-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 24th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 460-4].

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) [Monitoring and Control of the Water Authorities].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 249].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 249].

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) [Property Services Agency: various matters].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 256].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 256].

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) [Arrangements for delivering social security benefits].

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].

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 Ports (Finance) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Sale of Alcoholic Beverages from Garage Premises Bill,—Mr. Tony Speller, supported by Mr. Peter Briniums, presented a Bill to prohibit the issue of off-licences to retail outlets situated on garage forecourts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 170].
Opposition day [16th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Government Policies to meet Britain's Skill Needs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government's failure to make proper provision for improving the extent and standard of modern skills training that is essential for Britain's economic recovery and industrial growth; deplores the Government's destruction of the nation's training system, including the abolition of industrial training boards, the closure of skillcentres and the catastrophic decline in apprenticeships, and its failure to provide quality training for the new technologies; believes that the present adult training strategy is inadequate; and demands a comprehensive statutory framework to deliver sufficient quality of training to produce the competent and committed work force Britain needs—(Mr. Barry Sheerman);

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 Government's many major initiatives which are producing for the first time coherent industrial and training strategies for the country as a whole, within which employers, in co-operation with others concerned with providing training, can anticipate and meet emerging skill needs', instead thereof. —(Mr. Peter Morrison.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

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.

Birmingham City Council Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Birmingham City Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Duration of Act)—(Clare Short)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Clare Short, Mr. Robin Corbett: 20.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Reginald Eyre, Mr. Greg Knight: 127.

And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday.

European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Third ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 23rd May, be approved—(Mr. Timothy Raison);

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

Resolved, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Third ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 23rd May, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Tadeusz Drofiet against abortion 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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. Tony Durant);

Tuesday 25th June 1985

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

[Adjourned at 12.10 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Monday 24th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Electricity (Scotland),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copies of Reports of the Northern Ireland Assembly on—
(1) the Consultative Paper on Wages Councils, and
(2) the Report of the Joint Working Group on the Home Help Service [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th June 1985, entitled the Lead in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 912) [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 Glan Conwy-Conwy Morfa Special Road and the Chester-Bangor Trunk Road Compulsory Purchase Order 1985 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
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 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 459].

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 Butcher (nominated in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Foods) (Amendment) Order 1985) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alex Fletcher.

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Monday 24th June 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) 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 Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Education Support Grants (Amendment) Regulations 1985, in place of Mr. David Crouch.

[No. 141.]

Tuesday 25th June 1985.

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 a 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.:
Clwyd County Council Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.
Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill [Lords].—The Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Lincoln City Council Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lincoln City Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill [Lords], The Nottinghamshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Lincoln City Council Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lincoln City Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College 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).

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-sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xxxv].

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 25th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 453-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 25th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 464].

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 25th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 315-iii].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Foods) (Amendment) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 18th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 463].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Hill Farming Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Rating (Revaluation Rebates) (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time; upon Friday 5th July, the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)
Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Grain) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the Export of Goods (Control) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 849) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

European Community Documents, Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 12451/80 and 9826/84 concerning observation of markets for freight transport by road, rail and inland waterway be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Co-ownership of Flats, Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to permit the residents of flats in mansion blocks and substantial conversions in private ownership to form companies with powers to acquire and manage the properties under stated rules of common ownership, to empower such a company in certain circumstances to apply to the courts for the appointment of a managing trustee; to require local authorities to keep lists of persons qualified to act as managing trustees or as secretaries of such companies; and for related purposes: And that Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Martin Stevens, and Mr. John Wheeler, do prepare and bring it in.

Co-ownership of Flats Bill, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams accordingly presented a Bill to permit the residents of flats in mansion blocks and substantial conversions in private ownership to form companies with powers to acquire and manage the properties under stated rules of common ownership, to empower such a company in certain circumstances to apply to the courts for the appointment of a managing trustee; to require local authorities to keep lists of persons qualified to act as managing trustees or as secretaries of such companies; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 171].

European Communities (Finance) Bill, The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Communities (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 : 352.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Ray Powell : 184.
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. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Committee to-morrow.

Business of the House, Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Lords Amendments to the Representation of the People Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

European Communities (Finance) Bill [Money], Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to European Communities (Finance) Bill [Money];

A Motion was made and the Question being put, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the European Communities (Finance) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums to be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund, or payable out of money provided by Parliament, under the European Communities Act 1972; and
The payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 317.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. K. Harvey Proctor: 158.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the European Communities (Finance) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums to be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund, or payable out of money provided by Parliament, under the European Communities Act 1972; and

(2) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund.

Representation of the People Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Representation of the People 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. David Mellor);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 327.


Lords Amendment No. 1 was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 6 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7 to 10 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 11 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 12 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 13 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 14 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 to 18 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 19 to 43 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 1, 3 to 6, 11, 13 and 15 to 18.—(Mr. David Mellor.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. David Mellor, and Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, be members of the Committee—(Mr. David Mellor);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out “Mr. Robin Corbett” and insert “Mr. A. J. Beith”, instead thereof.—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. David Mellor, and Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, be members of the Committee.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. David Mellor.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. David Mellor.)

Representation of the People Bill.—Mr. Secretary Brittan reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments (Nos. 1, 3 to 6, 11, 13 and 15 to 18) to the Representation of the People Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments (Nos. 1, 3 to 6, 11, 13 and 15 to 18) made by the Lords in page 2, line 3, in page 2, lines 5 to 7, in page 2, line 13, in page 2, lines 14 and 15, in page 2, line 21, in page 3, line 19, in page 4, line 21, in page 4, lines 23 to 25, in page 4, line 31, in page 4, lines 32 and 33, and in page 4, line 39, for the following Reason:
Because it is not appropriate to extend further the franchise for overseas electors beyond the five-year period by reference to a person’s occupation.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes past Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.18 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 25th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 31, 1985),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington on 20th May 1980 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Inter-American Development Bank concerning certain exemptions from duties of customs or excise [by Command] [Cmnd. 9554].

Treaty Series (No. 32, 1985),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington on 1st November 1978 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Inter-American Development Bank concerning the exemption of certain Bank officials from United Kingdom social security contributions [by Command] [Cmnd. 9555].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Town and Country Planning (Scotland),—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:


Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Town and Country Planning,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 [by Act].

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

Tourism,—Copy of the Accounts of the English Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 462].

MEMORANDUM

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Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

(1) the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Grain) Regulations 1985, and the draft Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(2) the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1985 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(3) the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1985 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(4) the Export of Goods (Control) Order 1985 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
(5) European Community Documents Nos. 12451/80 and 9826/84 concerning observation of markets for freight transport by road, rail and inland waterway to the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.

[No. 1421]

Wednesday 26th June 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

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

British Railways Bill.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the British Railways Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments 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. Gary Waller reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to which the Housing Bill [Lords], the Housing Associations Bill [Lords], the Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords] and the Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That it had gone through the Bills 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.

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 26th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 471-i].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 471-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 26th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-xiv].

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. 5-xxv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xxv].

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: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [Overseas Programme Expenditure 1985-86].

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 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. 472-i].

Selection.—Sir Kenneth Lewis 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 26th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 451-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 (Second Report) [The British Steel Corporation].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 474].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 474].

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 June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 172-xi and 473].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Education Support Grants (Amendment) Regulations 1985, referred to a Committee on 18th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 467].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 10th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 468].

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:


Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Brittan, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Jenkin, Mr. Secretary Ridley, Mr. Giles Shaw, and Mr. Nell Macfarlane, presented a Bill to make provision for punishing those who cause or permit intoxicating liquor to be carried on public service vehicles and railway passenger vehicles carrying passengers to or from designated sporting events or who possess intoxicating liquor on such vehicles and those who possess intoxicating liquor or certain articles capable of causing injury at designated sports grounds during the period of designated sporting events, for punishing drunkenness on such vehicles and, during the period of designated sporting events, at such grounds and, where licensed premises or premises in respect of which a club is registered (for the purposes of the Licensing Act 1964) are within designated sports grounds, to make provision for regulating the sale or supply of intoxicating liquor and for the closure of bars: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 173].

Tenants’ Protection (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Bruce Millan, supported by Mr. David Marshall, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Michael Martin, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Gregor MacKenzie, and Mr. Norman Buchan, presented a Bill to give further protection to tenants in Scotland.
And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 176].

Wildlife and Countryside (Service of Notices) Bill.—Dr. David Clark, supported by Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Peter Hardy, and Dr. Mark Hughes, presented a Bill to apply section 283 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 and section 269 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 to notices and other documents required or authorized to be served or given under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 174].

Environmental Pollution Information.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide a public right of access to information concerning the discharge or disposal of substances into the environment and the presence of certain dangerous substances on premises, held by certain government departments and other authorities and by persons responsible for such substances; and to require certain government departments and authorities to notify those affected of hazards to their health or safety, or danger to their property likely to be caused by such substances; and to establish the office and powers of the Environmental Information Commissioner; and that Mr. Nigel Forman, Sir Hugh Rossi, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Kenneth Warren, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. David Heathcoat-Amory, and Dr. Ian Twin, do prepare and bring it in.

Environmental Pollution Information Bill,—Mr. Nigel Forman accordingly presented a Bill to provide a public right of access to information concerning the discharge or disposal of substances into the environment and the presence of certain dangerous substances on premises, held by certain government departments and other authorities and by persons responsible for such substances; and to require certain government departments and authorities to notify those affected of hazards to their health or safety, or danger to their property likely to be caused by such substances; and to establish the office and powers of the Environmental Information Commissioner; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 175].

Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Food and Environment Protection Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 21 to 23) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 41, at the end, to insert the words—

"(ff) provide for the payment of compensation to beekeepers who incur financial loss as a result of the use of pesticides".—(Dr. David Clark.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 and 28 to 30) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 32) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

"(aa) as to the extent and implications of resistance to pesticides among pests in Britain".—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 34, at the end, to insert the words—

"(10A) Within 12 months of the passing of this Act the Ministers shall jointly review the extent of and necessity for aerial spraying of pesticides and shall report to Parliament with proposals for reducing the use of this method of application".—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 35 and 37 to 41) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 59) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 37, after the word " Ministers", to insert the words " or a local authority ".—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 42 to 51) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed to the Bill, in page 36, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

"(1A) The Ministers shall, in their appointment of persons as members of the committee, have regard to the general purposes of Part III of this Act, mentioned in section 15(1) above, and review annually the range and expertise required for those purposes."

(Mr. Paddy Ashdown.)

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

Title amended, as follows: A Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the making in an emergency of orders specifying activities which are to be prohibited as a precaution against the consumption of food rendered unsuitable for human consumption in consequence of an escape of substances; to replace the Dumping at Sea Act 1974 with fresh provision for controlling the deposit of substances and articles in the sea; to make provision for the control of the deposit of substances and articles under the sea-bed; to regulate pesticides and substances, preparations and organisms prepared or used for the control of pests or for protection against pests; and for connected purposes.

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, have 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 it 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 it shall think fit.

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

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

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1985, which was laid upon before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Hurd);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Ken Maginnis: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved.

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Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 3rd June, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Hurd);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. John McWilliam: 52.

Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 3rd June, be approved.

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 (Various Foods) (Amendment) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved—(Mr. John Major):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 Two o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

Adjourned at 1.52 a.m.
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 26th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Ancient Monuments,—Copy of the Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 425].

Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th June 1985, entitled the Imported Food (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 913) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Industry,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of BL Public Limited Company for 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 419].

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agricultural Marketing,—Copy of the Report on Agricultural Marketing Schemes for 1983-84 [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 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 466].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Kenneth Lewis 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 Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Grain) Regulations 1985, and the draft Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, viz.:

Mr. Richard Caborn, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Ted Garrett, Mr. Michael Hancock, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. David Mitchell, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Stefan Terlezki, Mr. Patrick Thompson, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Bowen Wells, Mr. John Wilkinson, and Mr. Timothy Wood.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Kenneth Lewis 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 Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1985, viz.:

Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Francis Maude, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Dave Nellist, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. George Park, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. K. Harvey Proctor, Mr. Barry Sheerman, Mr. Nicholas Soames, Mr. Lewis Stevens, Mr. Andrew Stewart, Mr. Richard Tracey, Mr. Kenneth Warren, Mr. John Watts, and Mr. John Whitfield.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Kenneth Lewis 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 Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1985, viz.:

Mr. Tony Baldry, Mr. Roy Beggs, Mr.
Robert C. Brown, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Bob Edwards, Mr. Terry Fields, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Barry Sheerman, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Peter Thurnham, Mr. John Townend, Sir Gerard Vaughan, and Mr. John Watson.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Kenneth Lewis 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 Export of Goods (Control) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Martin Stevens, Mr. Gavin Strang, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr. Charles Wardle, Mrs. Ann Winterton, Mr. Mark Wolfson, and Mr. David Young.

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Sir Kenneth Lewis 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. 12451/80 and 9826 /84 concerning observation of markets for freight transport by road, rail and inland waterway, viz.: Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Mark Robinson, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Tom Sackville, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Jim Spicer, Mr. Robin Squire, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, and Mr. John Ward.

[No. 143.]

Thursday 27th June 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Birmingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Birmingham City Council Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 4th July at Seven o'clock.

British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 2nd July.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 2nd July.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 2nd July.

Shetland Islands Council (Omnibus Services) 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 Shetland Islands Council (Omnibus Services): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday 3rd July and to be printed [Bill 177].

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (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 any allotted day:

That on a day or days not later than 5th August time be allotted for the consideration of the following main Estimates for the financial year 1985-86—

Class VII, Vote 1 (Housing, England (Department of the Environment)).

Class VII, Vote 2 (Housing Corporation, Rent Acts and Miscellaneous Administration (Department of the Environment)).

Class VIII, Vote 2 (Central Environmental Services, etc.).

Class VIII, Vote 3 (Derelict Land Reclamation, Urban Programme and Urban Development Corporations, England).
Class VIII, Vote 5 (Central Administration and Environmental Research (Department of the Environment)).

Class XIV, Vote 1 (Civil Accommodation Services (PSA of the Department of the Environment)).

2. Class XI, Vote 1 (Hospital, Community Health and other services, England):
Subhead A1 (Current advances to and payments on behalf of health authorities) so far as it relates to community care, with special reference to adult mentally ill and mentally handicapped people.

3. Class IV, Vote 4 (Export Promotion, Trade Co-operation, Corporate and Consumer Affairs):
Section A (Export Promotion) and Section B (Trade Co-operation) so far as they relate to UK trade with China.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Oil and Pipelines Bill,—Mr. John Forrester reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Oil and Pipelines Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 165].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 475].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill, without Amendment.

Opposition day [17th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Child Benefit.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House strongly condemns the Government's breach of their own repeated promises to increase child benefit in line with inflation which will result in mothers and children being deprived of £175 million in the current year as the first of the Green Paper cuts; notes that child benefit is uniquely effective in countering family poverty, reducing the poverty trap and ensuring that mothers are the recipients of monies needed for child care; and therefore calls upon the Government to restore the real value of child benefit both now and for the future (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 'endorse the Government's commitment to maintain child benefit as a universal benefit paid to all mothers as a contribution to the cost of bringing up children; notes that an additional £2 billion will be spent on benefits as a result of the uprating in November; welcomes the additional help that will be provided for low income families with children and welcomes the proposals for a simpler and more effective benefit structure which will result from the Government's recent review' 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. Lawrence Cunliffe: 144.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 241.

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 endorses the Government's commitment to maintain child benefit as a universal benefit paid to all mothers as a contribution to the cost of bringing up children; notes that an additional £2 billion will be spent on benefits as a result of the uprating in November; welcomes the additional help that will be provided for low income families with children and welcomes the proposals for a simpler and more effective benefit structure which will result from the Government's recent review.

Housing Benefit.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government's record on housing benefit which brought administrative chaos when it was introduced and has since been repeatedly cut with the result that pensioners and poorer families have been deprived of essential help with housing costs; and opposes further proposals in the social security reviews which would bring further cuts and greater poverty (Margaret Beckett);

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 Government's
objective of securing a structure of income-related benefit which will ensure greater
equality of help with housing costs for people at the same level of income, whether in
or out of work, will remove the need for housing benefit supplement and will be
simpler for staff to administer and for claimants to understand, instead thereof.—
(Mr. Ray Whitney.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question:
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ray Powell, Mr. Allen McKay: 135.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tony Durant: 221.

And 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 Government's objective of securing a struc-
ture of income-related benefit which will ensure greater equality of help with housing
costs for people at the same level of income, whether in or out of work, will remove
the need for housing benefit supplement and will be simpler for staff to administer and
for claimants to understand.

Defence,—Resolved, That the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Conti-
nuation) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved.—(Mr.
John Stanley.)

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 (Amendment) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this
House on 23rd May, be approved—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—It was agreed to.

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 1985, which was laid before this House on 3rd
June, be approved—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing
doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on
family planning was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to
be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Council of the Borough of Wolverhampton
against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table
and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Knowsley Borough Council against the Transport
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. Peter Lloyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.47 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 27th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 7, 1985).—Copy of an Amendment to the Convention on Nomen-
clature for the Classification of Goods in Customs Tariffs adopted by Recommendation
of the Customs Co-operation Council on 14th June 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9533].

Treaty Series (No. 28, 1985).—Copy of an Agreement, done at St. John's, Antigua, on
14th April 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the
Government of Antigua and Barbuda concerning public officers' pensions [by Com-
mand] [Cmnd. 9552].

Treaty Series (No. 29, 1985).—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 25th
March 1985, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the
Government of Antigua and Barbuda for air services between and beyond their
respective territories [by Command] [Cmnd. 9558].
Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on the proposal for a draft Guardianship (Northern Ireland) Order [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agriculture,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [17th May] from tenants of flats in Hanover Drive, Winlaton, in the Borough of Gateshead for implementation of the "Strata Title Scheme" in England [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 27th June 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Grain) Regulations 1985, and the draft Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985;

(2) Mr. Michael Shersby Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1985;

(3) Mr. Harry Gourlay Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1985; and

(4) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 12451/80 and 9826/84 concerning observation of markets for freight transport by road, rail and inland waterway.

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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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Selection,—Mr. 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 Gaming (Bingo) Bill, without Amendment.

Miners' Amnesty (General Pardon) Bill,—Mr. Tony Benn, supported by Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. Terry Fields, Mr. Martin Flannery, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Bill Michie, Jo Richardson, Mr. Martin Redmond, and Mr. Dennis Skinner, presented a Bill to provide for a general amnesty for all those who were fined, imprisoned or otherwise punished by the courts, the National Coal Board or others, for acts done or offenses committed during the 1984-85 strike by the National Union of Mineworkers; to secure that full pardons, reinstatement at work, and compensation shall be offered to all the persons involved; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 1st July and to be printed [Bill 172].

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.
Business of the House.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Further Education Bill [Lords] and the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) 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.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 3rd July, Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Motion in the name of Mr. Secretary Hurd relating to the draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 with the substitution of half-past Twelve o'clock or two and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, for the provisions in paragraph 1(b) of the Standing Order.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

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 1st July.

APPENDIX I

Friday 28th June 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Water,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 18th June 1985 on borrowing by the Wessex Water Authority, and
(2) 24th June 1985 on borrowing by the Welsh Water Authority
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th June 1985, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 955) [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 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9553].

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th June 1985, entitled the Home Purchase Assistance (Price-limits) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 937) [by Act].

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. Richard Tracey (nominated in respect of the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1985) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Mike Woodcock.

[No. 145.]


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

PRAYERS.

Lincoln City Council Bill,—The Lincoln City Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed ; and several Papers were withdrawn (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 1st July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 461-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 (Twenty-first Report) [ECGD commercial and national interest accounts, claims and recoveries].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 212].

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 it had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-second Report) [NHS energy conservation].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 232].

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 July. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 483-i].

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 1st July. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 482].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Agricultural Training Board Bill, without Amendment.

Business of the House.—Ordered, that in respect of the Further Education Bill [Lords], 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. Michael Neubert.)

Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House deplores the Government’s very substantial reduction in housing public expenditure which has occurred in the past five years, and which has resulted in considerable hardship and indeed misery for so many unable to be offered rented accommodation; also recognises that much essential improvement and major repair work cannot be undertaken by local authorities, or owner-occupiers on limited means because of the cuts; and calls on the Government to reverse its disastrous housing financial policies and to allow local authorities and the voluntary sector the means to build the necessary accommodation as well as allowing urgent improvement work to be carried out in both the public and private sectors—(Mr. David Winnick);

And it being Seven o’clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Extended meaning of “the Treaties” and “the Community Treaties”).

Mr. Nicholas Budgen moved, that the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again, but the Chairman, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 (Dilatory motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.
Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after the word “resources”, to insert the words “and related communication COM(85)36”.—(Mr. George 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. Tristan Garel-Jones 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 European Communities (Finance) Bill and the Further Education Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

European Communities (Finance) Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Communities (Finance) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Extended meaning of “the Treaties” and “the Community Treaties”).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 5) be made.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 75.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather: 267.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after the word “resources”, to insert the words “so however that the maximum VAT rate paid by the United Kingdom shall not exceed 1 per cent. so long as the 1-4 per cent. maximum rate fixed by the decision remains in force.”—(Mr. Terence L. Higgins.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

A Clause (Report on Commission calculations)—(Mr. Teddy Taylor)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Peter Lloyd 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 today again resolve itself into the Committee.

Further Education Bill [Lords].—The Further Education 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).

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

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Further Education Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(Mr. Michael Neubert).

Further Education Bill [Lords].—The House, according to the Order this day, resolved itself into a Committee on the Further Education Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Powers of local education authorities).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 3 to 7 agreed to.
Clause No. 8 (Short title).
Amendments (Nos. 2 and 3) made.
Clause, as amended, 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, 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.

Overseas Development and Co-operation,—Resolved, That the draft African Development Fund (Fourth Replenishment) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved.—(Mr. Timothy Raison.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 eleven minutes to Two o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 1.49 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 1st July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 1st July 1985, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes for other agricultural and food services and support for the fishing industry and for departmental research, advisory services and administration (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Gaming,—Copy of the Report of the Gaming Board for Great Britain for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 443].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Museums and Galleries,—Statement of increase in the value of indemnities for objects loaned to the Royal Scottish Museum [by Command].

