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Wednesday 7th November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.

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

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

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

3 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.

4 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.

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

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

7 Journal,—Ordered. That the Journal of this House, from the end of the last Session to the end of the present Session, with an Index thereto, be printed. Ordered. That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Clifford John Boulton, K.C.B., the Clerk of this House. Ordered. That the said Journal and Index be printed by such person as shall be licensed by Mr Speaker, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

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

9 Select Committees,—Memoranda were reported from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

10 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 to visiting the United States of America in May and being present on the occasion of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Zimbabwe next autumn.

My Government attach the highest priority to national security, and to the preservation of international peace with freedom and justice. They will give full support to NATO as the basis for collective Western defence, and will maintain adequate and effective nuclear and conventional forces. They will play a full part in adapting NATO strategy and will take forward work on restructuring our forces to reflect the welcome changes in Europe and threats to peace in other parts of the world.

My Government will work for balanced and verifiable measures of arms control. They welcome the prospect of an agreement on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe and will be active in further negotiations on this, and in the multilateral negotiations in Geneva on the abolition of chemical weapons.

My Government will continue to uphold the purposes and principles of the United Nations. My Government will work with the utmost determination, together with our Allies and the whole international community, for the unconditional implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council which require the withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait, and the restoration of the independence and legitimate government of Kuwait. My Government will maintain their efforts to secure the release of all Britons held hostage or detained in Kuwait, Iraq, Lebanon, and elsewhere in the Middle East. My Government will continue to work for long-term peace in the Middle East including a settlement of the Palestinian problem.

My Government will host the next Economic Summit in London in July.

My Government will work to strengthen still further the good relations between the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union, and to buttress the new democracies in Eastern Europe. They will play an active part in the Paris meeting of Heads of State and Government of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

My Government welcome the unification of Germany and look forward to working closely with the Government of the United Germany.

My Government will continue to work with our Community partners to complete the Single Market; to reinforce budgetary discipline; to continue reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and to bring about a successful conclusion to the
Uruguay round of multilateral trade negotiations. They will contribute constructively to the inter-governmental conferences on Economic and Monetary Union and Community institutions beginning in December. They welcome the new European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to London.

My Government will promote further international co-operation on environmental issues.

My Government will maintain a substantial aid programme aimed at promoting sustainable economic and social progress and good government in developing countries.

My Government will continue their policy of encouragement to all sides in South Africa to enter negotiations to create through peaceful means a democratic non-racial society.

My Government will work vigorously to fulfil their responsibilities for Hong Kong, building on the Sino-British Joint Declaration. They will honour their commitments to the people of the Falkland Islands.

My Government will continue to play a full part in the Commonwealth.

My Government will maintain their fight against terrorism in the United Kingdom and overseas.

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 maintain firm financial policies, strengthened by the Exchange Rate Mechanism, designed to reduce inflation and foster the conditions necessary for sustained growth. They will continue to promote enterprise and improve the working of the economy.

They will maintain firm control of public expenditure with the aim of keeping its share of national income on a downward trend.

A Bill will be introduced to facilitate contractor operation of the Atomic Weapons Establishment. Legislation will be introduced to provide for the sale of the Insurance Services business of the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

My Government will promote improved efficiency and safety in transport. Legislation will be introduced to encourage privately financed roads; to reform procedures for streeetworks; to improve road traffic; to convert trust ports into private companies; and to provide for a second Severn crossing.

Legislation will be introduced to improve arrangements for compensation for compulsory purchase of land and buildings and to make the town and country planning system more efficient.

My Government will continue to work for the regeneration of our cities.

My Government will vigorously pursue their policies in fighting crime. A Bill will be brought forward for England and Wales to deal with sentencing of offenders and to strengthen the parole system.

My Government will work vigorously to combat the trafficking and misuse of drugs nationally and internationally.

My Government are concerned to strengthen parental responsibility for children. Measures will be introduced to improve the assessment, collection and enforcement of maintenance.

A Bill will again be brought before you to give our courts the jurisdiction to try alleged war criminals.

My Government will continue to take action to improve quality in education. A Bill will be introduced to establish new machinery for negotiating the pay and conditions of school teachers in England and Wales.

My Government will continue to work to improve the quality of Health and Social Services.

In Northern Ireland, my Government will be resolute in their efforts to defeat terrorism: a Bill will be introduced to replace existing anti-terrorism legislation. They will sustain their efforts to secure political progress, to strengthen the economy and to promote mutual respect and trust throughout the community. They will maintain positive relations with the Republic of Ireland.