Judges,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1985, entitled the Customs Duties (Quota Reliefs) (No. 2) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 989) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Redundancy Rebates.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th June 1985, entitled the Redundancy Payments (Variation of Rebates) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R.(N.I.), 1985, No. 146) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th June 1985, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 936) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 1st July 1985, entitled the Fish Producers’ Organisations (Formation Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 987) [by Act].

Papers withdrawn and Orders to lie upon the Table discharged:

Merchant Shipping.—Draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 [laid 18th June].

Merchant Shipping.—Draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 [laid 18th June].

Merchant Shipping.—Draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985 [laid 18th June].

[No. 146.]

Tuesday 2nd July 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords].—The Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Clwyd County Council Bill [Lords].—The Clwyd County Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords];

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

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

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

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

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

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (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 Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-seventh Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xxxvi].

Defence.—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence 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. 453-iv].

Transport.—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier reported from the Transport 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. 335-x].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 484].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill, without Amendment.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Access to Information) 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 Family Law (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Local Government Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Local Government Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 179].

Local Government (Access to Information) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill to be considered upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 180].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged from considering the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985.

Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of Education and Training in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Fish Producers’ Organisations (Formation Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 987) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Education (Cost of School Transport),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require a local authority to meet the travel costs of a child attending a school where the parents have nominated a school other than that chosen by the authority providing the necessary criteria are met as regards the age of the child and the distance to be travelled and subject to certain limitations on distance: And that Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mr. Roger Gale, Mr. Richard Hickmet, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Alex Carlile, and Mr. Tony Speller, do prepare and bring it in.

Education (Cost of School Transport) Bill,—Mr. Patrick Nicholls accordingly presented a Bill to require a local authority to meet the travel costs of a child attending a school where the parents have nominated a school other than that chosen by the authority providing the necessary criteria are met as regards the age of the child and the distance to be travelled and subject to certain limitations on distance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 178].

Opposition day [18th allotted day: first part],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Government Cuts in the National Health Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the net reduction of 13,000 hospital beds in the National Health Service since 1979; anticipates with alarm a further loss of beds, especially in view of the inadequate provision for the elderly, the chronically sick and the mentally ill; deprecates the Government’s insistence that the nurses’ pay award be funded at the expense of health service jobs or with cuts in services to patients; considers that these policies, together with the huge rise in unemployment, the cuts in housing investment, the weakening of health and safety controls and reductions in research funding are undermining the health and well-being of the nation whilst being neither efficient nor compassionate; and calls upon the Government to halt its policies of privatisation, promotion of private health care schemes and cuts in provision in order to provide patients and medical, nursing and ancillary staff in Health Service with the means of gaining and administering improved treatment more quickly.—(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 'applauds the improved levels of service to patients achieved by the National Health Service and its staff under this Government; congratulates the Government on making this possible through its record of increasing expenditure on the Service; welcomes the fact that improved levels of service have been achieved while the pay of nurses has been raised by 23 per cent. in real terms; and supports the Government's determination to ensure, through improved management and greater efficiency, that maximum benefit is derived for patients from the resources available to the Service', 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. James Hamilton, Mr. Ray Powell: 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 235.

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 applauds the improved levels of service to patients achieved by the National Health Service and its staff under this Government; congratulates the Government on making this possible through its record of increasing expenditure on the Service; welcomes the fact that improved levels of service have been achieved while the pay of nurses has been raised by 23 per cent. in real terms; and supports the Government's determination to ensure, through improved management and greater efficiency, that maximum benefit is derived for patients from the resources available to the Service.

Iron and Steel.—Resolved, That the draft British Steel Corporation (Borrowing Powers) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved.—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

Social Security.—Resolved, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 26th June, be approved. —(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the matter of Education and Training 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. Peter Lloyd.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Keith Mulcahy for an independent public inquiry into allegations of mistreatment at H.M. Prison Frankland was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Waltham Abbey against the closure of Honey Lane Hospital was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for greater restrictions on experiments on live animals was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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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. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-three minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.23 a.m.]
Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Fire Services,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th June 1985, entitled the Fire Services (Discipline) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 930) [by Act].

Redundant Churches Fund,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Redundant Churches Fund for 1984 [by Measure].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 9, 1985),—Copy of Protocol No. 8 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, done at Vienna on 19th March 1985 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9556].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st July 1985, entitled the Films (Certification) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 994) [by Act].

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1985, entitled the Butter and Concentrated Butter Prices (Revocation) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 995) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on the Modernisation of Charity Law in Northern Ireland [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Transport,—Copy of the Government’s Response to the Second Report from the Transport Committee, Session 1984-85, on buses [by Command] [Cmnd. 9561].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation (pursuant to Standing Order No. 142 (Notification in respect of certain statutory instruments)):

The Customs Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 2) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 989).

MR SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

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 Tenants’ Protection (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 2nd July 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Fish Producers’ Organizations (Formation Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1985 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 147.]


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

PRAYERS.

Cambridge City Council Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Cambridge City Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.
Shetland Islands Council (Omnibus Services) Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Shetland Islands Council (Omnibus Services) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

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 3rd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 453-v].

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment 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. 487-l].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment 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. 253-xv].

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).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 5-xxvi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xxvi].

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 3rd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 461-iii].

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 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

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-fourth Report) [Control of Dockyard Operations and Manpower].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 440].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 440].

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 3rd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 488-l].

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 3rd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 451-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 3rd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 335-vii].

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier reported from the Transport 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. 338-xi].

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Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Harry Gourlay reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 25th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be reported [No. 486].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Streatham Park Cemetery Bill, without Amendment.

Provision for Young People in Rural Areas Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Provision for Young People in Rural Areas Bill was read and discharged.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Food Imitations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Post Office.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the deregulation of sub-post offices and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Christopher Chope, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Gerald Howarth, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Michael Portillo, Mr. Michael Forsyth, and Mr. Tony Baldry, do prepare and bring it in.

Post Office Bill.—Mr. Christopher Chope accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the de-regulation of sub-post offices and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 181].

Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) 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, at this day's sitting, the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc. Bill).—The Question being again proposed, That the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Offences in connection with alcohol on coaches and trains.)

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 6, to leave out from the beginning to the word “ is ” in line 8.—(Sir Eldon Griffiths.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 10, to leave out the word "designated".—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 2, line 11, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Offences in connection with alcohol, containers etc. at sports grounds).

Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 2, line 19, to leave out from the word "liquor" to the end of line 20.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 2, line 21, to leave out from the word "time" to the word "when" in line 22.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 2, line 23, to leave out the words "from which the event may be directly viewed".—(Sir Eldon Griffiths.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Penalties for offences).

Amendment (No. 35) proposed, in page 7, line 6, at the end, to add the words—

"(d) in the case of any offence, in addition to any other penalty, to be served with a prohibition order which shall prohibit that person for the duration of the period specified in that order from entering or attempting to enter a designated sports ground at any time during the period of a designated sporting event".—(Mr. Christopher Chope.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Interpretation).

Amendment (No. 38) proposed, in page 7, line 39, to leave out subsection (6).—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 10 and 11 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved.—(Mr. Chris Patten.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Credit Unions (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved.—(Mr. Chris Patten.)

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 1985, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved.—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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. Carol Mather.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Five o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 3rd July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th June 1985 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [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 1985 [by Act].
Local Government (Scotland),—Report, entitled the Rate Reduction (City of Edinburgh District) 1985-86 Report [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Telecommunications,—Copy of the Report of the Director General of Telecommunications for the period 5th August to 31st December 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 457].

Mr. John Biffen:
European Communities,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th June 1985, entitled the European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 956) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Mr. Tony Durant as an additional Member to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Education and Training in Wales.

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 Fish Producers' Organizations (Formation Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1985, viz.: Mr. A. J. Beith, Sir Walter Clegg, Mr. David Harris, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Kenneth Hind, Mr. Richard Holt, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Miss Joan Maynard, Sir Julian Ridsdale, and Mr. Tom Torney.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 3rd July 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr. Donald Coleman Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Education and Training in Wales; and

(3) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fish Producers' Organizations (Formation Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 9th July.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 9th July.

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

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

Shetland Islands Council (Omnibus Services) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Shetland Islands Council (Omnibus Services) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].—Mr. John Hunt reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: An Act to make further provision with respect to the administration of justice and matters connected therewith; to amend the Solicitors Act 1974; to regulate the provision of solicitors' services in the case of incorporated practices; to regulate the provision of conveyancing services by persons practising as licensed conveyancers; to make further provision with respect to complaints relating to the provision of legal aid services; to amend the law relating to time limits for actions for libel and slander; and to make further provision with respect to arbitrations and proceedings in connection with European patents.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 183].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 490].

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Documents Nos. 12451/80 and 9826/84, concerning observation of markets for freight transport by road, rail and inland waterway, together with the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 12451/80 and 9826/84 concerning observation of markets for freight transport by road, rail and inland waterway and of the Department of Transport's explanatory memorandum of November 1984; and supports the Government's opposition to the proposal to make the market observation system permanent.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 489].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Charter Trustees Bill, without Amendment.

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

Sexual Offences Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Sexual Offences Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 182].

Education (Costs of School Transport) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Education (Costs of School Transport) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.
Licensing Acts (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Licensing Acts (Amendment) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.

European Community Documents.—Ordered, That European Community Document No. 4519/85, on the discharge of certain dangerous substances into water, be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

European Community Documents.—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 6707/85, concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues, and 4793/84, concerning sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs for human consumption, be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Opposition day [19th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Restoration of Stability in Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House invites the Government, in view of the destabilising effect in Northern Ireland of conflicting unofficial reports consistently circulating in the Press, to bring its current discussions with the Government of the Irish Republic to an early termination and publish a White Paper setting out the several matters discussed and the conclusions reached.—(The Reverend Martin Smyth);

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 ' invites the Government to continue to promote measures which encourage peace, stability and good relations between the two communities in Northern Ireland; invites both communities to work to these ends; recognises the contribution which improved relations with the Government of the Republic of Ireland can make in furthering these objectives; and recognises the need to maintain a firm security policy under the law ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Hurd.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question:—It 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 invites the Government to continue to promote measures which encourage peace, stability and good relations between the two communities in Northern Ireland; invites both communities to work to these ends; recognises the contribution which improved relations with the Government of the Republic of Ireland can make in furthering these objectives; and recognises the need to maintain a firm security policy under the law.

Birmingham City Council Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Birmingham City Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Clause (Restriction on capital expenditure)—(Sir Reginald Eyre)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Annual revenue account)—(Sir Reginald Eyre)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 34, to leave out from the word "August" to the end of line 45.—(Mr. Terry Davis.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 21, 8, 9, 4, 22 to 25 and 14) made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

Business of the House (Estimates).—Ordered, That—

(1) Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of estimates) shall have effect for this Session with the substitution of four days for the provisions in paragraph (1) of the Standing Order;

(2) On the third day allotted under that Standing Order, consideration of estimates may continue, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock, the estimates listed in items 1 and 2 of the Report of the Liaison Committee [27th June] shall be considered in that order, and paragraph (c) of the Standing Order shall have effect with the substitution of half-past Eleven o’clock, or the hour at which debate on the estimates listed in item 2 of that Report shall have been concluded, whichever is the earlier, for the provisions in that paragraph;

(3) On the fourth day so allotted, the estimates listed in item 3 of that Report shall be considered until not later than Seven o’clock.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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. Tony Durant);
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. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)
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 4th July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
United States (No. 2, 1985).—Copy of a Supplementary Treaty, done at Washington on 25th June 1985, concerning the Extradition Treaty between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America, signed at London on 8th June 1972 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9565].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd July 1985, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1985 [by Act].
Local Government (Scotland),—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 480].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Local Government Finance,—Reports, entitled—
(1) the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) 1985/86, and
(2) the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 3) 1982/83 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 478 and 477].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Local Government Finance,—Report, entitled the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary (No. 2) Report 1983-84 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 448].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Bankruptcy,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1985, entitled the Bankruptcy (Increase of Monetary Limits) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R. (N.I.)). 1985, No. 154) [by Act].

MR. SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

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 Young People (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.
Friday 5th July 1985.

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).

Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Hospital Complaints Procedure Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Hospital Complaints Procedure Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 8 were agreed to.

Local Government (Access to Information) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 17 were agreed to.

Sexual Offences Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Sexual Offences Bill.

Mr. Tony Marlow moved, That further consideration of the Lords Amendments 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.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 5 were agreed to.

Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords]—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Reform of the House of Lords Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reform of the House of Lords Bill:

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

Mr. John Biffen acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Queen to acquaint the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, has consented to place her prerogative and interest, so far as they are affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

And the Question being proposed;

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday 16th July.

Standing Charges (Abolition) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Standing Charges (Abolition) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.

Greater Employee Involvement Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater Employee Involvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.

Horses and Ponies Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Horses and Ponies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.

Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.
Members of Parliament (Minimum Age) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Members of Parliament (Minimum Age) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.

Pensioners' Heating and Communications Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensioners' Heating and Communications Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.

Wildlife and Countryside (Service of Notices) Bill,—The Wildlife and Countryside (Service of Notices) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.―(Dr. David Clark.)

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. Archie Hamilton reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 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.

Miners' Amnesty (General Pardon) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Miners' Amnesty (General Pardon) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 8th July.

[Adjourned at 3.6 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 5th July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1985, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 10) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1027) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Church Commissioners,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for 1984 [by Measure].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1985, entitled the Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 962) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Report by the Government Actuary on the draft of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1985 [by Command] [Cmd. 9567].

Housing,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowance) Regulations 1985 [by Act].
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Social Security,—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(1) the Child Benefit (Up-Rating) Regulations 1985, and
(2) the Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1985,
[by Act].

Social Security,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Pensioners' Lump Sum Payments Order 1985, and
(2) the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1985
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Securities,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th June 1985, entitled the Licensed Dealers (Fees) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 974) [by Act].

Telecommunications,—Copies of Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
(1) Racal Vodafone Limited, and
(2) Telecom Securicor Cellular Radio Limited
[by Act].

Telecommunications,—Copes of Orders, dated 2nd July 1985, entitled—
(1) the Public Telecommunication System Designation (Racal Vodafone Limited) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 998), and
(2) the Public Telecommunication System Designation (Telecom Securicor Cellular Radio Limited) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 999)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Public Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th June 1985, entitled the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 972) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchant Shipping,—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985,
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, and
(3) the Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985
[by Act].

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

Law Commissions,—Copy of a Report by the Law Commission on offences against religion and public worship [by Act]; to be printed [No. 442].

[No. 150.]

Monday 8th July 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

Cambridge City Council Bill,—The Cambridge City Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 8th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 460-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 8th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 109-v].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

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

The Lords have agreed to the Harrogate Stray Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments certain local enactments in force within the borough of Poole; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Poole Borough Council Bill [Lords]].

Water (Fluoridation) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Water (Fluoridation) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 185].

Poole Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Poole Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Local Government Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of the House [11th February] be supplemented as follows:

Lords Amendments

1.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at this day’s sitting, those Amendments shall be taken in the order shown in the Table set out below, and, subject to the provisions of the Order of 11th February, each part of those proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the second column of that Table.

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(2) Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings for two hours after Ten o’clock.

2.—(1) For the purpose 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 made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or disagree with the Lords in the said Lords Amendment, or, as the case may be, in the said Lords Amendment, as amended;

(b) Mr Speaker shall then 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.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) above shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.
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 Jenkin);

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Order [11th February].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 285.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Frank Haynes : 166.

So the Question was agreed to.

Local Government Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Local Government 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. Secretary Jenkin);

And it being Six o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker, proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Donald Thompson : 319.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Allen McKay : 177.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.
Lords Amendment No. 3:
Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4:
An Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 26, at the end, to insert the words " provided that, if such revision contains proposals for the designation of existing metropolitan roads as trunk roads, a public enquiry shall be held before any such road shall be so designated by the Secretary of State."—(Mr. Jeremy Hanley.)

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

And it being a quarter to Eight o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. Simon Hughes: 198.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 304.

So the Question was negatived.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 285.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Robin Corbett: 200.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 5 to 8 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 9:
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Kenneth Baker);

And it being a quarter to Nine o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The Lords Amendment was disagreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 10:
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Kenneth Baker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 301.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. Allen McKay: 194.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) to (e)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 11 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 12 was 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. Bob Dunn);

And it being a quarter past Nine o’clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 16 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 16 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 24 to 33, 40 and 41 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 14, 15, 17 to 23, 34 to 39 and 42 were agreed to.

Amendments ((a) and (b)), consequential to Lords Amendment No. 18, were made to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 43 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 44:

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, to leave out the word “ may ” and insert the word “ shall ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Allan Roberts.)

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. Sean Hughes : 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 320.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after Ten o’clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 44 to 47 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 48:

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 4, to leave out the words “ after consultation with that committee ”.—(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. Allen McKay, Mr. Frank Haynes : 188.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 316.

So the Question was negatived.

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And it being Twelve o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [8th July], to put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 73:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Ian Lang : 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay : 187.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 69 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 70:
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. Ian Lang, Mr. John Major : 322.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay : 183.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

The Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments (Nos. 92 to 94, 49 to 68, 71, 72, 74 to 91 and 95 to 98);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay : 185.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendments were accordingly agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 4 to 9, 11, 24 to 33, 40, 41 and 73.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin.)

Ordered, That Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Secretary Jenkin, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Peter Snape, and Mr. Jack Straw, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin.)

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin.)

Observation of Transport Markets.—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. 12451/80 and 9826/84 concerning observation of markets for freight transport by road, rail and inland waterway and of the Department of Transport's explanatory memorandum of November 1984; and supports the Government's opposition to the proposal to make the market observation system permanent—(Mr. Tony Durant):—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 1985, which was laid before this House on 18th June, be approved—(Mr. Tony Durant):—It was agreed to.

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 any sitting of the House.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Local Government Bill,—Mr. Secretary Jenkin reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 4 to 9, 11, 24 to 33, 40, 41 and 73 to the Local Government Bill, That it had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which it had directed to him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments (Nos. 4 to 8, 24 to 33, 40 and 41) made by the Lords in page 3, line 39, page 4, line 3, page 4, line 13, page 4, line 19, page 18, line 18, page 18, line 19, page 18, line 20, page 18, line 21, page 18, line 23, page 18, line 27, and page 24, line 18 for the following Reason:

Because they are inconsistent with the principle of the Bill to transfer most of the functions of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan county councils to the local authorities in their areas.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments (Nos. 9, 11 and 73) made by the Lords in page 4, line 29, page 5, line 13 and page 122, line 1 for the following Reason:

Because they are consequential on Lords Amendment No. 10 in respect of which the Commons have proposed Amendments in lieu.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Pembroke for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Percy Campbell and Henry Berman for representations to be made to the Government of Yugoslavia for the release of Ramadan Bunjak was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.——(Mr. Tony Durant.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.8 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 8th July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:
National Debt.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th July 1985, entitled the Savings Certificates (Yearly Plan) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1035) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Police.—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 469].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd July 1985, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Trade Disputes and Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1016) [by Act].

Social Security.—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(1) the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment and Up-rating Regulations 1985, and
(2) the Supplementary Benefit (Resources) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Telecommunications.—Copies of Orders, dated 5th July 1985, entitled—
(1) the Telecommunication Apparatus (Advertisements) (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1030), and
(2) the Telecommunication Apparatus (Marking and Labelling) (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1031)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th June 1985, entitled the Rent (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 959) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agriculture.—Copies of—
(1) Regulations, dated 5th July 1985, entitled the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1029), and
(2) a Scheme, dated 5th July 1985, entitled the Agriculture Improvement Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1029)
[by Act].

Agriculture.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Agriculture Improvement Regulations 1985 [by Act].
Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation [pursuant to Standing Order No. 142 (Notification in respect of certain statutory instruments)]:


Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Observations by the Government on the Fourth Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1983-84, entitled Non-Departmental Public Bodies [by Command] [Cmdnd. 9563].

PRAYERS.

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

British Railways Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords];

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

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

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

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

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 (Twenty-eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xxxvii].

Education, Science and Arts.—Sir William van Straubenzee 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 (First Report) [The Future of the Science Budget].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 46].

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

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 9th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 499-i].

Transport.—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier 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 Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 12th March: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [Transport Aspects of the 1985-86 Public Expenditure White Paper].
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 269].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 269].

Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords].—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from Standing Committee F. That it had gone through the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords], 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. 496].

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

The Lords have agreed to the C-Poultry Company Limited Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

New Member sworn.—Richard Arthur Lloyd Livsey, Esquire, Member for Brecon and Radnor, was sworn.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1025) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Agriculture Improvement Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Agriculture Improvement Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1029) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Severn Bridge Tolls Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 726) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

European Community Documents.—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 9153/82 and 6544/83, draft Directive and Amendment on crude oil saving through the use of substitute fuel in petrol, and 8369/83 and 7959/84, draft Directive and Amendment on rationing for commercial road transport between member States in the case of fuel shortage, be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

European Community Documents.—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 10211/82, draft Directive concerning the labelling, presentation and advertising of beer, cider and perry, and 9452/83, two draft Regulations laying down rules for the description and presentation of wine, grape must and special wines, be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Criminal Justice (Scotland) (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to impose a mandatory minimum sentence of three months' imprisonment in respect of persons of 21 years of age or over or of three months' detention in respect of any person who is not less than 16 but under 21 years of age who is convicted of the offence of
breach of the peace or any offence involving violence against a third party committed within the relevant area of a designated sports ground or a public service vehicle or railway passenger vehicle being operated for the principal purpose of conveying passengers to or from a designated sporting event: And that Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. John Corrie, and Mrs. Anna McCurley, do prepare and bring it in.

Criminal Justice (Scotland) (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Gerald Malone accordingly presented a Bill to impose a mandatory minimum sentence of three months' imprisonment in respect of persons of 21 years of age or over or of three months' detention in respect of any person who is not less than 16 but under 21 years of age who is convicted of the offence of breach of the peace or any offence involving violence against a third party committed within the relevant area of a designated sports ground or a public service vehicle or railway passenger vehicle being operated for the principal purpose of conveying passengers to or from a designated sporting event: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th October and to be printed [Bill 186].