For Scotland, a Bill will be introduced to create a Natural Heritage Agency to achieve an integrated approach to conservation and countryside matters.

Legislation will be introduced to provide new benefits for disabled people.

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.
11 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

12 Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

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 I

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Prorogation of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Electricity,—Department of Energy Minute, dated 2nd November 1990, on contingent liabilities to be accepted by the Secretary of State for Energy in connection with a deed of indemnity to be entered into with the National Grid Company plc [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

2 European Communities (No. 73, 1990),—Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 30th March 1990, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a programme plan to stimulate the international co-operation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science) [Cm. 1253] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

3 European Communities (No. 74, 1990),—Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 21st May 1990, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland on a programme plan to stimulate the international co-operation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science) [Cm. 1254] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

4 Treaty Series (No. 75, 1990),—Amendments, adopted at the fifty-fifth session of the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organisation at London on 21st April 1988, to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, concerning Passenger Ro-Ro Ferries [Cm. 1251] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 Treaty Series (No. 76, 1990),—Notes exchanged at Kampala on 27th November and 11th December 1989 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Uganda concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Uganda Debt Agreement No. 4 (1989)) [Cm. 1252] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1st November 1990

6 Monopolies and Mergers,—(1) Credit Cards (Merchant Acquisition) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2158), and

(2) Credit Cards (Price Discrimination) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2159), dated 31st October 1990 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

7 National Health Service,—National Health Service Trusts (Membership and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2160), dated 31st October 1990 [Mr Secretary Clarke].

5th November 1990

8 Health and Personal Social Services,—Human Organ Transplants (Unrelated Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 (S.R. (N.I.), 1990, No. 357), dated 1st October 1990 [Mr Secretary Brooke].

9 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—(1) Criminal Appeal (Amendment) Rules 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2156), and
(2) Crown Court (Amendment) Rules 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2157),
dated 30th October 1990 [Clerk of the House].

6th November 1990

10 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Load Line) (Amendment) Rules 1990 (S.I., 1990,
No. 2128), dated 26th October 1990 [Mr Secretary Parkinson].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Wednesday 7th November 1990:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

11 Judgments,—Draft Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (Amendment) Order 1990 [by
Act] [Clerk of the House].

[by Act] [Mr John Maples].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

13 Building Societies,—Building Societies (Investigation of Complaints) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990,
No. 2203), dated 31st October 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

14 Public Health,—Nursing Homes and Mental Nursing Homes (Amendment) Regulations
1990 (S.I. 1990, No. 2164), dated 1st November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
Waldegrave].

15 Telecommunications,—Public Telecommunication System Designation (Coastal
Cablevision of Dorset Ltd) (West Dorset) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2169), dated 1st
November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

16 Water,—(1) Newcastle and Gateshead Water (Constitution and Regulation) Order 1990
(S.I., 1990, No. 2177), and
(2) Sunderland and South Shields (Constitution and Regulation) Order 1990 (S.I.,
1990, No. 2178),
dated 2nd November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Patten].

Other Papers:

17 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the Welsh Fourth Channel Authority for 1989–90
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Waddington].

18 Companies,—Report on companies for 1989–90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

19 Prisons,—Report on the work of the Prison Service for 1989–90 [by Command] [Cm. 1302]
[Mr Secretary Waddington].

20 Special Procedure Orders,—Reports 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 Petitions have been presented
against—
(1) the Aberdeen Harbour Revision Order 1990, and
(2) the Swansea–Manchester Trunk Road (A483) and the Shrewsbury–Dolgellau
Trunk Road (A548) (Welshpool Relief Road) Compulsory Purchase Order 1990
[by Act] [Chairman of Ways and Means].

21 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to
Coastal Cablevision of Dorset Limited under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act
1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

22 Trade,—Return in part to an Order [27th November 1989] for a Return of statistics relating
to overseas trade for each month during 1990, for September [Mr John Maples].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Home Affairs,—Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1]
[Sir John Wheeler].
Mr Speaker appointed the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office to print the Votes and Proceedings of this House.

[No. 2.]

Thursday 8th November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Paisley North Writ,—Ordered. That Mr Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Burgh Constituency of Paisley North, in the room of Allender Steele Adams, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr Derek Foster.)