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 provisions taking effect in a future year with respect to the exemption from capital gains tax and corporation tax on chargeable gains of gains on disposals of gilt-edged securities and qualifying corporate bonds.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Ways and Means,—Stamp duty (renounceable letters of allotment etc.),—Resolved, That provision may be made restricting the exemptions from duty provided by section 65(1) of the Finance Act 1963 and section 14(1) of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1963. —(Mr. John Moore.)

Ways and Means,—Group relief,—Resolved, That provision may be made with respect to relief under section 258 and the following sections of Chapter I of Part XI of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (group relief).—(Mr. John Moore.)

Ways and Means,—Withdrawal of certain tax credits,—Resolved, That provision may be made for and in connection with the withdrawal in certain cases of relief under section 86 of the Finance Act 1972 (tax credit for certain recipients of qualifying distributions) in respect of distributions made on or after 1st April 1985.—(Mr. John Moore.)

Ways and Means,—Securities (No. 2),—Resolved, That charges to income tax and capital gains tax may be imposed by provisions about transactions occurring on or after 1st January 1985 in relation to securities.—(Mr. John Moore.)

Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Finance Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer ((Renounceable letters of allotment etc.), (Group relief: modifications) and (Exemption for gilt-edged securities and qualifying corporate bonds)), other new Clauses except that in the name of Mr. Roy Hattersley (Mitigation of corporation tax liability of industrial and provident societies and housing associations), that excepted new Clause, Amendments relating to Clause No. 1, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 2 to 4, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 5 and 6, Schedule No. 3, Clause No. 7, Schedule No. 4, Clause No. 8, Schedule No. 5, Clauses Nos. 9 to 12, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 13 to 23, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 24 to 30, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 31 to 40, Schedule No. 9, Clauses Nos. 41 to 45, Schedule No. 10, Clauses Nos. 46 and 47, Schedule No. 11, Clauses Nos. 48 to 53, Schedule No. 12, Clauses Nos. 54 and 55, Schedule No. 13, Clause No. 56, Schedule No. 14, Clause No. 57, Schedule No. 15, Clauses Nos. 58 to 63, Schedule No. 16, Clauses Nos. 64 and 65, Schedule No. 17, Clauses Nos. 66 and 67, Schedule No. 18, Clause No. 68, Schedule No. 19, Clauses Nos. 69 to 73, Schedule No. 20, Clause No. 74, Schedule No. 21, Clauses Nos. 75 to 81, Schedule No. 22, Clauses Nos. 82 to 89, Schedule No. 23, Clause No. 90, Schedule No. 24, Clauses Nos. 91 to 94, new Schedules and Amendments relating to Schedule No. 25.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

A Clause (Renounceable letters of allotment etc.)—(Mr. Ian Stewart)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Group relief: modifications)—(Mr. John Moore)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Exemption for gilt-edged securities and qualifying corporate bonds) —(Mr. Peter Rees)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Workplace nurseries)—(Mr. Terry Davis)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. Sean Hughes : 188.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 251.

Another Clause (Friendly societies)—(Dr. Oonagh McDonald)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay : 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Michael Neubert : 238.

Another Clause (Payment of excise duty on spirits and wines)—(Mr. Michael Hirst)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time :—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Postmen's Christmas gratuities)—(Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr John Maxton: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert : 244.

Another Clause (Supplies of services and transactions by traders)—(Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time :—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Relief for technical education and development)—(Sir William Clark)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time :—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned. (Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from teachers at Sharples School, Bolton for improved salary levels for teachers was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Duncan James Millington Sibley for an investigation to restore his reputation 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-seven minutes past Three o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.27 a.m.

APPENDIX
Tuesday 9th July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Data Protection,—Copy of the First Report of the Data Protection Registrar [by Act]; to be printed [No. 470].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Electricity,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Electricity (Borrowing Powers) (Scotland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Gas,—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the Gas Consumers' Council for the North West,
(2) the Gas Consumers' Council for Scotland, and
(3) the North Eastern Gas Consumers' Council for the year ended 31st March 1985 [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 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Public Lending Right,—Report by the Minister for the Arts on the Public Lending Right Scheme for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 476].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Local Government Finance,—Report, entitled the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report 1985-86 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 449].

National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1985, entitled the Welsh Health Common Services Authority Constitution Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 996) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th June 1985, entitled the Milk (Cessation of Production) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 958) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agriculture,—Copy of the Report on Smallholdings in England 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 Social Services on the Petition [12th June] from residents of the constituency of Hertsmere against the plans of Barnet Health Authority to turn Potters Bar Hospital into a long-term geriatric unit [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Legal Aid,—Copies of the Reports of the Law Society of Northern Ireland on the Legal Aid Scheme and on legal aid in criminal proceedings for the year ended 31st March 1984; together with the Report of the Lord Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 422].

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of Trade and Industry: Sale of Government shareholding in British Telecommunications plc [by Act]; to be printed [No. 495].

[No. 152.]

Wednesday 10th July 1985.

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

PRAYERS.

East Lothian District Council (Musselburgh Links, etc.) 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 East Lothian District Council (Musselburgh Links, etc.): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 16th July and to be printed [Bill 187].

Shetland Islands Council 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 Shetland Islands Council: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 16th July and to be printed [Bill 188].

Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development) Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Younger presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 8 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday 18th July and to be printed [Bill 189].

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

Hereford 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 Hereford City Council 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.

Worcester 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 Worcester City Council 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.

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 Weights and Measures Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereof; 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 10th July: And the Report was brought up and read.
Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 501-I].
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 501-II].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 501-II].

Agriculture.—Mr. Tom Torney 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 Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report) [The UK Government Agricultural Development and Advisory Services, including Lower Input Farming].
Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, 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].

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 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 Future of the Royal Dockyards].
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].

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 had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [Appointment and Objectives of the Chief of Defence Procurement].
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].

Employment.—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment 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. 487-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 10th July.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-xvi].

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-seventh Report).
Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-xxvii].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-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 10th July.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 299-iv].

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 10th July.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 433-iii].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fish Producers' Organizations (Formation Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 987), referred to a Committee on 2nd July.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 500].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Trustee Savings Banks Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Interception of Communications Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Interception of Communications Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 191].

Social Security Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Social Security Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 192].

Trustee Savings Banks Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Trustee Savings Banks Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 193].

South Africa (Sanctions).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish machinery to impose economic sanctions on trade with South Africa subject to conditions relating to the system of apartheid operated in South Africa—(Mr. Richard Caborn);

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. Richard Caborn, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mrs. Ann Clywd, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Andrew Fawdy, Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. David Winnick, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

South Africa (Sanctions) Bill.—Mr. Richard Caborn accordingly presented a Bill to establish machinery to impose economic sanctions on trade with South Africa subject to conditions relating to the system of apartheid operated in South Africa: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th October and to be printed [Bill 190].

Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Mitigation of corporation tax liability of industrial and provident societies and housing associations)—(Mr. Roy Hattersley)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Sean Hughes: 197.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Gare-Jones, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 267.

Amendment (No. 129) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 26, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—

"(2) In section 9(2) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 (oil delivered for home use for certain industrial purposes) the words 'but do not include the use of oil as fuel or, except as provided by subsection (3) below, as a lubricant' shall be deleted and there shall be inserted in their place the following:

'(c) use in the bench-testing of an internal combustion piston engine by a motor vehicle manufacturer or motor vehicle engine manufacturer during the research development manufacture or preparation of such engine or any part thereof, but do not include, except as provided in subsection 2(c) above, the use of oil as fuel or, except as provided by subsection (3) below, as a lubricant'.

(3) Subsection (1) above shall be deemed to come into force at six o'clock in the evening of 19th March 1985 and subsection (2) shall be deemed to come into force on the passing of this Act", instead thereof.—(Mr. K. Harvey Proctor.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 17. to leave out Clause No. 5.—(Mr. Warren Hawksley.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr. John Marek, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 65.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 188.

Another Amendment (No. 58) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 141) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 33, to leave out from the word "conduct" to the end of line 34 and insert the words "is dishonest", instead thereof.—(Mr. Archy Kirkwood.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 3 and 4) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 142) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 20, to leave out from the word "amount" to the word "and" in line 21 and insert the words "as appears appropriate", instead thereof.—(Mr. Archy Kirkwood.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 23, 153 and 24) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 33, line 17, to leave out the words "in Great Britain".—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 to 30, 59 to 66, 67 to 73 and 32 to 34) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 155) proposed to the Bill, in page 53, line 4, to leave out "1986" and insert "1984", instead thereof.—(Mr. Neil Hamilton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 35 to 38 and 74 to 78) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 57, line 23, to leave out "1986" and insert "1989", instead thereof.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 42, 43, 131 and 132) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 156) proposed to the Bill, in page 62, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4A) In applying subsection (4) above if the asset is disposed of by a company B to whom it was transferred directly or indirectly by another company A, within section 273 of the Taxes Act 1970, then if A held the asset at 31st March 1982 B shall be entitled to be treated as if B had held the asset at 31st March 1982".—(Sir William Clark.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 130 and 44) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 164) proposed to the Bill, in page 152, line 11, to leave out the words "following that".—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 114.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Dr. John Marek: 23.
Other Amendments (Nos. 79 to 82, 134 to 136, 83 to 86, 165, 166, 87 to 89, 167, 168 and 133) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 45) proposed to the Bill, in page 63, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Where an individual who is a partner with his spouse in a business has retired on ill health grounds below the age of 60, and his spouse is thereby compelled to withdraw from the business, such part of the spouse’s gains on the withdrawal shall qualify for relief as appears to the Board to be just and reasonable."—(Sir Edward du Cann.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendments (Nos. 91 to 96, 46 to 50, 126, 97, 98, 127, 99, 124, 125, 100 to 102, 128, 103 and 51 to 55) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 157) proposed to the Bill, in page 90, line 1, to leave out Clause No. 89.—(Mr. Terry Davis.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 104 to 111) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Group Relief)—(Mr. Peter Rees)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Schedule (Supplementary Provisions as to Withdrawal of Tax Credits)—(Mr. Peter Rees)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 159, 160 and 112 to 122) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Speaker certified that the Finance Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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 four minutes to Two o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

|Adjourned at 1.56 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 10th July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore :

Electricity (Scotland),—Two Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 4th July 1985 on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe :

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th July 1985, entitled the Value Added Tax (Terminal Markets) (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1046) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger :

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th July 1985, entitled the Revaluation Rate Rebates (Scotland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler :

Health Service Commissioner,—Copy of the Third Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1984-85, being the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 455].

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th July 1985, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1053) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th June 1985, entitled the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 967) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
London Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1985, entitled the Greater London Council (Transfer of Land and Housing Accommodation) (Variation) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 993) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Companies.—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th July 1985, entitled the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1052) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Agriculture.—Copy of the Report on smallholdings in Wales for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Rules, dated 1st July 1985, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Formal Investigations) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1001) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Seeds.—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th June 1985, entitled—
(1) the Beet Seeds Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 978),
(2) the Cereal Seeds Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 976),
(3) the Fodder Plant Seeds Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 975),
(4) the Oil and Fibre Plant Seeds Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 977),
(5) the Seeds (Fees) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 981),
(6) the Seeds (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 980), and
(7) the Vegetable Seeds Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 979) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of Employment and Manpower Services Commission: vocational education and training for young people [by Act]; to be printed [No. 497].

Ecclesiastical Law.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th July 1985, entitled the Legal Officers' Fees Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1050) [by Measure].

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 Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Tom Clarke, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Ian Long, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. Robert Maclellan, Mr. Bob McTaggart, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Bill Walker, and Mr. James White.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Food Imitations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, viz.: Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. Jack Aspinwall, Mr. Spencer Bate, Mr. Vivian Bendall, Sir John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. Christopher Chope, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Mr. Cecill Franks, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Patrick Ground, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Martin Redmond, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. David Young.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated the Members nominated to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Merchant Shipping (Grain) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, to serve on the Committee in respect of
the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd (nominated in respect of the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Grain) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Lloyd.

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 Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. David Marshall, Dr. M. S. Miller, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Alexander Pollock, and Mr. Bill Walker.

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 Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, viz.: Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Nicholas Baker, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr. Richard Hickmet, Mr. John Horne, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. David Maclean, Mr. Humfrey Malins, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Mr. Tom Torney.

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 Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Agriculture Improvement Regulations 1985 and the Agriculture Improvement Scheme 1985, viz.: Mr. Keith Best, Mr. Richard Body, Sir John Farr, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Michael Howard, Mr. Douglas Hoyle, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. David Maclean, Mr. Humfrey Malins, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Mr. Tom Torney.

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 Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Agriculture Improvement Regulations 1985 and the Agriculture Improvement Scheme 1985, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mrs. Ann Clwyd, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Tony Dant, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr. Piers Merchant, Mr. Dave Nellist, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Michael Spicer, and Mr. Roger Stott.
Robertson, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. David Madel, Sir Peter Mills, Mr. Richard Page, Sir Dudley Smith, Mr. Tony Speller, Mr. David Sumberg, and Mr. Stan Thorne.

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. 10211/82, draft Directive concerning the labelling, presentation and advertising of beer, cider and perry, and 9452/83, two draft Regulations laying down rules for the description and presentation of wine, grape must and special wines, viz.: Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. Eric Forth, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. John Maples, Sir John Osborn, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. William Powell, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Jack Thompson, Mr. Michael Welsh, 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. 4519/85, on the discharge of certain dangerous substances into water, viz.: Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Guy Barnett, Sir Peter Blaker, Mr. David Clark, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. John Hoddle, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Bill Michie, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Gavin Strang, and Mr. William Waldegrave.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 10th July 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

(1) the draft Food Imitations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(2) the draft Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1985 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(3) the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(4) the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(5) the Severn Bridge Tolls Order 1985 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(6) the draft Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(7) the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Agriculture Improvement Regulations 1985 and the Agriculture Improvement Scheme 1985 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(8) European Community Documents Nos. 9153/82 and 6544/83, draft Directive and Amendment on crude oil saving through the use of substitute fuel in petrol, and 8369/83 and 7959/84, draft Directive and Amendment on rationing for commercial road transport between member States in the case of fuel shortage, to the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents;

(9) European Community Documents Nos. 6707/85, concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues, and 4793/84, concerning sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs for human consumption, to the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents;

(10) European Community Documents Nos. 10211/82, draft Directive concerning the labelling, presentation and advertising of beer, cider and perry, and 9452/83, two draft Regulations laying down rules for the description and presentation of wine, grape must and special wines, to the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents; and

(11) European Community Document No. 4519/85, on the discharge of certain dangerous substances into water, to the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents.
Thursday 11th July 1985.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Berkshire Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Berkshire Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 16th July.

British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords].—The British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 16th July.

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).

Agriculture.—Mr. Tom Torney reported from the Agriculture 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 Accession of Spain and Portugal to the EEC, with special reference to British Agricultural and Food Imports and Exports].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 514].

Agriculture.—Mr. Tom Torney reported from the Agriculture 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. 515].

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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 507].

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; and to be printed [No. 87-iii].

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 (Third Report) [Trade with China].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table, and to be printed [No. 509].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 509].

Scottish Estimates.—Hr. Hugh McCartney 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. 508].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Insurance (Fees) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Further Education Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Estimates [3rd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 101 (Liaison Committee).

Estimates, 1985-86 (Class VII, Vote 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum not exceeding £1,151,288,000 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 1986 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—(Sir George Young);
The Question was deferred, pursuant to Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of estimates) and to the Order [4th July].

Estimates, 1985-86 (Class XI, Vote 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum not exceeding £5,168,144,000 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 1986 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 services including a grant in aid and on certain other services including research and services for the disabled—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke);

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, the Question was deferred, pursuant to Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of estimates) and the Order [4th July].

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the deferred Questions and the other Questions necessary to dispose of the remaining Estimates appointed for consideration this day.

Class VII, Vote 1

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £1,151,288,000 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 1986 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 VII, Vote 2

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £19,505,000 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 1986 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on housing administration, including rent officers, rent assessment panels, and grant in aid to the Housing Corporation; housing management and mobility; grants to voluntary organisations concerned with the homeless; and contributions towards the work of the National Federation of Housing Associations.

Class VIII, Vote 2

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £86,176,000 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 1986 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 services, and a contribution to the Lord Mayor of Bradford's Appeal Fund.

Class VIII, Vote 3

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £176,464,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1986 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on derelict land reclamation, the urban programme and grants in aid for Urban Development Corporations.

Class VIII, Vote 5.

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £86,300,000 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 1986 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on central administration, including royal commissions, committees etc.; payments in connection with licence fees and environmental research and surveys including housing, building and civil engineering research.

Class XIV, Vote 1

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £367,125,000 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 1986 for expenditure (partly recoverable), including loans, by the Property Services Agency of the Department of the Environment on acquisitions, public building work and accommodation services, etc., for civil purposes in the United Kingdom.

Class XI, Vote 1

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £5,168,144,000 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 1986 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 services including a grant in aid and on certain other services including research and services for the disabled.
Sea 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 Producers' Organizations (Formation Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 987), dated 1st July 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st July, be approved.—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Carol Mather.)

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 I

Thursday 11th July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:
Cash Limits,—Copy of a Statement on Cash Limits 1984-85: provisional outturn (with 1983-84 outturn) [by Command] [Cmnd. 9569].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
Treaty Series (No. 30, 1985),—First supplementary list of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc., for 1985 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9559].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Social Security,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the up-rating of mobility allowance [by Act]; to be printed [No. 491].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Census of Production,—Copies of the Reports on the Census of Production 1983 on—
(1) abrasive products,
(2) basic electrical equipment,
(3) coke ovens,
(4) footwear,
(5) fur goods,
(6) miscellaneous machinery and mechanical equipment,
(7) miscellaneous vehicles,
(8) motor vehicles and their engines,
(9) musical instruments,
(10) processing of fruit and vegetables,
(11) soft drinks,
(12) textile machinery, and
(13) wines, cider and perry
[by Act].

Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the English Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Local Government Finance,—Report, entitled the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 3) 1982-83 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 504].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, and
(2) the Nursing Homes and Nursing Agencies (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Pipe-lines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th July 1985, entitled the Submarine Pipelines (Exemption) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1051) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Public Passenger Vehicles,—Copy of Order, dated 2nd July 1985, entitled the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Designation (Extension) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1010) [by Act].
Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd July 1985, entitled the Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1013) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: production costs of defence equipment in non-competitive contracts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 505].

Tourism,—Copy of the Accounts of the Wales Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 506].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Local Government Finance,—The Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 3) 1982/83 (House of Commons Paper No. 477) [laid 4th July].

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. Bryan Gould (nominated in respect of the Food (Imitations) (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alan Williams.

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. Frank Cook (nominated in respect of European Community Document No. 4519/85, on the discharge of certain dangerous substances into water); and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Winnick.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 11th July 1985

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated European Community Documents Nos. 9153/82 and 6544/83, draft Directive and Amendment on crude oil saving through the use of substitute fuel in petrol, and 8369/83 and 7959/84, draft Directive and Amendment on rationing for commercial road transport between member States in the case of fuel shortage, to the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents (transferred from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents).
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Peter Lloyd);

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, it being then Three o’clock, until Monday 15th July.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 12th July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd July 1985, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1014) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Town and Country Planning.—Copies of Orders, dated 3rd July 1985, entitled—
1. the Town and Country Planning General Development (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1011), and
2. the Town and Country Planning (National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Conservation Areas, etc.) Special Development Order (1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1012)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents Mr. Tony Speller (nominated in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 6707/85, concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues, and 4793/84, concerning sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs for human consumption); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John M. Taylor.

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated the Members appointed to serve on the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 9153/82 and 6544/83, draft Directive and Amendment on crude oil saving through the use of substitute fuel in petrol, and 8369/83...
and 7959/84, draft Directive and Amendment on rationing for commercial road transport between member States in the case of fuel shortage, to serve on the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of those Documents (transferred from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents).

MEMORANDUM

Friday 12th July 1985

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Food Imitations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985;

(2) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before May 1980) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985;

(3) Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985;

(4) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Severn Bridge Tolls Order 1985;

(5) Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1985;

(6) Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1985, the draft Agriculture Improvement Regulations 1985 and the Agriculture Improvement Scheme 1985;

(7) Miss Betty Boothroyd Chairman of the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 6707/85, concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues, and 4793/84, concerning sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs for human consumption;

(8) Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Document No. 4519/85, on the discharge of certain dangerous substances into water; and

(9) the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 9153/82 and 6544/83, draft Directive and Amendment on crude oil saving through the use of substitute fuel in petrol, and 8369/83 and 7959/84, draft Directive and Amendment on rationing for commercial road transport between member States in the case of fuel shortage.

[No. 155.]


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 a 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.:

Poole Borough Council Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

C-Poultry Company Limited,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the C-Poultry Company Limited Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Alexandra Park and Palace Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill; and the same were agreed to.

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Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Plymouth Marine Events Base Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Birmingham City Council Bill.—The Birmingham City Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

British Railways Bill.—A Motion being made, That the British Railways 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 it shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Durham City Council Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Durham City Council 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 I).

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-fifth Report) [Profit formula for non-competitive Government contracts etc.].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 390].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 390].

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-sixth Report) [ODA: Accountability for Overseas Aid].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 517].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 517].

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-seventh Report) [Control of broadcast receiving license revenue].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 401].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 401].

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-eighth Report) [The torpedo programme].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 391].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 391].

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-ninth Report) [Additional payments by programme contractors].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 400].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 400].
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 (Thirtyfirst Report) [Unemployment Benefit Service; prevention and detection of evasion of National Insurance contributions and of fraud and abuse relating to benefits paid by DHSS].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 434].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 434].

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 15th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 516-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 15th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 405-iv].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Representation of the People Bill to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to one of the Lords Amendments to the Local Government Bill: they do not insist on certain other of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed; they do not insist on another of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed and they agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to the words so restored to the Bill; they do not insist on their remaining Amendment to which this House has disagreed and agree, without Amendment, to the Amendment made by this House in lieu thereof; and they agree, without Amendment, to the Commons consequential Amendments to the Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Greater London Council (Money) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Scarborough Borough Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Minimum Wages Etc. Bill,—Ordered, That the Minimum Wages Etc. Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.

Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill,—Ordered, That the Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th October.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Electricity (Borrowing Powers) (Scotland) Order 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 10) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1027) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Opposition day [18th allotted day: second part],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Funding of Pay Awards in the National Health Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that district health authorities and Scottish health boards should not be expected to find the extra resources in the current financial year that are now necessary to implement the Government’s decisions arising out of the recommendations of the pay review bodies; and further believes that if no extra money is provided from the Contingency Reserve there will be a damaging and unacceptable reduction in real terms in standards of health care—(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 "congratulates the Government on implementing the recommendations of the Health Service Pay Review Bodies and awarding a fair pay increase to all the staff concerned, with particularly high awards for staff nurses and ward sisters; notes that nurses' pay has risen by 23 per cent. in real terms between April 1979 and March 1985 and will rise significantly this year as a result of the Review Body award; welcomes the 5½ per cent. increase in health authority and health board funding which, together with the extra resources gained from cost improvement programmes, will enable service developments to take place in addition to the implementation of the pay award; and notes with approval the continuing increases in the number of patients treated by the Health Service "; instead thereof.—(Mr. John Patten.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; Mr. A. J. Beith rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Charles Kennedy: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 233.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 53 (Questions on amendments):
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 223.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 148.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House congratulates the Government on implementing the recommendations of the Health Service Pay Review Bodies and awarding a fair pay increase to all the staff concerned, with particularly high awards for staff nurses and ward sisters; notes that nurses' pay has risen by 23 per cent. in real terms between April 1979 and March 1985 and will rise significantly this year as a result of the Review Body award; welcomes the 5½ per cent. increase in health authority and health board funding which, together with the extra resources gained from cost improvement programmes, will enable service developments to take place in addition to the funding of the pay award; and notes with approval the continuing increases in the number of patients treated by the Health Service.

Oil and Pipelines Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Oil and Pipelines Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Security of supply agreement)—(Mr. Ted Rowlands)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. James Hamilton: 86.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. John Major: 187.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 18, at the end, to insert the words

"(1A) In managing on behalf of the Crown pipelines and storage installations the Agency shall prepare a plan to design and construct an onshore crude oil pipeline system to complement the existing system and shall enter into agreements on behalf of the Crown to make the system available to licensees with production from onshore fields on a common carrier basis at a commercial tariff and the system shall include better rail sidings, tank farms and necessary links with offshore producing facilities."—(Mr. Peter Hardy.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 18, at the end, to insert the words

"(1A) Agreements entered into under subsection (1) shall include the provisions that the Agency shall lift royalty oil in the relevant chargeable period or where it is unable to do so no later than the end of the following chargeable period."—(Mr. Ted Rowlands.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Oil and Pipelines Bill and the Lords Amendments to the Trustee Savings Banks Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Oil and Pipelines Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Oil and Pipelines Bill be now read the third time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Tony Durant : 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. Sean Hughes : 94.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Trustee Savings Banks Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Trustee Savings Banks Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1:

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, to leave out from the word "which" to the end and add the words "shall not be included in this Act unless a majority of depositors of Trustee Savings Bank Scotland have first given their assent in a postal ballot", instead thereof.—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

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And the Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Archy Kirkwood : 69.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tony Durant : 139.

So the Question was negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Ian Stewart);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert : 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. John Maxton : 57.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Amendments ((b) to (d)) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 1 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Ian Stewart);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Gordon Wilson : 62.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 8 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. 2.—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

Ordered, That Mr. Barry Henderson, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. John Major, Mr. John Maxton, and Mr. Ian Stewart, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)
Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

European Legislation,—Ordered, That Mr. Nicholas Soames be discharged from the Select Committee on European Legislation and Mr. William Cash be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Trustee Savings Banks Bill,—Mr. Ian Stewart reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 2 to the Trustee Savings Banks 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. 2) made by the Lords in page 2, line 45, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment is contrary to a major element of the policy behind the Bill, which is to enable the TSB Group to achieve as wide a distribution of direct shareholding as possible among depositors and other small investors.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

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 1

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:

Foreign Affairs,—Observations by the Government on the Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1984-85, on famine in Africa [by Command] [Cmnd. 9566].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 15th July 1985:

Mr. John Moore:

Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 8th July 1985 on borrowing by the British Railways Board [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th July 1985, entitled—

(1) the Excise Duties (Hydrocarbon Oils) (Deferred Payment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1032), and

(2) the Hydrocarbon Oil (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1033) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 503].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations of the Defence Council, dated 17th June 1985, amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Trade,—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 19th November 1984 for a Return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1985, for May.

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchant Shipping,—Report by the Department of Transport of exemptions granted under section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906 during 1984 [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Petition [17th May] from citizens of Great Britain and Northern Ireland against the use of live animals in the Lethal Dose 50 Test [by Standing Order]; to be printed.


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents Mr. Robert Harvey (nominated in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 6707/85, concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues, and 4793/84, concerning sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs for human consumption); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Marcus Fox.

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Donald Coleman Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Export of Goods (Control) Order 1985.

[No. 156.]

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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Berkshire Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Berkshire Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 22nd July at Seven o'clock.

East Lothian District Council (Musselburgh Links, etc.) Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the East Lothian District Council (Musselburgh Links, etc.) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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 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 (Twenty-ninth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xxxviii].

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 16th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 521].
First Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Miss Betty Boothroyd reported from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Documents Nos. 6707/85, concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues, and 4793/84, concerning sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs for human consumption, together with the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 6707/85, a proposal for a Council Directive concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues, and 4793/84, a proposal for a Council Directive concerning sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs for human consumption; and in respect of 6707/85 supports the Government's approach in seeking cost-effective arrangements which will benefit consumers and meat traders and in respect of 4793/84 supports the Government's endeavours to reach an acceptable agreement on the proposal.

Report to lie upon the Table.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed (No. 520).

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Documents Nos. 9153/82 and 6544/83, draft Directive and Amendment on crude oil saving through the use of substitute fuel in petrol, and 8369/83 and 7959/84, draft Directive and Amendment on rationing for commercial road transport between member States in the case of fuel shortage, together with the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 9153/82 and 6544/83, draft Directive and Amendment on crude oil saving through the use of substitute fuel in petrol; and 8369/83 and 7959/84 draft Directive and Amendment on rationing for commercial road transport between member States in the case of fuel shortage; and supports the Government's intention to seek implementation of the principles contained therein.

Report to lie on the Table.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed (No. 518).

Royal Assent,—Mr Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:


Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Shetland Islands Council (Omnibus Services) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

International Fair Trading Bill.—Mr. Michael Latham, supported by Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Peter Thomas, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, Sir Roy Begg, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Dr. M. S. Miller, and Sir John Biggs-Davison, presented a Bill to make further provision regarding fair international trade between the United Kingdom and
certain countries outside Her Majesty’s Dominions, with particular reference to the trade boycott of the State of Israel by members of the League of Arab States: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 194].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 962), be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tony Durant)

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. Francis Maude);

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 Chope: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. Harry Cohen: 160.

So the Question was negatived.

Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 3) 1982/83 (House of Commons Paper No. 504), which was laid before this House on 11th July, be approved—(Mr. Kenneth Baker);

Mr. Harry Cowans 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;

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 3) 1982/83 (House of Commons Paper No. 504), which was laid before this House on 11th July, be approved.

Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) 1985/86 (House of Commons Paper No. 478), which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved—(Mr. Kenneth Baker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Sean Hughes: 202.

So the Question was agreed to.

Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary (No. 2) Report 1983-84 (House of Commons Paper No. 448), which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Edwards);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary (No. 2) Report 1983-84 (House of Commons Paper No. 448), which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved.

Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report 1985-86 (House of Commons Paper No. 449), which was laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Edwards);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tony Durant: 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr. Roger Thomas, Mr. Ray Powell: 180.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report 1985-86 (House of Commons Paper No. 449), which was laid before this House on 9th July, be approved.

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 twenty-four minutes past Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.24 a.m.

APPENDIX

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Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Enterprise.—Paper, entitled Lifting the Burden [by Command] [Cmnd. 9571].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Animals,—Statistics of experiments on living animals [by Command] [Cmnd. 9574].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 10, 1985).—Copy of the International Sugar Agreement 1984, done at Geneva on 5th July 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9570].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th July 1985, entitled the National Health Service (Regional and District Health Authorities: Membership and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1067) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Iron and Steel.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Steel Corporation for the year ended 30th March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly on the proposal for a draft Commission on Disposals of Land (Northern Ireland) Order [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of the Environment: urban programme [by Act]; to be printed [No. 513].

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Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr. Speaker allocated:

1. the draft Electricity (Borrowing Powers) (Scotland) Order 1985 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

2. the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 10) Order 1985 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

3. the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

4. the Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Order 1985 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Berkshire Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Berkshire Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

East Lothian District Council (Musselburgh Links, etc.) Order Confirmation Bill.—The East Lothian District Council (Musselburgh Links, etc.) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill.—The Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

British Railways (Trowse Bridge) 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 British Railways (Trowse Bridge) 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.

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 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.

Oxfordshire 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 Oxfordshire 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.

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, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report) [The Trident Programme].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 479].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 479].

Employment.—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment 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. 487-iii].

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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 531-i and -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-eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-xxviii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xxviii].

Home Affairs.—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home 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 the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report) [United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 389].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 389].

Scottish Affair.—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs 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. 433-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, together with Memoranda: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report) [The Government’s Green Paper “Reform of Social Security”].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 451].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 451].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop reported from the Trade and Industry 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. 532].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Crouch reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Food (Imitations) (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, referred to a Committee on 3rd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 522].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Merchant Shipping (Grain) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, referred to a Committee on 25th June, and the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985, the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 523].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Donald Coleman reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Export of Goods (Control) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 849), referred to a Committee on 25th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 526].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Agriculture Improvement Regulations 1985, the Agriculture Improvement Scheme 1985 (S.I. 1985, No. 1029) and the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I. 1985, No. 1025), referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 527].
Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Document No. 4519/85, on the discharge of certain dangerous substances into water, together with the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 4519/85, a proposal for a Council Directive on the discharge of certain dangerous substances into water, and affirms the need for a Directive to deal with pollution by substances meeting the List I criteria set out in Council Directive 76/464/EEC, and which requires monitoring for the levels of those substances in the aquatic environment, irrespective of source.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 525].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 196].

Racial Harassment.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to create an offence of racial harassment; to place a duty on a landlord to seek eviction of a tenant who is convicted of such offence if it is committed against another tenant of that landlord; to provide for the right of appeal against eviction and against proposals for rehousing; to place a duty on landlords and local authorities to provide information on the rights and duties in relation to racial harassment; to make provision for investigation of complaints and for a code of practice; and to make provision for compensation of victims: And that Mr. Harry Cohen, Dr. John Cunningham, Jo Richardson, Margaret Beckett, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Clare Short, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, and Mr. Greville Janner, do prepare and bring it in.

Racial Harassment Bill,—Mr. Harry Cohen accordingly presented a Bill to create an offence of racial harassment; to place a duty on a landlord to seek eviction of a tenant who is convicted of such offence if it is committed against another tenant of that landlord; to provide for the right of appeal against eviction and against proposals for rehousing; to place a duty on landlords and local authorities to provide information on the rights and duties in relation to racial harassment; to make provision for investigation of complaints and for a code of practice; and to make provision for compensation of victims; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th October and to be printed [Bill 195].

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Preparation of papers for probate etc. by unqualified persons)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Judicial review)—(Sir Brandon Rhys Williams)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Restrictions on conflicts of interest in conveyancing)—(Mr. John Butterfill)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Prevention of anti-competitive practices and monopoly situations)—(Mr. William Cash)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Solicitors Complaints Board)—(Mr. Nicholas Brown)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Sean Hughes: 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 233.

Another Clause (Amendment of Arbitration Act 1950)—(Mr. Richard Ottaway)—brought up, and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 4 to 6, 9, 10, 13, 17, 19, 21 to 25 and 27) made to the Bill.

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Attorney General, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

Mr. Attorney General, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Local Government (Scotland)—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate Reduction (City of Edinburgh District) 1985-86 Report, which was laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Younger);

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. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 137.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Reduction (City of Edinburgh District) 1985-86 Report, which was laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved.

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Rating and Valuation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Revaluation Rate Rebates (Scotland) Order 1985, dated 9th July 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th July, be approved—(Mr. Michael Ancram);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tony Durant: 147.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. James Wallace: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Revaluation Rate Rebates (Scotland) Order 1985, dated 9th July 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th July, be approved.

Residues in Fresh Meat and Sampling and Analysis of Foodstuffs,—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. 6707/85, a proposal for a Council Directive concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues, and 4793/84, a proposal for a Council Directive concerning sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs for human consumption; and in respect of 6707/85 supports the Government's approach in seeking cost-effective arrangements which will benefit consumers and meat traders and in respect of 4793/84 supports the Government's endeavours to reach an acceptable agreement on the proposal—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—It was agreed to.

Substitute Fuels in Petrol and Fuel Rationing for Commercial Road Transport,—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. 9153/82 and 6544/83, draft Directive and Amendment on crude oil saving through the use of substitute fuel in petrol; and 8369/83 and 7959/84, draft Directive and Amendment on rationing for commercial road transport between member States in the case of fuel shortage; and supports the Government's intention to seek implementation of the principles contained therein—(Mr. Peter Lloyd):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from pupils of Colegate School, Gateshead against the Transport 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. Peter Lloyd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes past One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.21 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 17th July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

1. the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization) Order 1985, and
2. the European Communities (Immunities and Privileges of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization) Order 1985

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission on art and part guilt of statutory offences [by Command] [Cmnd. 9551].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Health Service Planning Council for 1984 [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Hospital Trust for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 456].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th July 1985, entitled the Housing Benefits (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1100) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Reports of the Census of Production 1983 on—

1. coal extraction and manufacture of solid fuels,
2. cycles and motor cycles,
3. electric lamps and other electric lighting equipment,
4. extraction of miscellaneous minerals (including salt),
5. forging, pressing and stamping,
6. grain milling,
7. motor vehicle bodies, trailers and caravans,
8. motor vehicle parts,
9. production and distribution of electricity,
10. sugar and sugar by-products, and
11. throwing, texturing, etc. of continuous filament yarn

[by Act].

Transport,—Copy of the Report of the Transport Users Consultative Committee for Wales for the period 1st January 1984 to 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances,—Copies of Orders, dated 8th July 1985, entitled—

1. the Radioactive Substances (Gaseous Tritium Light Devices) Exemption Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1047),
2. the Radioactive Substances (Luminous Articles) Exemption Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1048), and
3. the Radioactive Substances (Testing Instruments) Exemption Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1049)

[by Act].

Building and Buildings,—Copies of Regulations, dated 11th July 1985, entitled—

1. the Building (Approved Inspectors etc.) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1066), and
2. the Building Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1065)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Railways Board for the period 1st January 1984 to 31st March 1985 [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 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; to be printed [No. 529].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Co-operative Development Agency.—Copy of the Accounts of the Co-operative Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 524].

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. Harry Ewing (nominated in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1985); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Donald Dewar.

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 Electricity (Borrowing Powers) (Scotland) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Donald Dewar, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Bob McTaggart, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. David Marshall, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Allan Stewart, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

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 Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 10) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. Nicholas Baker, Mr. John Browne, Mr. John Butcher, Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. Terry Dicks, Mr. Roger Gale, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Martin Redmond, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. Richard Ryder, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Richard Tracey, Mr. Gareth Wardell, and Mr. Ken Weetch.

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 Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, viz.: Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mr. Alistair Burt, Mr. Richard Caborn, Mr. Michael Carttiss, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Tony Favel, Mr. Roy Galley, Mr. Robert Harvey, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Roger King, Mr. David Lightbown, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Matthew Parris, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, and Mr. Michael Welsh.

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 Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Order 1985, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. John Corrie, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. John MacKay, Mr. Albert McCarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Bill Walker, Mr. James Wallace, and Mr. James White.

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PRAYERS.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Scarborough Borough Council Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Scarborough Borough Council Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Durham City Council Bill [Lords].—The Durham City Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Berkshire Bill [Lords].—The Berkshire Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.
Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development) Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 23rd July.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985, referred to a Committee on 3rd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 535].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 534].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

Estimates [4th allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to consider the Estimate appointed for consideration under paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 101 (Liaison Committee).

Estimates, 1985-86 (Class IV, Vote 4).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum not exceeding £39,501,000 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 1986 for expenditure by the Department of Trade and Industry on export promotion, trade co-operation, regulation of trading practices and consumer protection, and other services including grants in aid and international subscriptions, and other grants—(Mr. Paul Channon);

and it being Seven o'clock, the Question was deferred, pursuant to Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of estimates) and to the Order [4th July].

Insolvency Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Insolvency Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Authorisation of members of recognised professional bodies)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Applications for authorisation)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Grant, refusal and withdrawal of authorisation)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Notices)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Right to make representations)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (a) made to the proposed Clause.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Reference to Tribunal)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (a) made to the proposed Clause.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Refusal or withdrawal without reference to Tribunal)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Interpretation of Part I)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Restriction on use of company names)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Agency and liability of receiver for contracts)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Disposal of interest in property)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Rights of occupation etc. of bankrupt’s spouse)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Rights of occupation of bankrupt)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Payments in respect of premises occupied by bankrupt)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Disabilities on revocation of administration order against individual)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Co-operation between courts exercising jurisdiction in relation to insolvency law)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Recognised banks etc.)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976)—(Mr. Alex Fletcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Data and estimates)—(Sir Brandon Rhys Williams)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Responsibility for company’s wrongful trading)—(Mr. Bryan Gould)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Ray Powell: 43.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. John Major: 140.

Another Clause (Set-off of debts due to and by the Crown)—(Mr. Bryan Gould)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Prepayment creditors)—(Mr. Steve Norris)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Estimates [4th allotted day].—It being Ten o’clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded to put forthwith the deferred Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings on Estimates, 1985-86 (Class IV, Vote 4).

Class IV, Vote 4

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £39,501,000 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 1986 for expenditure by the Department of Trade and Industry on export promotion, trade co-operation, regulation of trading practices and consumer protection, and other services including grants in aid and international subscriptions, and other grants.

Estimates.—Mr. Speaker proceeded to put forthwith the Question which he was directed to put pursuant to paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of estimates).

Resolved, Estimates, 1985-86

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £48,588,165,000 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 1986, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 239, 240, 241, 426 and 427.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions and upon the Resolutions [11th July] relating to Estimates, 1985-86: 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) 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 1986, 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 160].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Insolvency Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Insolvency Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Insolvency Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Prepayment creditors) be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 19) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 271) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(c) to secure greater protection for the jobs of those employed by the company than would be effected on a winding up’.—(Mr. Bryan Gould.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 20 to 35, 263, 37 to 62, 264, 265, 64 to 111, 266 and 112 to 127) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 283) proposed to the Bill, in page 100, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(c) The bankrupt's only or main residence which is:
(i) a protected tenancy or restricted contract as defined in the Rent Act 1977;
(ii) a protected occupancy as defined in the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976; or
(iii) a secure tenancy as defined in the Housing Act 1980 unless it is a tenancy to which Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 applies’.—(Mr. Bryan Gould.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 128 to 166, 260, 167 to 172, 257, 173 to 177, 267, 178 to 180, 182 to 184, 261 and 262) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 268) proposed to the Bill, in page 181, line 1, to leave out the word 'twelve' and insert the word 'six', instead thereof.—(Mr. Bryan Gould.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 186 to 223, 288, 224 to 228, 258, 230, 230A and 231 to 256) made to the Bill.

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Paul Channon, 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 it shall think fit.

Mr. Paul Channon, 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 it shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 Food Imitations (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 21st June, be approved—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Merchant Shipping.—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 Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25th May 1980) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Merchant Shipping.—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 Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.
Merchant Shipping.—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 Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Merchant Shipping.—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 Merchant Shipping (Grain) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 18th June, be approved—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Merchant Shipping.—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 Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 18th June, be approved—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—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 Agriculture Improvement Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 8th July, be approved—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—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 Agriculture Improvement Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1029), dated 5th June 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th July, be approved—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Discharges of Dangerous Substances.—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. 4159/85, a proposal for a Council Directive on the discharge of certain dangerous substances into water, and affirms the need for a Directive to deal with pollution by substances meeting the List I criteria set out in Council Directive 76/464/EEC, and which requires monitoring for the levels of those substances in the aquatic environment, irrespective of source—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

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

Thursday 18th July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Armed Forces Pay,— Supplement to the Fourteenth Report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay [by Command] [Cmnd. 9568].

Top Salaries,— Copy of the Eighth Report on Top Salaries [by Command] [Cmnd. 9525-I and -II].

Mr. John Moore:

Royal Ordnance Factories,— Copy of the Accounts of the Royal Ordnance Factories Trading Fund for the period 1st April 1984 to 1st January 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 536].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax,— Copy of an Order, dated 17th July 1985, entitled the Value Added Tax (Refund of Tax) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1101) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Police,— Copy of Regulations, dated 8th July 1985, entitled the Police (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1045) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 33, 1985),— Copy of the International Telecommunication Convention, done at Nairobi on 6th November 1982, with Final Protocol, Additional Protocols I to VII and Optional Additional Protocol [by Command] [Cmnd. 9537].
Mr. Secretary Younger:
Agriculture.—Copy of a Report on Agriculture in Scotland for 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9504].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Gas.—Copy of the Report of the Gas Consumers' Council (West Midlands Region) for the year ended 31st March 1985.

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Tourism.—Copy of the Report of the Wales Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:
Parliament.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Lord Chancellor's Salary Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agricultural Training Board.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Agricultural Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 18th July 1985
Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr. John Hunt Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1985;
(2) Mr. Ian Campbell Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Electricity (Borrowing Powers) (Scotland) Order 1985;
(3) Mr. David Knox Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 10) Order 1985;
(4) Sir Philip Holland Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Town and County Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1985; and
(5) Mr. James Lamond Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 10211/82, draft Directive concerning the labelling, presentation and advertising of beer, cider and perry and 9542/83, two draft Regulations laying down rules for the description and presentation of wine, grape must and special wines.

Friday 19th July 1985.
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).

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 Annex, which it had directed him to make to the House; And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report) [The Development and Depletion of the United Kingdom's Gas Resources].

Report, together with Annex, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 76]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 76].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting—

(1) the provisions of paragraph (1)(b) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall not apply to the two Motions in the name of Mr. Secretary Hurd relating to Northern Ireland; and
(2) Mr. Speaker shall put the Question on the first Motion not later than half-past Eleven o'clock and on the second Motion not later than half-past Two o'clock.—(Mr. Carol Mather.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved.—(Mr. Chris Patten.)

It being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 5 (Friday sittings).

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 11th July, be approved—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 110.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Robin Corbett: 35.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 11th July, be approved.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 23rd July, the Motion in the name of Mr. David Steel relating to the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (Cmd. 9539) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or for one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd);

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. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd July.

[Adjourned at 2.44 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 19th July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Britian:

Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—Copies of Orders, dated 11th July 1985, entitled
(1) the Safety of Sports Grounds (Association Football Grounds) (Designation) Order 1985, (S.I., 1985, No. 1063), and
(2) the Safety of Sports Grounds (Rugby Football Grounds) (Designation) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1064)
[by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 21, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 13th May 1985, 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] [Cmd. 9579].

European Communities (No. 22, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 13th May 1985, between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil, originating in Algeria, for the period from 1st November 1984 to 31st October 1985 [by Command] (Cmd. 9580).

European Communities (No. 23, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 13th May 1985, 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] [Cmd. 9581].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Housing.—Copy of the Report of the Housing Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of a Report of Northern Ireland Assembly on the Report of the Joint Review Team on developing hospital services [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 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 537].

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of the Environment: Housing Association Grant [by Act]; to be printed [No. 538].

[No. 160.]

Monday 22nd July 1985.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords].—The British Railways (Trowse Bridge) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Poole Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Poole Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

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: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [Events surrounding the weekend of 1st-2nd May 1982].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 11].

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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 461-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 the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-first Report) [Incorporation of the Royal Ordnance Factories].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 417].

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) [National Health Service: Hospital-based medical manpower].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 429].
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-third Report) [National Health Service; Summarised Accounts]. Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 543]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 545].

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-fourth Report) [Control and monitoring of investment by British Steel Corporation in private sector companies—the Phoenix operations]. Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 307]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 307].

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) [Design and procurement of warships]. Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 452]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 452].

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 July. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 542].

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 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 (Tenth Report) [Financial Documents: Treasury Proposals]. Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 544]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 544].

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, together with an Appendix, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Eleventh Report) [The 1985 Budget Report: the Treasury Reply]. Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 545]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 545].

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 (Twelfth Report) [International Monetary Arrangements]. Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 405]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 405].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Hastings Pier 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 Durham City Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Housing Acts (except those provisions consolidated in the Housing Associations Act 1985 and the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985), and certain related provisions, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Housing Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain provisions of the Housing Acts relating to housing associations, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission and of the Scottish Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Housing Associations Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for repeals, consequential amendments, transitional matters and savings in connection with the consolidation of enactments in the Housing Act 1985, the Housing Associations Act 1985 and the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain provisions of the law of landlord and tenant formerly found in the Housing Acts, together with the Landlord and Tenant Act 1962, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords]

Housing Bill [Lords],—The Housing Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 197].

Housing Associations Bill [Lords],—The Housing Associations Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 198].

Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords],—The Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 199].

Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords],—The Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 200].

Social Security Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Social Security Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 4 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 6 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7 and 8 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 9 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 10 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 11 to 39 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 40 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Interception of Communications Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Interception of Communications Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 16 were agreed to.

Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 10 were agreed to.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Meaning of “associate”)—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power of permanent trustee in relation to the debtor's family home)—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Compensation of debts due to and by the Crown)—(Mr. Bruce Millan)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.
Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 13, to leave out from the word “due” to the end of line 27.—(Mr. Bruce Milian.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 4 to 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

“(e) a person who is an associate of the debtor.”—(Mr. Bruce Milian.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 11 to 16) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment made to the Bill, in page 35, line 14, by leaving out from the word “dealing” to the word “is” in line 16.—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.)

Other Amendments (Nos. 18, 19 and 21 to 23) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment made to the Bill, in page 42, line 34, by leaving out the words “subsections (6) and (7)” and inserting the words “subsection (6)” instead thereof.—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.)

Other Amendments (Nos. 24 to 28) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill, in page 66, line 38, at the end, to insert the words “or any individual creditor.”—(Mr. Donald Dewar.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made to the Bill, in page 67, line 31, after the word “section”, by inserting “(a)”.—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.)

Another Amendment made to the Bill, in page 67, line 33, at the end, by inserting the words—

“(b) references to intent to prejudice creditors shall include references to intent to prejudice an individual creditor.”—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.)

Other Amendments (Nos. 30 to 34) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed to the Bill, in page 79, line 12, to leave out the word “twelve” and insert the word “six”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Bruce Milian.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 36 to 38 and 42 to 45) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 46) proposed to the Bill, in page 88, line 34, at the end, to insert the words—

“7A. In the case of a trust deed to which paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Schedule apply, the trustee shall, not later than 28 days after final distribution to creditors of the estate which falls to be distributed under the trust deed registered under paragraph 5(D) of this Schedule, send to the accountant in bankruptcy a certificate that the estate has been distributed in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed together with a statement in the prescribed form as to the realisation of the estate and its distribution.

7B.—(1) Where a trustee under a trust deed to which paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Schedule apply has, in terms of that trust deed, obtained a discharge from the acceding creditors and from the debtor, he may give notice of his discharge to each qualified creditor who has not acceded to the trust deed.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) below, where notice has been given in terms of sub-paragraph (1) above then the creditors who did not accede to the trust deed shall be deemed to be parties to the discharge of the trustee.

(3) A qualified creditor who has not acceded to the trust deed may within 28 days of the date of the notice given in terms of sub-paragraph (1) above apply to the court for an order setting aside his deemed participation in the discharge of the trustee.

(4) The court shall make such an order if, but only if, it is satisfied that the conduct of the trustee has been such as to preclude a deemed discharge from the creditor concerned.”—(Mr. Bruce Milian.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 47 to 72) 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 it shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.—The Yorkshire Water Authority Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975.—Resolved, That Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 be amended as follows:

PART I OF SCHEDULE 1

1. After the entry beginning “Chief or other Social Security Commissioner for Northern Ireland” there shall be inserted:

PART II OF SCHEDULE 1

Additional entries

2. There shall be inserted at the appropriate places:
   The National Development Team for Mentally Handicapped People.”

Entries omitted

3. The following entries shall be omitted:
   The Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland.
   The Health and Safety Commission.
   The Home-Grown Cereals Authority.
   The Land Authority for Wales.
   The Manpower Services Commission.
   The National Dock Labour Board.
   The Northern Ireland Tourist Board.
   The Red Deer Commission.”

PART III OF SCHEDULE 1

Additional entries

4. There shall be inserted at the appropriate places:
   “Chairman of the Business & Technician Education Council.
   Chairman of the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas.
   Chairman, Deputy Chairman or Managing Director of the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations.
   Chairman of the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland.
   Chairman of the Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland.
   Chairman of the Health and Safety Commission.
   Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority.
   Chairman of the Land Authority for Wales.
   Chairman of the Manpower Services Commission.
   Chairman of the Board of the National Advisory Body for Public Sector Higher Education.
   Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the National Dock Labour Board.
   Chairman of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.
   Chairman of the Northern Ireland Training Authority.
   Chairman of the Red Deer Commission.
   A full-time chairman of Social Security Appeal Tribunals and Medical Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland.
   Commons Commissioner.
   Director of British Telecommunications p.l.c. appointed by a Minister of the Crown or government department.
   Director of any company in receipt of financial assistance under section 5 of the Films Act 1985, being a director appointed by a Minister of the Crown or government department.
Member of a panel appointed under section 97(2D)(a) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 of persons eligible to act as chairman of Social Security Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland.

Member of the Trinity House Lighthouse Board nominated by the Secretary of State.

President of Social Security Appeal Tribunals and Medical Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland.

Entries omitted

5. The following entries shall be omitted:

"Chairman of an Appeal Tribunal constituted in accordance with Schedule 4 to the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, or Senior Chairman in relation to such a tribunal.

Chairman of a Local Tribunal constituted under section 97(2) of, and Schedule 10 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975.

Constable, Lieutenant or Major of the Tower of London.

Director of ICL Public Limited Company nominated by a Minister of the Crown or government department.

Levy Exemption Referee for the purposes of the Industrial Training Act 1982."

Other amendments

6.-(1) In the entry "Chairman of a committee constituted under section 90 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960 " for " section 90 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960 " there shall be substituted " section 91 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 ".

(2) In the entry "Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the National Seed Development Organisation Limited " the words " or Vice-Chairman " shall be omitted.

(3) In the entry "Director of Harland and Wolff Limited " for " Limited " there shall be substituted " p.l.c ".

(4) In the entry "Director of Short Brothers Limited " for " Limited " there shall be substituted " p.l.c ".

(5) In the entry "Member of the panel of persons appointed under Schedule 5 to the Rent (Scotland) Act 1971 to act as chairmen and other members of rent assessment committees " for " Schedule 5 to the Rent (Scotland) Act 1971 " there shall be substituted " Schedule 4 to the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 ".

(6) In the entry "President, or member of a panel of chairmen, of industrial tribunals established under section 13 of the Industrial Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1964 " for " section 13 of the Industrial Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1964 " there shall be substituted " Article 30 of the Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 ".—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)

Royal Assent.—Mr. Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, that Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:


Liability for Defective Products.—Resolved, that this House takes note of European Community Document No. 9427/79, draft Directive on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of all member States concerning liability for defective products and of the Explanatory Memorandum by the Department of Trade and Industry dated 1st July 1985; and supports the Government's intention to having the Directive adopted at the earliest opportunity.—(Mr. Alex Fletcher.)

Town and Country Planning (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 Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 25th June, be approved.—(Mr. David Hunt): 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 Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 27th June, be approved.—(Mr. David Hunt): It was agreed to.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cheadle against the Transport 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. David Hunt);

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. 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, it being then half-past Ten o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 22nd July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Aliens,—Copy of a Management and Personnel Office Minute, dated 22nd July 1985, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity under the Crown during the year ended 31st March 1985, with a list giving particulars of certificates of employment [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Police,—Final Review Report of the Police Complaints Board for the period 1977 to 1985 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9584].

Broadcasting,—Copy of the Report of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission for 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 510].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Criminal Justice,—Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for Scotland for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 494].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:


Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Services,—Copy of the Report of the General Practice Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 485].


Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Social Security Benefit (Dependancy) Amendment Regulations 1985 [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 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 512].


Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the London Docklands Development Corporation, and
(2) the Merseyside Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Horse Racing and Betting,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th July 1985, entitled the Horse Racing and Betting (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R. (N.I.), 1985, No. 167) [by Act].
Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Report on Wages in Agriculture for 1984 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Local Government Finance.—Copy of the Accounts of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities in England and Wales for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 539].

Scottish Development Agency.—Copy of the Accounts of the Scottish Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 540].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Harry Cowans (nominated in respect of the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1985); and had appointed in substitution Dr. David Clark.

[No. 161.]

Tuesday 23rd July 1985.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Yorkshire Water Authority Bill [Money]

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill it is expedient to authorise the payment 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. (Mrs. Peggy Fenner.)

Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development) Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

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. 25-xxxix].

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 23rd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 554].

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 23rd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 315-iv].

Privileges,—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Committee of Privileges, to which was referred the matter of the complaint of the report in The Times newspaper of 6th March concerning the draft Report of the Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee on the Special Branches of the police, That it had further considered 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, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Premature Disclosure of Proceedings of Select Committees].
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 555].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 555].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Hunt reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 549].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Severn Bridge Tolls Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 726), referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 548].

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Mr. James Lamond reported from the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Documents Nos. 10211/82, draft Directive concerning the labelling, presentation and advertising of beer, cider and perry, and 9542/83, two draft Regulations laying down rules for the description and presentation of wine, grape must and special wines, together with the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 10211/82, draft Directive concerning the labelling, presentation and advertising of beer, cider and perry, and 9542/83, two draft Regulations laying down rules for the description and presentation of wine, grape must and special wines, and supports the Government's intention of introducing measures requiring the indication of the percentage of alcohol by volume of all alcoholic drinks with the aim of reducing alcohol-related health problems, and removing certain barriers to trade within the Community.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 547].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

Race Relations (Welsh Language) Bill,—Mr. Dafydd Wigley presented a Bill to amend the Race Relations Act 1976 to provide that a requirement relating to use of, or proficiency in, the Welsh language shall not constitute discrimination within the meaning of that Act; 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 201].

British Nationality Etc. (Treatment of Citizens of Pakistan) Bill,—Mr. Tony Lloyd, supported by Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Robert Litherland, Clare Short, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. Ken Eastham, and Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, presented a Bill to amend the British Nationality Acts and the Immigration Act 1971 to confer upon citizens of Pakistan resident in the United Kingdom the same rights and privileges to which citizens of Commonwealth countries are entitled: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th October and to be printed [Bill 203].

Local Government (Prevention of Political Corruption),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend sections 137 and 142 of the Local Government Act 1972—(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. 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. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Piers Merchant: 131.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 123.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Piers Merchant, Mr. Richard Hickmet, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Robert B. Jones, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Peter Brainwells, Mr. David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr. William Cash, Mr. Tony Baldry, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mrs. Angela Rumbold, and Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Local Government (Prevention of Political Corruption) Bill.—Mr. Edward Leigh accordingly presented a Bill to amend sections 137 and 142 of the Local Government Act 1972: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th October and to be printed [Bill 202].

Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 503)—(Mr. Secretary Brittan);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out the word “approves” and insert the words “disapproves”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Robin Corbett: 192.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 307.
So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 309.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Robin Corbett: 194.
So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House approves the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 503).

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (Cmd. 9539), which was laid before this House during the Spring Adjournment, be revoked—(Sir Russell Johnston);

Mr. A. J. Beith rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;
The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 184.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. John Major: 323.
So the Question was negatived.

Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [Lords], 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, with Amendments.

Parliament.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Lord Chancellor's Salary Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 18th July, be approved—(Mr. John Biffen);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. John Major: 249.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Don Dixon: 232.
So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Lord Chancellor's Salary Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 18th July, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Stivichall Parents Action Committee against the proposals of Coventry City Council about Stivichall schools was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from parents of children attending St. Christopher Primary School, Coventry, and others, against the proposed reduction in intake of the school was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Wrexham and the surrounding area for aid and release of reserves of food for areas afflicted by starvation and famine was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 2.25 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 23rd July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Twelfth and Thirteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1984-85 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9587].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Home Affairs,—Copy of the Government Reply to the Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1984-85, on the Chinese community in Britain [by Command] [Cmnd. 9586].

Sports grounds,—Interim Report of the Committee of Inquiry into crowd safety and control at sports grounds [by Command] [Cmnd. 9585].


Poisons,—Copy of Rules, dated 12th July 1985, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1077) [by Act].

Summer Time,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Summer Time Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th July 1985, entitled the Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1120) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Gas,—Copy of the Report of the North Thames Gas Consumers' Council for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mineral Exploration and Investment Grants,—Copy of the Report by the Department of Trade and Industry under section 1(7) of the Mineral Exploration and Investment Grants Act 1972 for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 511].

Transport,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Transport Users' Consultative Committee for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Gas,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Gas Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th July 1985, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1072) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Fisheries,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Sea Fish Industry Authority for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Radiological Protection,—Copy of the Account of the National Radiological Protection Board for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 546].
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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Oxfordshire Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Oxfordshire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

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 Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Clwyd 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 Clwyd County 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.

Yorkshire Water Authority 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 Yorkshire Water Authority 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.

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. 5-xxix].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xxix].

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: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [United Kingdom Membership of UNESCO].

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].

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 the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report) [The events surrounding the weekend 1st-2nd May 1982: Allegations against the Hon. Member for Linlithgow].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 568].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 568].

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, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Memoranda laid before the New Building Sub-Committee: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [The New Building: The Final Sketch Plan Report].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 567].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 567].

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 24th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 219-ii and 569].

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 18th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 57-ix].

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 its Sub-Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 57-III].

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Donald Coleman reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of Education and Training in Wales, referred to it on 2nd July, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 570].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ian Campbell reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Electricity (Borrowing Powers) (Scotland) Order 1985, referred to a Committee on 15th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 566].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Knox reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 10) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1027), referred to a Committee on 15th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 557].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, referred to a Committee on 15th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 565].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on one of their Amendments to the Trustee Savings Banks Bill to which this House has disagreed and agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments 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 Amendments made by this House to the Oxfordshire Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to weights and measures; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Weights and Measures Bill [Lords]].

Weights and Measures Bill [Lords].—The Weights and Measures Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 206].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 24th July to be printed [No. 89-v].

Provision for Young People in Rural Areas (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. David Penhaligon presented a Bill to establish a Rural Youth Affairs Advisory Committee and to define its responsibilities; to amend the Road Traffic Act 1972 to allow 16-year-olds to drive a motor car on a road provided that it is solely in the course of receiving instruction from an approved driving instructor; to amend section 22 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 in relation to change of use of dwelling houses in rural areas; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th October and to be printed [Bill 205].
Discrimination—**Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to ban discrimination against people because they are single or elderly, or in other specified categories, and for connected purposes:** And that Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Merlyn Rees, Jo Richardson, and Mr. David Marshall, do prepare and bring it in.

Discrimination Bill,—Mr. Greville Janner accordingly presented a Bill to ban discrimination against people because they are single or elderly, or in other specified categories, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th October and to be printed [Bill 204].

Adjournment (Summer)—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House at its rising on Friday 26th July do adjourn until Monday 21st October, and the House shall not adjourn on Friday 26th July until Mr. Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out the words "Friday 26th July" and insert the words "Tuesday 30th July", instead thereof.—(Mr. Roy Hattersley.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:

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).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. John McWilliam: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 311.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith;

**Resolved, That this House at its rising on Friday 26th July do adjourn until Monday 21st October, and the House shall not adjourn on Friday 26th July until Mr. Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses.**

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. Ian Lang);

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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 parents of pupils attending Binley Park Comprehensive School, Coventry, and others, against the 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 parents of children attending Binley Primary School, Coventry, and others, against the 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 residents of the United Kingdom for allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Peter Lloyd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Nine o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

|Adjourned at 9.24 a.m|

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APPENDIX

**Wednesday 24th July 1985**

**Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:**

**Mr. Peter Rees:**
- Acquisition of Land.—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd July 1985, entitled—
  1. the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1131), and
  2. the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1132) [by Act].

**Coal Industry.**—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd July 1985, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 2) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1130) [by Act].

**Mr. John Moore**
- Inland Revenue.—Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue for 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9576].

**Mr. Secretary Brittan:**
- Fire Services.—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Fire Services for 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9572].

- Broadcasting.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Independent Broadcasting Authority for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

**Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe**

**Mr. Secretary Younger**
- Police.—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9573].

- 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 for 1984; and
  2. the separation of younger from older patients in hospital in Scotland for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 492 and 493].

- Crofters (Scotland).—Copy of the Report of the Crofters Commission for 1984 [by Act].

**Mr. Secretary Heseltine**
- Defence (Territorial and auxiliary Forces).—Copy of an Order, dated 17th July 1985, amending the Regulations included in the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve (No. 3) Order 1978 [by Act].

**Mr. Secretary Fowler**
- Medicines.—Copies of the Reports of—
  1. the Medicines Commission,
  2. the Committee on Safety of Medicines,
  3. the Veterinary Products Committee.
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of British Shipbuilders for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Export Guarantees,—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on overseas investment insurance for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 530].

Gas,—Copy of the Report of the South Western Gas Consumers’ Council for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government Finance,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Audit Commission for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Waterways Board for the period 1st January 1984 to 31st March 1985 [by Act].

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 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Water,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Welsh Water Authority for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

LondonRegional Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of London Regional Transport for the period 1st January 1984 to 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th July 1985, entitled the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1071) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th July 1985, entitled the Importation of Milk (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1089) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Countryside Commission,—Copy of the Account of the Countryside Commission for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 560].

Crown Agents,—Copy of the Accounts of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 562].

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the National Health Service: control of nursing manpower [by Act]; to be printed [No. 558].

National Savings Bank,—Copies of the Accounts of—
(1) investment deposits, and
(2) ordinary deposits and expenses of the National Savings Bank for 1984; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 563 and 564].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Fourth Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1984-85 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 528].
Tourism,—Copy of the Accounts of the British Tourist Authority for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 559].

Welsh Development Agency,—Copy of the Accounts of the Welsh Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 561].

MEMORANDUM

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—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 Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Order 1985.


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Hastings Pier Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Hastings Pier Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development) Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 22nd October.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier 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 Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [Marine Pilotage].

Report, together with Appendices 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. Gordon A. T. Bagier 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 and Second Reports of the Committee, Session 1983-84].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 552].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 552].

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier 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 (Second Special Report) [Government Observations on the First and Second Reports of the Committee, Session 1984-85].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 553].

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 553].

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it.

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 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation ) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Wildlife and Countryside ( Service of Notices ) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the East Lothian District Council ( Musselburgh Links, etc. ) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Child Abduction and Custody Bill [ Lords ], 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:

4. Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Act 1985.
8. East Lothian District Council (Musselburgh Links, etc.) Order Confirmation Act 1985.

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment and Up-rating Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 8th July, be approved.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Resources) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 8th July, be approved.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Child Benefit (Up-Rating) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 5th July, be approved.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 5th July, be approved.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowances) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 5th July, be approved.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Pensioners' Lump Sum Payments Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Public Health,—Resolved, That the draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 22nd July, be approved.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Amendment Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 22nd July, be approved—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Electricity,—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 Electricity (Borrowing Powers) (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Mr. Archie Hamilton):—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. 10) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1027), a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Mr. Archie Hamilton):—It was agreed to.
Town and Country Planning.—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 Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1985, which were laid before this House on 25th June, be approved.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

Judges.—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 (Scotland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 1st July, be approved.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

Labelling of Beer, Cider, Perry and Wine.—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. 10211/82, draft Directive concerning the labelling, presentation and advertising of beer, cider and perry, and 9452/83, two draft Regulations laying down rules for the description and presentation of wine, grape must and special wines, and supports the Government's intention of introducing measures requiring the indication of the percentage of alcohol by volume of all alcoholic drinks with the aim of reducing alcohol-related health problems, and removing certain barriers to trade within the Community.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for repeal of the Supplementary Benefit (Requirement and Resources) Miscellaneous Provisions Regulations 1985 and for legislation to secure accommodation for homeless people 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 allowing doctors to give abortion and contraceptive advice as set out in the DHSS circular on family planning 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):

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-nine minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 25th July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Borrowing Control.—Copy of an Order, dated 24th July 1985, entitled the Control of Borrowing (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1150) [by Act].

National Debt.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Government Stock Amendment Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Securities.—Copies of Regulations, dated 24th July 1985, entitled—
(1) the Stock Transfer (Gilt-edged Securities) (CGO Service) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1144), and
(2) the Stock Transfer (Gilt-edged Securities) (Exempt Transfer) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1145) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 34, 1985).—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on 9th March 1979 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the International Lead and Zinc Study Group concerning the Group staff social security arrangements [by Command] [Cmnd. 9577].

Treaty Series (No. 35, 1985).—Copy of Notes exchanged at Pretoria on 2nd November 1984 and 28th February 1985 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of South Africa further amending the Agreement on the establishment of civil air services, signed at Pretoria on 26th October 1945 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9582].
Treaty Series (No. 37, 1985).—Copy of an Agreement, done at Mexico City on 31st January 1985, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United Mexican States on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9588].

Treaty Series (No. 38, 1985).—Copy of an Agreement on the development of economic, industrial, technological and technical co-operation, done at Libreville on 26th November 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Gabon [by Command] [Cmnd. 9591].

Overseas Pensions.—Copies of Schemes, dated 25th July 1985, entitled—
(1) the Uganda (Asian Officers) Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1985,
(2) the Uganda (European Officers) Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1985, and
(3) the Uganda Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th July 1985, entitled the Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1076) [by Act].

Food.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd July 1985, entitled the Food (Revision of Penalties and Mode of Trial) (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1068) [by Act].

New Towns (Scotland).—Copy of the Reports of the Cumbernauld, East Kilbride, Glenrothes, Irvine and Livingston Development Corporations for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—Copy of the Report of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons.—Statements by the Secretaries of State for Social Services and for Wales on the separation of younger from older patients in hospital [by Act]; to be printed [No. 533].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


Industrial Development.—Report by the Secretaries of State for Trade and Industry, Scotland and Wales on the exercise of powers under the Industrial Development Act 1982 for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 556].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Derelict Land.—Copies of Orders, dated 16th July 1985, entitled—
(1) the Boothferry, Lancaster and Vale Royal (Derelict Land Clearance Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1103),
(2) the Carrick and Restormel (Derelict Land Clearance Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1102), and
(3) the Copeland (Derelict Land Clearance Areas) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1104) [by Act].

Local Government.—Report, entitled the Rate Limitation Report 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 541].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:


Education.—Copy of the Report on Education in Wales for 1984 [by Act].

Historic Buildings, etc.—Copy of the Report of the Historic Buildings Council for Wales for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 498].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

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 1985 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9562].
Mr. Secretary Walker:

Electricity,—Copy of the Report of the Secretary of State for Energy on electricity for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Gas,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th July 1985, entitled the Gas (Stock) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1149) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Transport,—Statements of determination of salaries of members of—
(1) the British Airports Authority, and
(2) the British Railways Board
[by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Plant Breeders' Rights,—Copies of Schemes, dated 10th July 1985, entitled—
(1) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Cactaceae) Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1095),
(2) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Compositae) Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1093),
(3) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Herbaceous Perennials) (Variation) Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1090),
(4) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Nerine) Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1097),
(5) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Poinsettias) Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1094),
(6) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Soft Fruits) (Variation) Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1096), and
(7) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Trees, Shrubs and Woody Climbers) (Variation) Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1091)
[by Act].

Plant Breeders' Rights,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th July 1985, entitled the Plant Breeders' Rights (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1092) [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 [2nd July] from residents of Waltham Abbey against the closure of Honey Lane Hospital [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 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 572].

Development Commission,—Copy of the Accounts of the Development Commission for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 576].

Development of Rural Wales,—Copy of the Accounts of the Development Board for Rural Wales; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 577].

Government Trading Funds,—Copy of the Accounts of the Crown Suppliers Trading Fund for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 574].

Law Commissions,—Copies of Reports of the Law Commission on—
(1) land registration, and
(2) poison-pen letters
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 551 and 519].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Account of the Commission for Local Authority Accounts in Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 573].

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of Transport: expenditure on motorways and trunk roads [by Act]; to be printed [No. 571].

Nature Conservancy Council,—Copy of the Account of the Nature Conservancy Council for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 575].

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 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 550].
PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sutton Coldfield for legislation to reform the rating 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 parish of Winkfield in the Royal County of Berkshire for a reduction in the provision of development land in the Central Berkshire Structure Plan was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the parish of Warfield in the Royal County of Berkshire for a reduction in the provision of development land in the Central Berkshire Structure Plan was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the parish of Binfield in the Royal County of Berkshire for a reduction in the provision of development land in the Central Berkshire Structure Plan 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).

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Wakeham);

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.

Weights and Measures Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That, in respect of the Weights and Measures 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. Peter Lloyd.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Peter Lloyd);

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 21st October, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 24th July.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

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APPENDIX

Friday 26th July 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

European Assembly,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th July 1985, entitled the European Assembly (United Kingdom Representatives) Pensions (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1116) [by Act].

Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1985, entitled the Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985 No. 1151) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd July 1985, entitled the Education Manadatory Awards Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1126) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary King:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 18th July 1985, entitled—
(1) the Explosives (Licensing of Stores and Registration of Premises) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1108), and
(2) the Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1107)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Reports of the Census of Production 1983 on—
(1) basic industrial chemicals,
(2) jute and polypropylene yarns and fabrics,
(3) mechanical power transmission equipment,
(4) mineral oil processing, and
(5) toys and sports goods

[by Act].


Post Office,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Post Office for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Telecommunications,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of British Telecommunications plc for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1985, entitled the Local Authority (Stocks and Bonds) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1148) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:


Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Northern Ireland,—Copy of the Accounts of the Northern Ireland Development Agency for the period 1st April to 31st August 1982; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cmnd. 9575].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th July 1985, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1119) [by Act].

[Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:]

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on achievements and costs of the Common Agricultural Policy in the United Kingdom [by Act]; to be printed [No. 578].

[No. 165.]


The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Death of a Member,—Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Harry Lowes Cowans, Esquire, Member for Tyne Bridge, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.
Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Cambridge City Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Dartmoor Commons Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lincoln City Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; they have disagreed to certain other Amendments made by this House, but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and they have agreed to the remaining Amendments made by this House, with Amendments and with consequential Amendments to the Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Commons Amendments, Lords Amendments to certain other Commons Amendments, and Lords consequential Amendments to the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 209].

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd);

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.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Promoters of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway 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.

That on the fifth day on which the House sits in the next Session the Bill shall be presented to the House.

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.

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).

That all Petitions relating to 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.

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 or deposited pursuant to paragraph (b) of Standing Order 126 relating to Private Business.

That, in relation to the Bill, Standing Order 127 relating to Private Business shall have effect as if the words ' under Standing Order 126 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill) ' were omitted.

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.

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);

Mr. Tim Yeo rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Tim Yeo: 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett: 52.
So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Tim Yeo: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett: 53.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway 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 all Petitions relating to 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 Petitioner shall be heard before the Committee on the Bill, unless their Petition has been presented within the time limited within the present Session or deposited pursuant to paragraph (b) of Standing Order 126 relating to Private Business.

Ordered, That, in relation to the Bill, Standing Order 127 relating to Private Business shall have effect as if the words "under Standing Order 126 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill)" were omitted.

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.

To be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereto.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Housing Bill [Lords], the Housing Associations Bill [Lords], the Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], the Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords] and the Weights and Measures Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour. —(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Housing Bill [Lords].—The Housing Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Committee to-morrow.

Housing Associations Bill [Lords].—The Housing Associations Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Committee to-morrow.

Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Committee to-morrow.

Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords].—The Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Committee to-morrow.
Weights and Measures Bill [Lords].—The Weights and Measures Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Committee to-morrow.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

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

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:

European Communities,—Statement on the 1985 Community Budget [Cmnd. 9633].

Criminal Statistics,—Copy of the Criminal Statistics for England and Wales for 1984 [Cmnd. 9621].

Home Affairs,—Copies of the Government’s Replies to—

1) the Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1984-85, on Refugees and Asylum, with special reference to the Vietnamese, and

2) the Sixth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1984-85, on the Immigration and Nationality Department of the Home Office [Cmnd. 9626 and 9632].

Hong Kong,—Paper, entitled the Nationality Provisions of the Hong Kong Act 1985: a draft Order-in-Council [Cmnd. 9637].

Prison Statistics,—Copy of the Prison Statistics for 1984 [Cmnd. 9622].


Egypt (No. 1, 1985),—Copy of a Consular Convention, done at London on 23rd April 1985, between the United Kingdom and the Arab Republic of Egypt with Notes exchanged concerning the application of the Convention to Hong Kong and the extension to Hong Kong, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man [Cmnd. 9603].

European Communities (No. 24, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 15th December 1984 consolidating and modifying the text of Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation [Cmnd. 9596].

European Communities (No. 25, 1985),—Copy of a Paper on developments in the European Community, January to June 1985 [Cmnd. 9627].

European Communities (No. 26, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 6th June 1985 between the European Economic Community and the Government of Canada concerning imports of beef and veal from the Community into Canada in 1985 [Cmnd. 9611].


Miscellaneous (No. 11, 1985),—Copy of the Final Report of the Fifth Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting held at Canberra on 12th September 1983 and Recommendations of the Twelfth Consultative Meeting held at Canberra 13th to 27th September 1983 [Cmnd. 9578].

Miscellaneous (No. 12, 1985),—Copy of a Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment done at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 4th February 1985 [Cmnd. 9593].

Spain (No. 1, 1985),—Copy of an Extradition Treaty, done at London on 22nd July 1985, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain [Cmnd. 9615].

Treaty Series (No. 36, 1985),—Copy of an 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. 9583].


Treaty Series (No. 43, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 26th June 1985, establishing an International Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccine Bank [Cmnd. 9602].


Treaty Series (No. 45, 1985),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Bridgetown on 8th February 1984 and Castries on 23rd October 1984 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Saint Lucia concerning the extension to Hong Kong, the Bailiwick of Jersey and Guernsey, the Isle of Man, the Cayman Islands and the Turks and Caicos Islands of the agreement for the promotion and protection of investments, signed at Castries on 18th January 1983 [Cmnd. 9606].

Treaty Series (No. 46, 1985),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington on 7th March 1985 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America further amending and supplementing the Agreement of 27th March 1941, as amended, regarding leased naval and air bases in Bermuda [Cmnd. 9607].

Treaty Series (No. 47, 1985),—Copy of the Revised Text of Annexes I, II and III to the European Interim Agreement on Social Security Schemes relating to Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors, 1953 [Cmnd. 9606].

Treaty Series (No. 48, 1985),—Copy of the Revised Text of Annexes I, II and III to the European Interim Agreement on Social Security other than Schemes for Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors, 1953 [Cmnd. 9608].

Treaty Series (No. 49, 1985),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Canberra on 29th May 1985 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Australia replacing the Schedule to the Agreement for Air Services between and beyond their respective territories, signed at London on 7th February 1985 [Cmnd. 9612].

Treaty Series (No. 50, 1985),—Copy of the Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc. for 1985 [Cmnd. 9616].

Treaty Series (No. 51, 1985),—Copy of a Convention, done at Strasbourg on 21st March 1983, on the transfer of sentenced persons [Cmnd. 9617].

Treaty Series (No. 52, 1985),—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 25th September 1984, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the avoidance of double taxation on revenues arising from the business of international air transport [Cmnd. 9619].

Fire Services,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Fire Services for Scotland for 1984 [Cmnd. 9600].

Museums and Galleries,—Statement of increase in indemnities for loss of objects lent to the National Galleries of Scotland.

Prisons (Scotland),—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland for 1984 [Cmnd. 9636].

Scottish Courts Administration,—Copy of Civil Judicial Statistics for Scotland for 1983 [Cmnd. 9564].

Defence,—List of exceptions to the Army Regulations as to pay, non-effective pay and allowances for the year ended 31st March 1985.
Pensions,—Reports of the Occupational Pensions Board with Statements by the Secretary of State for Social Services on—

(1) the Contracting-out (Transfer) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1323), and
(2) the Social Security (Earnings Factor) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1417)

[Cmnd. 9613 and 9623].

Monopolies and Mergers,—Reports of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on—

(1) the efficiency and costs of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board;
(2) the policies and practices of the British Broadcasting Corporation and Independent Television Publications Limited of limiting the publication by others of advance programme information and of not granting licences which would allow others to publish such information beyond certain specified periods, and
(3) the proposed transfer of Fleet Holdings plc to United Newspapers plc

[Cmnd. 9628, 9614 and 9610].


Law Commissions,—Reports of—

(1) the Law Commission on criminal libel, and
(2) the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on polygamous marriages

[Cmnd. 9618 and 9595].

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 July 1985


31st July 1985

Education (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd July 1985, entitled—

(1) the Glasgow College of Technology (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1164), and
(2) the Napier College of Commerce and Technology (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1163).

Animals,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th July 1985, entitled—

(1) the Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Designation of Ports of Entry) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1154), and
(2) the Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Enforcement) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1155).

1st August 1985

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th July 1985, entitled the Education (Students' Dependents Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1160).

2nd August 1985


Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st July 1985, entitled the Cream (Heat Treatment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1222).

Patents,—Copy of Rules, dated 25th July 1985, entitled the Patents (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1160).

5th August 1985

Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th July 1985, entitled the Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1223).

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1985, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1161).

6th August 1985

Food.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th July 1985, entitled the Importation of Milk (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1167).

Roads and Bridges (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd July 1985, entitled the Special Roads and Trunk Roads (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1165).

7th August 1985


Consumer Credit.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th July 1985, entitled the Consumer Credit (Total Charge for Credit) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., No. 1192).


8th August 1985


Education.—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 25th July 1985, entitled the Teachers (Compensation for Redundancy and Premature Retirement) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1181),
(2) 29th July 1985, entitled the Education (Teacher Training Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1220), and
(3) 30th July 1985, entitled the Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., No. 1219).

European Communities.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 31st July 1985, entitled the European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1195).

Pensions.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 31st July 1985, entitled the Naval, Military and Air Forces, etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Amendment Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1201).

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Copy of Rules, dated 8th July 1985, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 1985 (S.R. (N.I.), 1985, No. 170).

9th August 1985


Medicines.—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st July 1985, entitled the Medicines (Fees) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1231).


Plant Health.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th July 1985, entitled the Import and Export (Plant Health) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1230).

12th August 1985


Supreme Court.—Copy of Rules, dated 29th July 1985, entitled the Non-Contentious Probate (Amendment) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1232).

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 15th August 1985, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1299).

Northern Ireland.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th August 1985, entitled the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1268).

Race Relations.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1985, entitled the Race Relations (Prescribed Public Bodies) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1309).

Consumer Protection.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th August 1985, entitled the Aerosol Dispensers (EEC Requirements) and the Cosmetic Products (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1279).


Representation of the People.—Copy of Rules, dated 30th July 1985, entitled the Election Petition (Amendment) Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1278).

Supreme Court.—Copy of Rules, dated 31st July 1985, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 3) 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1277).


Food.—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th August 1985, entitled the Importation of Milk (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1324).


Medicines.—Copy of an Order, dated 6th August 1985, entitled the Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1288).

Constabulary (Ireland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th August 1985, entitled the Royal Irish Constabulary (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1319).


National Assistance Services.—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th August 1985, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1317).

Pensions.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 15th August 1985, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Amendment Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1313).
Landlord and Tenant,—Copies of Orders, dated 9th August 1985, entitled—
(1) the Assured Tenancies (Approved Bodies) (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1311), and
(2) the Assured Tenancies (Approved Bodies) (No. 2) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1312).

30th August 1985

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th August 1985, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Certification of Deck Officers) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1306).

2nd September 1985

National Health Service.—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd August 1985, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1336).


4th September 1985


Firearms.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd August 1985, entitled the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R. (N.I.), 1985, No. 221).

5th September 1985

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th August 1985, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1325).

6th September 1985


National Health Service.—Copy of an Order, dated 21st August 1985, entitled the Welsh Health Common Services Authority Constitution (Variation) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1345).

9th September 1985

Customs and Excise.—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 4th September 1985, entitled the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Permanently Imported) Order 1983 (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1376),
(2) an Order, dated 4th September 1985, entitled the Customs and Excise Duties (Relief for Imported Legacies) Order 1984 (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1378),
(3) an Order, dated 4th September 1985, entitled the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order 1968 (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1375), and

National Health Service.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th August 1985, entitled the National Health Service (Vocational Training) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1353).

10th September 1985

Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th September 1985, entitled the Local Government (Magistrates' Courts etc.) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1383).

Medicines.—Copy of an Order, dated 6th September 1985, entitled the Medicines (Control of Substances for Manufacture) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1403).

River.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th September 1985, entitled the Registration of Fish Farming and Shellfish Farming Businesses Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1391).

12th September 1985


13th September 1985


16th September 1985

Police.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th September 1985, entitled the Senior Officers (Metropolitan Counties and Northumbria Police Area) (Continuation in Rank) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1410).

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th August 1985, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1363).

18th September 1985


23rd September 1985

Customs and Excise.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th September 1985, entitled the Hydrocarbon Oil (Mixing of Oils) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1450).

24th September 1985

National Debt.—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th September 1985, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1479).

Housing.—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th September 1985, entitled the Housing Benefits Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1445).

Social Security.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 11th September 1985, entitled the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) Amendment Scheme 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1446).

25th September 1985

Food.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th September 1985, entitled the Lead in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1438).

27th September 1985


Legal Aid and Advice.—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th September 1985, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1491).

30th September 1985


1st October 1985

2nd October 1985

Roads and Bridges (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 9th September 1985, entitled the Roads (Scotland) Act 1970 (Local Enactments) Revocation Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1471).

3rd October 1985


Public Passengers Vehicles.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd September 1985, entitled the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Designation (Extension) (No. 2) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1478).

4th October 1985


National Health Service.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th September 1985, entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation—Special Provisions) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1492).

8th October 1985

Housing.—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th September 1985, entitled the Secure Tenancies (Right to Repair Scheme) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1493).


10th October 1985

Medicines.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th October 1985, entitled the Medicines (Labelling) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1558).


Pesticides.—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 30th September 1985, entitled the Control of Pesticides (Advisory Committee on Pesticides) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1516), and


11th October 1985

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th September 1985, entitled the Dog Racecourse Totalisator (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1513).

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th September 1985, entitled the Police Federation (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1531).


14th October 1985


15th October 1985


16th October 1985

National Assistance Services.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th September 1985, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1530).
17th October 1985

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 25th September 1985, entitled the City of Edinburgh District and Midlothian District (Danderhall) Boundaries Amendment Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1543).

Pensions.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th October 1985, entitled the War Pensions Committees (Revocation and Reconstitution) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1544).


18th October 1985

National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th October 1985, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1552).

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th October 1985, entitled the Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1569).


Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 21st October 1985:

Mr. John McGregor:

Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 21st October 1985, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Central, Administrative, Miscellaneous and Community Services and Civil Defence, England and Wales (Home Office) [by Act].

Government Trading Funds.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 21st October 1985, on the determination of further financial objectives desirable of achievement by Her Majesty's Stationery Office [by Act].

Mr. John Moore:

Public Accounts.—Copy of a Treasury Minute on the Fifteenth to Twenty-Fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1984-85 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9638].

Income Tax.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order 1985,
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Finland) Order 1985,
(3) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Ivory Coast) Order 1985,
(4) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) Order 1985, and
(5) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Soviet Union) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Crown's Nominee Account.—Account of the receipts and payments by the Treasury Solicitor, in the administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown, for 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Charities.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Charities (Booth Charities) Order 1985 [by Act].

Data Protection.—Copy of Rules, dated 13th October 1985, entitled the Data Protection Tribunal Rules 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1568) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 27, 1985).—Copy of a Treaty, done at Lisbon and Madrid on 12th June 1985, between Member States of the European Communities and the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic concerning the Accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community including the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic and the Adjustments to the Treaties, and Final Act [by Command] [Cmnd. 9634].

European Communities (No. 28, 1985).—Copy of a Decision, done at Luxembourg on 11th June 1985, of the Council of the European Communities on the Accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the European Coal and Steel Community [by Command] [Cmnd. 9635].
Overseas Pensions.—Copies of Schemes, dated 11th October 1985, entitled—
(1) the Zambia Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1985,
(2) the Zambia Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (United Kingdom)
Scheme 1985,
(3) the Zambia Public Officers' Widows' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1985,
and
(4) the Zambia Transferred Federal Officers' (Dependants) Pensions (United King-
dom) Scheme 1985.

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Camps,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish National Camps Association Limited for
the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Children and Young Persons,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th October 1985, entitled
the Curators ad Litem and Reporting Officers (Panels) (Scotland) Amendment Regula-
tions 1985 (S.L., 1985, No. 1556) [by Act].

Highlands and Islands Shipping Services,—Draft of an Undertaking between the
Secretary of State for Scotland and Regionfields Ltd. trading as Easdale Island Shipping
Line [by Act].

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the
Scottish Seed Potato Development Council for 1984 [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Local Boundary Com-
mission for Scotland on the review of the City of Edinburgh/Midlothian District
Boundary in the vicinity of Danderhall [by Act].

Mental Health (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Mental Welfare Commission
for Scotland for 1984 [by Act].

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.,—Copy of the Report of the Registrar
General for Scotland for 1984 [by Act].

Scottish Development Agency,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Development
Agency for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Tourism,—Statement of determination of salaries of the Chairman and Members of
the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—List of exceptional payments sanctioned by
the Secretary of State for Defence during the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Reserve Forces,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1985, amending the Regulations
for the Ulster Defence Regiment 1980 [by Act].

Mr. Kenneth Clarke:

Dock Work Regulation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Dock
Labour Board for 1984 [by Act].

Industrial Training,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the Engineering Industry Training Board,
(2) the Hotel and Catering Industry Training Board, and
(3) the Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Board
for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Require-
ments and Resources) Miscellaneous and Temporary Provisions Regulations 1985 [by
Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Trade,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty of 14th November 1983 in the last

Trade,—Returns in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 19th November 1984 for
a Return of Statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1985, for—
(1) June, and
(2) July.
Census of Production.—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production, 1983, on—

1. aerospace equipment manufacturing and repairing,
2. agricultural machinery and tractors,
3. animal feeding stuffs,
4. articles of cork and plaiting materials, brushes and brooms,
5. asbestos goods,
6. bolts, nuts, etc.; springs; non-precision chains; metals treatment,
7. bread, biscuits and flour confectionery,
8. brewing and malting,
9. builders’ carpentry and joinery,
10. building products of concrete, cement or plaster,
11. carpets and other textile floorcoverings,
12. cement, lime and plaster,
13. clothing, hats and gloves,
14. conversion of paper and board,
15. cotton and silk industries,
16. domestic-type electric appliances,
17. drawing, cold rolling and cold forming of steel,
18. electrical equipment for industrial use, and batteries and accumulators,
19. extraction and preparation of metalliferous ores,
20. extraction of mineral oil and natural gas,
21. extraction of stone, clay, sand and gravel,
22. fish processing,
23. glass and glassware,
24. hand tools and finished metal goods,
25. hosiery and other knitted goods,
26. household textiles and other made-up textiles,
27. ice-cream, cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery,
28. industrial plant and steelwork,
29. iron and steel industry,
30. jewellery and coins,
31. leather goods,
32. leather (tanning and dressing) and fellmongery,
33. machinery for printing, paper, wood, leather, rubber, glass, and related industries; laundry and dry cleaning machinery,
34. manufacture of office machinery and data processing equipment,
35. manufacture of semi-finished wood products and further processing and treatment of wood,
36. metal doors, windows, etc.,
37. metal-working machine tools and engineers’ tools,
38. mining machinery, construction and mechanical handling equipment,
39. miscellaneous electronic equipment,
40. miscellaneous manufacturing industries,
41. miscellaneous textiles,
42. miscellaneous wooden articles,
43. non-ferrous metals industry,
44. organic oils and fats,
45. paints, varnishes and printing ink,
46. preparation of milk and milk products,
47. printing and publishing,
48. processing of bacon, meat and poultry,
49. processing of plastics,
50. production of man-made fibres,
51. public gas supply,
52. pulp, paper and board,
53. rubber products,
54. sawmilling, planing, etc., of wood,
55. shipbuilding and repairing,
56. soap and toilet preparations,
57. specialised chemical products mainly for household and office use,
58. specialised chemical products mainly for industrial and agricultural purposes,
59. spinning and weaving of flax, hemp and ramie,
60. spirit distilling and compounding,
61. starch and miscellaneous foods,
62. steel tubes,
63. structural clay products,
(64) telecommunication equipment, electrical measuring equipment, electronic capital goods and passive electronic components, 
(65) textile finishing, 
(66) tobacco industry, 
(67) water supply industry, 
(68) wooden and upholstered furniture, and shop and office fittings, 
(69) wooden containers, 
(70) woollen and worsted industry, and 
(71) working of stone and other non-metallic minerals

[by Act].
Companies,—Report of the Department of Trade and Industry on companies in 1984 [by Act].
Gas,—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the Gas Consumers' Council—Southern, 
(2) the Gas Consumers' Northern Council, 
(3) the National Gas Consumers' Council, and 
(4) the South Eastern Gas Consumers' Council
for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].
Industry,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Enterprise Board for the fifteen months ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].
Industry,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the exercise of his powers in relation to Rolls-Royce Limited for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].
Insurance,—Copy of the Report of the Department of Trade and Industry on insurance for 1984 [by Act].
National Research Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].
Post Office,—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the Post Office Users' Council for Northern Ireland, 
(2) the Post Office Users' Council for Wales, and 
(3) the Post Office Users' National Council
for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].
Telecommunications,—Copies of Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
(1) CableTel Communications Limited, 
(2) Croydon Cable Television Limited, 
(3) Swindon Cable Limited, and 
(4) Windsor Television Limited
[by Act].
Telecommunications,—Copies of Orders, dated 21st October 1985, entitled—
(1) the Public Telecommunication System Designation (CableTel Communications Limited) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1594), 
(2) the Public Telecommunication System Designation (Croydon Cable Television Limited) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1595), 
(3) the Public Telecommunication System Designation (Swindon Cable Limited) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1596), and 
(4) the Public Telecommunication System Designation (Windsor Television Limited) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1597)
[by Act].
Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the British Tourist Authority for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].
Transport,—Copy of the Report of the Central Transport Consultative Committee for Great Britain for the year ended 31st March 1985 [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 1985 [by Act].
Tourism,—Statement of determination of salaries of the Chairman and Members and the appointment of a Member of the Wales Tourist Board [by Act].
Mr. Secretary King:

Public Accounts,—Copy of a Memorandum by the Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel on the Eighth and Fourteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1984-85 [by Command] [ Cmdn. 9639].

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 1985 [by Act].

Coal Industry,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Coal Board for the year ended 30th March 1985 [by Act].

Electricity,—Copies of—
(1) the Report of the Electricity Council,
(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 1985 [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 London Electricity Board,
(5) the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board,
(6) the Midlands Electricity Board,
(7) the North Eastern Electricity Board,
(8) the North Western Electricity Board,
(9) the South Eastern Electricity Board,
(10) the South Wales Electricity Board,
(11) the South Western Electricity Board,
(12) the Southern Electricity Board,
(13) the Yorkshire Electricity Board
for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Pilotage,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Pilotage Commission for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Dentists,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1985 [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 31st July 1985, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Colonial Government Ships) (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1200) [by Act].

Opticians,—Copy of the Reports of the General Optical Council for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Overseas Territories,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 31st July 1985, entitled the Admiralty Jurisdiction (Hong Kong) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1197) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the Eggs Authority for 1985, and
(2) the Meat and Livestock Commission for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by—
(1) the Minister for Overseas Development on the Petition [23rd July] from residents of Wrexham and the surrounding area for aid and release of reserves for food for areas afflicted by starvation and famine,
(2) the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [16th April] from citizens of Birmingham against a proposed rates increase,
(3) the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [7th June] from citizens of Birmingham for a return of the £125 million lost to the City of Birmingham because of changes in local government finance,
(4) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [8th July] from Percy Campbell and Henry Berma for representations to be made to the Government of Yugoslavia for the release of Ramadan Bunjak,

(5) the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [7th June] from residents of the United Kingdom against legislation implementing the proposals in the Green Paper on Social Security, and

(6) the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [21st May] from residents of Dorset and others for a public inquiry into the possible cause of the excess incidence of leukaemia in Dorset.

(by Standing Order); to be printed.

Countryside (Scotland),—Copy of the Account of the Countryside Commission for Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 595].


Government Trading Funds,—Copy of the Accounts of the HMSO Trading Fund for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 579].

Ironstone Restoration Fund,—Copy of the Account of the Ironstone Restoration Fund for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 593].

Ironstone Restoration Fund,—Copy of the Account of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31st March 1985, as investments for moneys forming part of the Ironstone Restoration Fund [by Act].

National Heritage,—Copy of the Account of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 596].

National Insurance Fund,—Copy of the Account of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31st March 1985, as investments for moneys forming part of the National Insurance Fund [by Act].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Fifth Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1984-85 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 590].

Public Lending Right,—Copy of the Accounts of the Public Lending Right Central Fund for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 594].

[No. 166.]

Tuesday 22nd October 1985.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Clwyd County Council Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the Clwyd County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Hereford City Council Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the Hereford City Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.
Worcester City Council Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Worcester City Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments made to the Bill. 
Bill to be read the third time.

Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development) Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

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 22nd October and a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-x].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-x].

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 the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [The Reports of the Health Service Commissioner 1983-84].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 597].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 597].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Oil and Pipelines Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Associated British Ports (Port of Ayr); to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Associated British Ports (Port of Ayr) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Church of Scotland Trust (Amendment); to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Church of Scotland Trust (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]].

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 210].

Associated British Ports (Port of Ayr) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].—The Associated British Ports (Port of Ayr) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered (under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936) to be considered upon Monday 28th October and to be printed [Bill 207].

Church of Scotland Trust (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].—The Church of Scotland Trust (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered (under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936) to be considered upon Monday 28th October and to be printed [Bill 208].

Public Opinion Polls (Prohibition at Election Times).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the holding of and publication of the results of opinion polls about voting intentions at times prior to general elections and by-elections for the House of Commons—(Mr. Ray Powell);
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. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Haynes: 124.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Robert Hayward: 128

So the Question was negatived.

**European Communities (Finance) Bill**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the European Communities (Finance) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Question put, That the Chairman do report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Michael Neubert and Mr. Donald Thompson were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tony Durant reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be 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 European Communities (Finance) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Thompson).

European Communities (Finance) Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the European Communities (Finance) Bill be now read the third time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Allen McKay: 190.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Speaker certified that the European Communities (Finance) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

**Local Government (Scotland)**.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1985, dated 2nd July 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved—(Mr. Michael Ancram);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Don Dixon: 170.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1985, dated 2nd July 1985, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved.

**Wednesday 23rd October 1985**

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. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes to One o’clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.31 a.m.]

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APPENDIX

Tuesday 22nd October 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Appropriation Accounts.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Classes IV and V for the year ended 31st March 1985; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 592-IV].
Post Office.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th September 1985 on borrowing by the Post Office [by Act].
Water.—Statements of Guarantees, given by the Treasury on—
(1) 15th August 1985 on borrowing by the Northumbrian Water Authority,
(2) 5th September 1985 on borrowing by the Yorkshire Water Authority,
(3) 24th September 1985 on borrowing by the Wessex Water Authority, and
(4) 7th October 1985 on borrowing by the Welsh Water Authority [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th October 1985, entitled the Registration of Overseas Births and Deaths (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1574) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Agriculture (Scotland).—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Land Court for 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9620].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Mental Health.—Copy of the Report of the Mental Health Act Commission for the two years from 30th September 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 586].

Mr. Secretary Britton:
Trade.—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 19th November 1984 for a return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1985, for August.
Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1983 on the construction industry [by Act].
Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Film Fund Agency for the year ended 13th October 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 580].

Mr. Secretary Baker:

Mr. Richard Luce:
Libraries.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th October 1985, entitled the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Amendment) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1581) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Forestry.—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 25th September 1985, entitled the Forestry (Modification of Felling Restrictions) Regulations 1985, and
(2) 14th October 1985, entitled the Forestry (Exceptions from Restriction of Felling) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1572) [by Act].
Wednesday 23rd October 1985.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Poole Borough Council Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Poole 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 Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the present Session.

Ordered, That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be 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 in respect of which fees have already been incurred during 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).

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

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 23rd October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. xviii].

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. 5-xxx].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xxx].

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 23rd October.

Minutes of Evidence 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 23rd October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-xii].

Transport,—Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 962), referred to a Committee on 16th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 599].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Private Bills (Suspension).—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the British Railways Bill and the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Bill, viz.:

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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 Bill 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 Essex Bill [Lords], the Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) Bill [Lords], the Swansea City Council (Tawe Barrage) Bill [Lords], the West Glamorgan Bill [Lords], and the Sonia Ann Billington and Norbury Billington (Marriage Enabling) Bill [Lords], to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House insofar as the Resolutions apply to the first four Bills, 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 as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the proceedings on such Bills shall, in the next Session of Parliament, be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged to such stages;

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply, in the next Session of Parliament, to such Bills in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.

Nuclear Power (Inquiries).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable persons desiring to give evidence or make representations to public inquiries concerning or relating to the nuclear power industry to obtain such information and advice as they reasonably require in order to present their case; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. James Wallace, Mr. David Alton, Mr. A. J. Beith, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Allan Roberts, Mr. Gordon Wilson, and Mr. Chris Smith, do prepare and bring it in.

Nuclear Power (Inquiries) Bill.—Mr. James Wallace accordingly presented a Bill to enable persons desiring to give evidence or make representations to public inquiries concerning or relating to the nuclear power industry to obtain such information and advice as they reasonably require in order to present their case; 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 211].

Opposition day [20th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Crisis in Southern Africa.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets that the conduct of Her Majesty’s Government over sanctions against apartheid in South Africa has isolated Britain in the Commonwealth, the EEC and the United Nations—(Mr. Denis Healey):

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 Commonwealth accord on South Africa and especially the call to initiate, in the context of a suspension of violence on all sides, a process of dialogue across lines of colour, politics and religion, with a view to establishing a non-racial and representative government”, instead thereof.—(Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Don Dixon: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Tony Durant: 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):—It was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Commonwealth accord on South Africa and especially the call to initiate, in the context of a suspension of violence on all sides, a process of dialogue across lines of colour, politics and religion, with a view to establishing a non-racial and representative government.

Independent Judicial Inquiry into the Recent Urban Disturbances.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls upon Her Majesty's Government to set up an independent judicial inquiry into the recent urban disturbances and matters relevant thereto—(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 "recognises the crucial importance of the maintenance of public order; applauds the courage and dedication of the police and responsible community leaders in restoring order; and welcomes Her Majesty's Government's commitment to early effective action in the light of the recent urban disturbances", instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Hurd.)

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. Robin Corbett: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Francis Maude: 292.

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 recognises the crucial importance of the maintenance of public order; applauds the courage and dedication of the police and responsible community leaders in restoring order; and welcomes Her Majesty's Government's commitment to early effective action in the light of the recent urban disturbances.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Nursing Homes and Nursing Agencies (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 11th July, be approved.—(Mr. Richard Needham.)

Representation of the People.—Resolved, That the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) (Miscellaneous Changes) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 5th March, be approved.—(Mr. David Mellor.)

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-four minutes past Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.24 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Wednesday 23rd October 1985

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, and
(2) Class IX

for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 592-I and 592-VII].

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Commonwealth Development Corporation—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 2nd August 1985 on borrowing by the Commonwealth Development Corporation [by Act].

Gas—Eight Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 2nd August 1985 on borrowing by the British Gas Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Police and Criminal Evidence—Draft Codes of Practice issued under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 [by Act].

Prisons—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 589].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Foreign Affairs—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Fourth Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1984-85, on the FCO and ODA Supply Estimates 1985-86 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9640].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland)—Copy of a Report by the Government Actuary on the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) 1976 to 1981 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 582].

Mr. Kenneth Clarke:

Terms and Conditions of Employment—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Renewal) (Great Britain) Order 1985, and
(2) the Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 14th October 1985, entitled the Social Security Benefit (Increases for Dependent Children) (Permitted Earnings Limits) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1570), and

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Weights and Measures—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry pursuant to the Weights and Measures Act 1963 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 591].

Mr. Secretary Baker:

Acquisition of Land—Copy of an Order, dated 16th September 1985, entitled the City of Bath (London Street Area) Compulsory Purchase Order 1983; with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Electoral Law (Northern Ireland)—Copy of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 585].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

National Audit—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of Education and Science: redundancy compensation payments to university staff [by Act]; to be printed [No. 598].
Thursday 24th October 1985.

The House met at half-past Two o'Clock.

PRAYERS.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—Ordered, That the Lords Amendments to the Dartmoor Commons Bill be considered upon Monday 28th October.

Lincoln City Council Bill,—Ordered, That the Lords Amendments to the Lincoln City Council Bill be considered upon Monday 28th October.

Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development) Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 29th October.

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 24th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Birmingham City Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Insolvency Bill [Lords]; and they have agreed to the remaining Amendments made by this House, with Amendments and with consequential Amendments to the Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Insolvency Bill [Lords],—Lords Amendments to certain Commons Amendments and Lords consequential Amendments to the Insolvency Bill [Lords] to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 212].

Public Accounts,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Tenth to Twenty-fourth and Twenty-sixth to Thirty-fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1983-84, of the First to Twenty-fifth Reports of Session 1984-85 and of the Treasury Minutes and Northern Ireland Department of Finance Memoranda on those Reports (Cmnd. 9226, 9325, 9368, 9373, 9452, 9464, 9530, 9546, 9587, 9638 and 9639), with particular reference to the following Reports:

1983-84
- Thirteenth: Evasion and Enforcement of Vehicle Excise Duty
- Seventeenth: Sale of Government Shareholdings in publicly owned companies
- Twenty-first: Regional Industrial Incentives
- Thirty-third: MOD: Economy of Stores Support

1984-85
- Sixth: Housing Benefits Scheme
- Ninth: Monitoring and Control of Nationalised Industries
- Seventeenth: NHS: General Dental Services—(Mr. John Moore.)

Water (Fluoridation) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Water (Fluoridation) 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. Barney Hayhoe);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, consideration of Lords Amendments to the Water (Fluoridation) Bill and proceedings on the Housing Bill [Lords], the Housing Associations Bill [Lords], the Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], the Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords] and the Weights and Measures Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)
The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Water (Fluoridation) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1:
And the Question being again proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment;
And the Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 135
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Mr. Bill Walker: 14
So the Question was agreed to;

Lords Amendment No. 2:
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Ray Whitney);

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And the Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 121.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Butterfill, Mr. John Golding: 13.
So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3:
An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, to leave out the words “any works (including”—(Mr. Ivan Lawrence.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Keith Best: 13.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 120.
So the Question was negatived.
The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

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. Barney Hayhoe);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 116.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Michael Brown: 12.
So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5:
An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, to leave out “20th December 1984” and insert “29th June 1983”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Ivan Lawrence.)
And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—The Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment ((d)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 26, to leave out the words “cease to have effect upon the appropriate authority giving to the undertaker reasonable notice” and insert the words “cease operation immediately upon the undertaker receiving in writing notice from the appropriate authority”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Ivan Lawrence.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Mr. Michael Brown: 12.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Gare-Jones, Mr. Tony Durant: 116.
So the Question was negatived.
The Lords Amendment was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 6:

An Amendment (c) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 7, to leave out the word "three" and insert the word "six"; instead thereof.—(Mr. Ivan Lawrence.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—The Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (ii) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 23, to leave out the words "they consider appropriate" and insert the words "is reasonable in all the circumstances"; instead thereof.—(Mr. Ivan Lawrence.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Ivan Lawrence: 10.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 109.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7 and 8 were agreed to.

Housing Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Housing Associations Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing Associations Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Weights and Measures Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Weights and Measures Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 22 agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Regulations as to information).

Amendment (No. 1) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 24 to 99 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 13 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (Third reading), That the Bill now be read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of Great Britain and Northern Ireland against dog fighting was presented 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 against the Transport 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. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes to Four o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.43 a.m.]
Thursday 24th October 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 15th July 1985,
(2) 2nd August 1985, and
(3) 10th September 1985 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 18th July 1985 on borrowing by the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 26th July 1985,
(2) 27th August 1985, and
(3) 11th October 1985 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of a Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly on the Green Paper on the reform of social security [by Act].

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The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Kelso and the surrounding area for an increase in aid to the Third World was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the

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 Transport Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Transport Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Transport Bill to be considered upon Monday 28th October; and to be printed [Bill 213].

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.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Michael Neubert).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 28th October.

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 25th October 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie on the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for—
(1) Class II,
(2) Class III, and
(3) Classes VI to VIII for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 592-II, 592-III and 592-V].

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th October 1985 on borrowing by the British Airports Authority [by Act].
Electricity (Scotland), Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th October 1985 on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].

Mr. Ian Gow:

Pensions,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th October 1985, entitled the Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1575) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th October 1985, entitled the Police (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1577) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Baker:


Mr. Secretary Walker:

Nuclear Industry (Finance),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Energy with the consent of the Treasury on 25th October 1985 on borrowing by British Nuclear Fuels plc [by Act].

Offshore Installations,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd October 1985, entitled the Offshore Installations (Life-saving Appliances and Fire-fighting Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1612) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st October 1985, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1607) [by Act].
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 or deposited pursuant to paragraph (b) of Standing Order 126 relating to Private Business.

Ordered, That in relation to the Bill, Standing Order 127 relating to Private Business shall have effect as if the words "under Standing Order 126 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill)" were omitted.

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.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Greater London Council (General Powers) 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.

Yorkshire Water Authority Bill,—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present Session of their intention to suspend further proceedings and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid.

Ordered, That on the fifth day on which the House sits in the next Session the Bill shall be presented to the House.

Ordered, That there shall be deposited with the Bill a declaration signed by the Agents for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill presented to this House in the present Session.

Ordered, That the Bill shall be laid upon the Table of the House by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the next meeting of the House after the day on which the Bill has been presented and, when so laid, shall be read the first and second time (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read) and shall be 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.

Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [23rd October] as relates to the Essex Bill [Lords], the Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) Bill [Lords], the Swansea City Council (Tawe Barrage) Bill [Lords] and the West Glamorgan Bill [Lords] be now considered.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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 Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)
Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

British Railways Bill and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Bill,—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [23rd October] as relates to the British Railways Bill and the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Bill be now considered.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to consider so much of the said Message.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the British Railways Bill and the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport 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 Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Associated British Ports (Port of Ayr) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Associated British Ports (Port of Ayr) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Church of Scotland Trust (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Church of Scotland Trust (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, 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 (Thirty-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 5-xxxii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 5-xxxii].

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) [Export Credits Guarantee Department: fixed rate export finance].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 488].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 344].

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 (Thirty-seventh Report) [Covent Garden Market Authority].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 488].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 344].
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, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House. And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-eighth Report) [Investment Activities of the Scottish Development Agency, the Welsh Development Agency and the Highlands and Islands Development Board].

Report, together with Appendices to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 600].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 600].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the European Communities (Finance) Bill, without Amendment.

Insolvency Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to certain Commons Amendments and Lords consequential Amendments to the Insolvency Bill [Lords]; and the same were agreed to.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Commons Amendments, Lords Amendments to certain other Commons Amendments and Lords consequential Amendments to the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; and the same were agreed to.

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 45 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 46 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 47 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 48 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 49 to 60 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 61 and 62 were disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 46, 61 and 62. (Mr. John MacKay.)

Ordered, That Mr. Donald Dewar, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. John MacKay, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Mr. Allan Stewart, be members of the Committee. (Mr. John MacKay.)

Ordered, That three be the quorum of the Committee. (Mr. John MacKay.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately. (Mr. John MacKay.)

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 46, 61 and 62 to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, That it had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which it had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the first Amendment (No. 46) made by the Lords in page 41, line 9, for the following Reason:

Because the words inserted by the Amendment do not relate to any Clause in the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the first Amendment (No. 61) made by the Lords in the Title, line 5, for the following Reason:

Because the sole purpose of the Amendment is as a paving amendment for Lords Amendment No. 62.

The Commons disagree to the second Amendment (No. 62) made by the Lords in the Title, line 5, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment inserts words in the Title which do not relate to any provision in the Bill.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

European Communities.—Resolved, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 17th July, be approved. (Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)
European Communities,—Resolved, That the draft European Communities (Immunities and Privileges of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation) Order 1985, which was laid before this House on 17th July, be approved.—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

Transport Bill [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Transport Bill [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Transport Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure of the Secretary of State—

(a) in respect of remuneration and allowances paid to deputy traffic commissioners;

(b) resulting from the establishment of a Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Ridley.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mr. Robert Sheldon, Member for Ashton under Lyne, and Tameside Borough Council against the Transport Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from staff of Dingle's Department Store, Bournemouth for keeping Sunday as a family day 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. Michael Neubert);

And the Question having been proposed at Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 28th October 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts for the sums granted by Parliament for—

(1) Class X,
(2) Classes XIII and XIV, and
(3) Class XV

for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 592-VII, 592-IX and 592-X].

Income Tax,—Copies of Orders, dated 21st October 1985, entitled—

(1) the Income Tax (Cash Equivalents of Car Benefits) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1598), and
(2) the Income Tax (Cash Equivalents of Car Fuel Benefits) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1599)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

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 1985, namely—

(1) the Gairloch Harbour Order,
(2) the Grampian Regional Council (Harbours) Order,
(3) the Ullapool Harbour Order, and
(4) the Western Isles Islands Council (Berneray Harbour) Order,
and report that they 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 Fowler:
Census,—Index of Place Names for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
New Towns,—Copy of the Report of the Cwmbran Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 388].


PRAYERS.

Clwyd County Council Bill [Lords],—The Clwyd County Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Hereford City Council Bill [Lords],—The Hereford City Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Worcester City Council Bill [Lords],—The Worcester City Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Associated British Ports (Port of Ayr) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords],—The Associated British Ports (Port of Ayr) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Church of Scotland Trust (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords],—The Church of Scotland Trust (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, 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 the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 25-xlii].

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 (Eighth Report) [The Energy Efficiency Office].

Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 87]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 87].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, together with an Appendix, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report) [The Government's Response to the Committee's Seventh Report, Session 1984-85, on the Development and Depletion of the United Kingdom's Gas Resources].

Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 621]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 621].

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 29th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 6224].
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 29th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 499-ii].

Procedure,—Sir Peter Emery reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, 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) [Short Speeches].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 623].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 623].

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 (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 26-iv].

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 (Thirteenth Report) [The Financial and Economic Consequences of UK Membership of the European Communities: the European Monetary System].

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 57-IV].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 57-IV].

Agriculture,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Agriculture Committee to be printed [No. 601].

Defence,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Defence Committee to be printed [No. 602].

Education, Science and Arts,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Education, Science and Arts Committee to be printed [No. 603].

Employment,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Employment Committee to be printed [No. 604].

Energy,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Energy Committee to be printed [No. 605].

Environment,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Environment Committee to be printed [No. 606].

Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Foreign Affairs Committee to be printed [No. 607].

Home Affairs,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Home Affairs Committee to be printed [No. 608].

Liaison,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee to be printed [No. 609].

Members' Interests,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Members' Interests to be printed [No. 610].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration to be printed [No. 611].

Procedure,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Procedure to be printed [No. 612].

Public Accounts,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Public Accounts to be printed [No. 613].

Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Affairs Committee to be printed [No. 614].

Social Services,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Social Services Committee to be printed [No. 615].

Sound Broadcasting,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Sound Broadcasting to be printed [No. 616].

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Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Trade and Industry Committee to be printed [No. 617].

Transport,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Transport Committee to be printed [No. 618].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee to be printed [No. 619].

Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Affairs Committee to be printed [No. 620].

Merseyside Development Corporation Bill,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that they will be pleased to return to this House the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill, because the Amendments which the Commons have made to certain of the Lords Amendments to the Bill were not communicated to the Lords.

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords return the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill, as requested in the Commons Message this day.

Merseyside Development Corporation Bill,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords requesting their agreement to the Amendments to certain of the Lords Amendments to the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill which the Commons have made but which were not communicated to the Lords.

Message from the Lords,—A message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by the Lords Amendments to the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Clwyd County Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hereford City Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Worcester City Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension),—The Lords communicate that they have considered the Commons Messages [23rd and 28th October] and have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the Poole Borough Council Bill [Lords] and the Berkshire Bill [Lords], viz.:

That the Promoters of the Bills have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in this Session, in order to proceed with the Bills 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 Bills 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 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 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 Bills in regard to any of the stages through which the same have passed during the present Session.

Private Bills (Suspension),—The Lords concur with the Commons in their Messages [21st and 28th October] relating to the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill, the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill and the Yorkshire Water Authority Bill.

Access to Personal Files,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in 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 that Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Robert Maclennan, Mr. Steve Norris, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. James Wallace, and Mr. Dafydd Wigley do prepare and bring it in.

Access to Personal Files Bill,—Mr. Archy Kirkwood accordingly 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 214].
Transport Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order of the House [1st April] be supplemented as follows:

Lords Amendments

1. The proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at this day's sitting and, subject to the provisions of the Order of 1st April, shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock.

2.—(1) For the purpose 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 the 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 made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or disagree with the Lords in the said Lords Amendment, or, as the case may be, in the said Lords Amendment as amended;

(b) Mr. Speaker shall then 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.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) above shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

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 Ridley):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 263.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John McWilliam : 186

So the Question was agreed to.

Transport Bill [allotted dayj.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Transport Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 45 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 46:

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 6, after the word “ authority ”, to insert the words “ or any individual resident living in the area of the relevant traffic authority.”—(Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody.)

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. 48 to 90 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 91:

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, to leave out the word “ may ” and insert the word “ must ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Roger Stott.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe : 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyde, Mr. Michael Neubert : 234.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 92 to 120 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 121:

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 18, to leave out from the word “ as ” to the word “ enjoyed ” in line 21 and insert the words “ will guarantee, in connection with the first or second transfer, the maintenance of all concessions, benefits, privileges and pensions ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Roger Stott.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment to the Lords Amendment be made:—It was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 122 to 222 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 223:

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 62, to leave out paragraphs (a) to (f) and to insert the words—

“ (a) any persons in receipt of any form of pension or who are over the age of sixty in the case of women and sixty-five in the case of men ;
(b) all persons under the age of eighteen who are not in full time work ;
(c) any person who in the opinion of the authority suffers from any disability which in the opinion of the authority makes that person unable to rely on private forms of transport ;
(d) any other persons whose receipt of travel concessions, would in the opinion of the authority, improve the efficiency of the public transport service provided ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Jim Craigen.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment to the Lords Amendment be made:—It was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 122 to 222 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 223:

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 62, to leave out paragraphs (a) to (f) and to insert the words—

“ (a) any persons in receipt of any form of pension or who are over the age of sixty in the case of women and sixty-five in the case of men ;
(b) all persons under the age of eighteen who are not in full time work ;
(c) any person who in the opinion of the authority suffers from any disability which in the opinion of the authority makes that person unable to rely on private forms of transport ;
(d) any other persons whose receipt of travel concessions, would in the opinion of the authority, improve the efficiency of the public transport service provided ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Jim Craigen.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment to the Lords Amendment be made:—It was negatived.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Dr. Roger Thomas : 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyde : 228.
So the Question was negatived.
The Lords Amendment was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 224 to 241 were agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 242 and 243 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.
Lords Amendment No. 244 was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 245 and 246 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.
Lords Amendments Nos. 247 to 254 were agreed to.
It being Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the remaining Lords Amendments.
Lords Amendments Nos. 268, 287, 304, 305, 342, 369, 387 and 421 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.
Lords Amendments Nos. 255 to 267, 269 to 286, 288 to 303, 306 to 341, 343 to 368, 370 to 386 and 388 to 420 were agreed to.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, the Housing Bill [Lords], the Housing Associations Bill [Lords], the Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] and the Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Housing Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)
Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Clause No. 4 (Other descriptions of authority).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 5 and 6 agreed to.
Clause No. 7 (Housing functions in London).
Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put and negatived.
Clause No. 8 agreed to.
Clause No. 9 (Meaning of "housing accommodation" and "house").
Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put and negatived.
Clauses Nos. 10 to 16 agreed to.
Clause No. 17 (Acquisition of land for housing purposes).
Amendments (Nos. 4 and 5) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 18 to 43 agreed to.
Clause No. 44 (Avoidance of certain disposals of houses without consent).
Amendment (No. 6) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 45 (Disposals in relation to which ss. 46 to 51 apply).
Amendment (No. 7) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 46 and 47 agreed to.
Clause No. 48 (Information as to relevant costs).
Amendment (No. 8) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 49 to 55 agreed to.
Clause No. 56 (Minor definitions).
Amendment (No. 9) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 57 (Index of defined expressions: Part II).
Amendments (Nos. 10 to 13) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 58 to 69 agreed to.
Clause No. 70 (Protection of property of homeless person and persons threatened with homelessness).
Amendment (No. 14) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 71 to 79 agreed to.
Clause No. 80 (The landlord condition).
Amendment (No. 15) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 81 to 153 agreed to.
Clause No. 154 (Registration of title).
Amendment (No. 16) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 155 to 172 agreed to.
Clause No. 173 (Exclusion of shared ownership leases granted under this Part).
Amendment (No. 17) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 174 to 187 agreed to.
Clause No. 188 (Index of defined expressions: Part V).
Amendment (No. 18) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 189 to 207 agreed to.
Clause No. 208 (Index of defined expressions: Part VI).
Amendment (No. 19) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 209 to 262 agreed to.
Clause No. 263 (Index of defined expressions: Part VIII).
Amendments (Nos. 20 to 22) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 264 to 293 agreed to.
Clause No. 294 (Extinguishment of public rights of way over land acquired).
Amendment (No. 23) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 295 to 322 agreed to.
Clause No. 323 (Index of defined expressions: Part IX).
Amendments (Nos. 24 and 25) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 324 to 335 agreed to.
Clause No. 336 (Power to require production of rent book).
Amendment (No. 26) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 337 (Power of entry to determine permitted number of persons).
Amendment (No. 27) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 338 to 341 agreed to.
Clause No. 342 (Meaning of “suitable alternative accommodation”).
Amendments (Nos. 28 and 29) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 343 to 352 agreed to.
Clause No. 353 (Appeal against notice under section 352).
Amendment (No. 30) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 354 to 357 agreed to.
Clause No. 358 (Service of overcrowding notice).
Amendments (Nos. 31 and 32) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 359 to 399 agreed to.
Clause No. 400 (Index of defined expressions: Part XI).
Amendment (No. 33) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 401 to 433 agreed to.
Clause No. 434 (Index of defined expressions: Part XIII).
Amendment (No. 34) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 435 to 458 agreed to.
Clause No. 459 (Index of defined expressions: Part XIV).
Amendments (Nos. 35 and 36) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 460 to 462 agreed to.
Clause No. 463 (Preliminary condition: the interest of the applicant in the property).
Amendment (No. 37) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 464 to 525 agreed to.
Clause No. 526 (Index of defined expressions: Part XV).
Amendments (Nos. 38 to 40) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 527 to 530 agreed to.
Clause No. 531 (Condition of eligibility: disposal by public sector authority, &c.).
Amendment (No. 41) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 532 to 602 agreed to.
Clause No. 603 (Index of defined expressions: Part XVII).
Amendment (No. 42) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 604 to 613 agreed to.
Clause No. 614 (Power to prescribe forms, &c.).
Amendments (Nos. 43 and 44) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 615 to 618 agreed to.
Clause No. 619 (The Inner and Middle Temples).
Amendment (No. 45) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 620 and 621 agreed to.
Clause No. 622 (Minor definitions: general).
Amendment (No. 46) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 623 and 624 agreed to.
Clause No. 625 (Short title, commencement and extent).
Amendment (No. 47) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
A Clause (Additional powers of authorities in London)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.
Another Clause (Exercise of powers outside Greater London)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.
Schedule No. 1 (Housing functions in London).
Question, That the Schedule be the First Schedule to the Bill, put and negatived.
Schedules Nos. 2 to 10 agreed to.
Schedule No. 11 (Recovery of expenses incurred by local housing authority).
Amendment (No. 49) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 12 to 14 agreed to.
Schedule No. 15 (The keeping of the Housing Revenue Account).
Amendments (Nos. 50 and 51) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 16 (Superseded contributions, grants, subsidies, &c.).
Amendments (Nos. 52 and 53) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 17 (Local authority mortgage interest rates).
Amendment (No. 54) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 18 to 20 agreed to.
Schedule No. 21 (Assistance by way of repurchase).
Amendment (No. 55) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 22 to 25 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, 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.

Housing Associations Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing Associations Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 9 agreed to.
Clause No. 10 (Dispositions excepted from s. 9).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 11 to 14 agreed to.
Clause No. 15 (Payments and benefits to committee members, etc.).
Amendment (No. 2) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 16 and 17 agreed to.
Clause No. 18 (Exercise of powers under ss. 16 and 17 in relation to registered charities).
Amendment (No. 3) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 19 to 44 agreed to.
Clause No. 45 (Projects qualifying for grant: disposal to tenant of charitable housing associations etc.).
Amendment (No. 4) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 46 to 51 agreed to.
Clause No. 52 (Circumstances in which grant may be reduced, suspended or reclaimed).
Amendment (No. 5) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 53 to 80 agreed to.
Clause No. 81 (Further advances in case of disposal on shared ownership lease).
Amendment (No. 6) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 82 to 100 agreed to.
Clause No. 101 (Minor definitions).
Amendment (No. 7) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 102 and 103 agreed to.
Clause No. 104 (Local housing authorities).
Amendment (No. 8) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 105 agreed to.
Clause No. 106 (Minor definitions—general).
Amendment (No. 9) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 107 (Short title, commencement and extent).
Amendment (No. 10) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 1 (Grant-aided land).
Amendments (Nos. 11 to 13) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 2 (Further provisions as to certain disposals of houses).
Amendment (No. 14) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.
Schedule No. 5 (Housing association finance: superseded contributions, grants and subsidies).
Amendments (Nos. 15 and 16) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 6 and 7 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, 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.

Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Clause No. 3 (Repeals).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.
Clause No. 6 (Short title, commencement and extent).
Amendments (Nos. 2 to 7) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 1 (Repeals).
Amendments (Nos. 8 to 15) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 2 (Consequential amendments).
Amendments (Nos. 16 to 57) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 3 (Transitional provisions).
Amendments (Nos. 58 to 65) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 4 (Savings).
Amendments (Nos. 64 to 67) made.
Schedule, as amended, 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, 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.

Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 37 agreed to.
Clause No. 38 (Minor definitions).
Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 39 agreed to.
Clause No. 40 (Short title, commencement and extent).
Amendment (No. 4) made.
Clause, as amended, 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, 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.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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 29th October 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums voted by Parliament for:
(1) Classes XI and XII,
(2) Class XVI, and
(3) Classes XVII and XVIII
for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 592-VIII, 592-XI, and 592-XII].

Mr. Ian Gow:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1985, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (No. 2) Order 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1630) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Prisons,—Report of the Committee on the Prison Disciplinary System [by Command] [Cmnd. 9641-I and -II].

Mr. Kenneth Clarke:
Co-operative Development Agency,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Co-operative Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd October 1985, entitled the Baking and Sausage Making (Christmas and New Year) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1601) [by Act].

Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd October 1985, entitled the Statutory Sick Pay (Medical Evidence) Regulations 1985 (S.I., 1985, No. 1604) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Covent Garden Market,—Copy of the Report of the Covent Garden Market Authority for the year ended 31st March 1985 [by Act].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1985 [laid 23rd October].
Wednesday 30th October 1985.

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).

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 30th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 376-vi].

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 30th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 109-vi].

Welsh Affairs,—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Welsh Affairs Committee, 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. 92-iii].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to the Housing Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to the Housing Associations Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to the Housing (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to the Landlord and Tenant Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed, with Amendment, to the Amendment made by this House to the Weights and Measures Bill [Lords].

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:

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 the Life President of Malawi in April and the President of Mexico and Señora de la Madrid in June. We were saddened by the devastation caused by the earthquake in Mexico in September, for which my Government provided prompt assistance.

We recall with much satisfaction the State Visit to Portugal in March. I have also visited Belize, and was in the Bahamas for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Our tour of Commonwealth countries in the Eastern Caribbean is still in progress.

My Government welcomed the decision of the Maldives and of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to become full members of the Commonwealth.

My Government have maintained Britain's contribution to Western defence, and enhanced the United Kingdom's own defences through improvements in equipment and in the regular and reserve forces. They have played a full part in the Atlantic Alliance, and promoted British and Western defence interests outside the NATO area.

My Government have continued to work vigorously for agreements on verifiable arms control and disarmament, and to seek improved relations with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. They warmly welcomed the opening of talks in Geneva between the United States and the Soviet Union and fully support the United States' efforts to reach concrete agreements.

My Government have signed the Treaty on the Accession of Spain and Portugal to the European Communities, and have signed and ratified the third Convention of Lomé. An Act has been passed implementing the Fontainebleau Agreement on the future financing of the European Communities, including the correction of the British budgetary contribution.

My Government share the widespread public concern for the victims of the famine in Africa. They have continued to provide substantial emergency assistance both directly and through the European Community.

My Government have continued fully to honour their undertakings to the people of the Falkland Islands, while taking positive steps to seek more normal relations with Argentina. The Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong was signed last December and an Act consequent upon its terms was passed. My Government have reached agreement with Spain on the implementation of the Lisbon statement concerning Gibraltar.

My Government have supported efforts to restore the independence and non-aligned status of Afghanistan. They have urged peaceful change in South Africa and the early independence of Namibia.

My Government welcomed to the United Kingdom in June the Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. The great importance my Government attach to their relations with the countries of South East and South Asia was marked by the Prime Minister's visit there in April and by the visit here this month of the Indian Prime Minister.

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 service.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

My Government have maintained the policies necessary to bring down inflation and sustain economic growth. Inflation remains low, the output of the nation is at its highest level ever and continues to increase, as does the number of people in work.

Further steps have been taken to help the unemployed into jobs by extending the Youth Training Scheme and enlarging the Community Programme, and in other ways, including a reform of the structure of national insurance contributions.

To promote economic efficiency and encourage the spread of share ownership, not least among employees, my Government have continued their programme of returning
state-owned businesses to the private sector, including the successful public flotation of British Telecommunications.

An Act has been passed to complete the transition of the Trustee Savings Banks to full private sector status and to permit wide public participation in their ownership.

An Act has been passed to increase competition in the provision of local bus services in Great Britain and to enable the operations of the National Bus Company to be transferred to the private sector.

Legislation has been enacted to make further provision for the payment of grants to the National Coal Board and to abolish the British National Oil Corporation.

Legislation has been enacted to remove the statutory levy on cinema admissions, to provide for alternative financial assistance for film production and to reduce the regulatory burden on the film and cinema industries.

An Act has been passed for the better protection of food and the environment.

An Act has been passed to establish in England and Wales a Crown Prosecution Service independent of the police, and to enable time limits to be imposed on criminal proceedings.

An Act has been passed giving the right to vote at Parliamentary and European Parliament elections to many British citizens resident abroad, and extending postal and proxy voting to electors who cannot reasonably be expected to vote in person.

Legislation has been passed to establish a comprehensive statutory framework governing the interception of communications.

An Act has been passed to deal with the problems of drunkenness at designated sporting events.

Considerable advance has been made in the consolidation of our statute law; provision has been made to apply international Conventions on child abduction and for the administration of justice.

An Act has been passed to abolish the Greater London Council and the Metropolitan County Councils on 1st April 1986 and to transfer most of their functions to the borough and district councils.

In Northern Ireland, my Government have attached high importance to the maintenance of law and order. They have continued the search for ways in which responsibility can be returned to a local administration on a widely acceptable basis. They have sought to develop a solid working relationship with the Government of the Republic of Ireland.

For Scotland, measures have been passed to introduce a rebate scheme following rating revaluation, to establish trustee bodies to manage certain Scottish institutions, and to make a number of reforms in Scots law.

Legislation has been passed to reform insolvency law in England and Wales, and in Scotland.

My Government have published proposals to improve the quality of school education, the effectiveness of teachers and the development of higher education into the next decade.

My Government have conducted a fundamental review of the social security system and published proposals for radical reform.

In addition, my Government have protected the real value of the retirement pension and other related benefits, and passed an act to improve employees' rights under occupational pension schemes, and to extend statutory sick pay.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission which has been now read we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her Majesty's Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday the sixth day of November, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the sixth day of November next.
APPENDIX

Wednesday 30th October 1985

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John MacGregor:
Belize,—Treasury Minute, dated 30th October 1985, concerning the gift of military equipment to the Government of Belize [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Police,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th October 1985, entitled the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 1) Order 1985 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Mr. Secretary Baker:
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 1985 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 584 and 583].

Mr. Secretary King:
Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copies of the Reports of the Northern Ireland Assembly on—
(1) the Department of Education Inspectorate Review of the Effects of Expenditure Policies on the Education System in Northern Ireland, and
(2) the Proposal to close the Department of Architecture at Queen's University, Belfast [by Act].


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