2 Paisley South Writ,—Ordered. That Mr Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Burgh Constituency of Paisley South, in the room of Norman Findlay Buchan, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr Derek Foster.)

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

4 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill,—Mr Secretary Brooke, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Waddington, Mr Secretary King and Mr John Cope, presented a Bill to re-enact, with amendments, the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978, the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1987 and Part VI of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989; and to make further provision for the preservation of the peace and the maintenance of order 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].

5 Development Board for Rural Wales Bill,—Mr Secretary Hunt, supported by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Patten, Mr Secretary Lilley, Sir Wyn Roberts and Mr Ian Grist, presented (under Standing Order No. 48 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to increase the financial limit which applies by virtue of section 12 of the Development of Rural Wales Act 1976 to sums borrowed by the Development Board for Rural Wales, sums paid by the Secretary of State to the Board and sums issued by the Treasury in pursuance of guarantees on loans to the Board: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 2].

6 Statutory Sick Pay Bill,—Mr Secretary Newton, supported by Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Brooke, Mr Secretary Howard, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Francis Maude, Mr Nicholas Scott and Mrs Gillian Shephard, presented a Bill to reduce the amount of statutory sick pay which employers are entitled to recover; to repeal section 9(1A) of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 3].

7 Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill,—Mr John Selwyn Gummer, supported by Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Francis Maude, Mr David Maclean and Mr David Curry, presented a Bill to repeal the statutory provisions relating to the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation and the Scottish Agricultural Securities Corporation; to provide for the recovery of the cost of government supervision of Community livestock carcass grading at slaughterhouses; to provide for the making of additional grants to persons entitled to Community suckler cow premiums; and to provide for contributions out of the Forestry Fund towards the expenses of the verderers of the New Forest: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 4].

8 Oversea Superannuation Bill,—Mr Secretary Hurd, supported by Mrs Lynda Chalker, Mr Richard Ryder and Mr Nicholas Scott, presented a Bill to authorise the making of schemes under section 2 of the Overseas Pensions Act 1973 for the provision of pensions, allowances and gratuities to or in respect of persons who have contributed to the Oversea Superannuation Scheme; to provide for that Scheme and the regulations under it to have effect as if they together constituted a scheme made under that section; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 5].
9 Criminal Justice Bill.—Mr Secretary Waddington, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr John MacGregor, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Hunt and Mr John Patten, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the treatment of offenders and the position of children and young persons and persons having responsibility for them; to make provision with respect to certain services provided or proposed to be provided for purposes connected with the administration of justice or the treatment of offenders; to make financial provision with respect to that administration; 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].

10 Armed Forces Bill.—Mr Secretary King, supported by Mr Secretary Waddington, Mr Secretary Waldegrave, Mr Attorney General and Mr Archie Hamilton, presented a Bill to continue the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 and the Naval Discipline Act 1957; to amend those Acts and other enactments relating to the armed forces; to make provision for compensation for miscarriages of justice before courts-martial; to make provision for orders for the assessment and emergency protection of children forming part of or staying with service families abroad; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 7].

11 Representation of the People Bill.—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr Secretary Waddington, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Brooke, Mr Norman Lamont, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Richard Ryder, Mr Francis Maude and Mr John Maples, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to charges for returning officers’ services rendered, and expenses incurred, for or in connection with a parliamentary election: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 8].

12 Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft International Monetary Fund (Increase in Subscription) Order 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

13 Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Criminal Justice (Confiscation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

14 Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

15 Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

16 Business of the House,—Ordered, That—

(1) Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business) shall have effect for the present Session with the following modifications, namely:

In paragraph (4) the word ‘thirteen’ shall be substituted for the word ‘ten’ in line 43; in paragraph (5) the word ‘eighth’ shall be substituted for the word ‘seventh’ in line 45; and in paragraph (8) the word ‘two’ shall be substituted for the word ‘four’ in line 66;

(2) Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees) shall have effect for the present Session with the following modification, namely:

In paragraph (2) the word ‘eighth’ shall be substituted for the word ‘seventh’ in line 23; 

(3) Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 18th and 25th January, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd February, 1st and 22nd March, 12th, 19th and 26th April, 3rd May and 5th July;

(4) Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business on 30th November, 7th December, 11th January, 8th and 15th March, 10th and 17th May and 14th, 21st and 28th June, and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on 14th and 21st November, 12th December, 20th and 27th February, 24th April, 1st and 15th May and 5th and 12th June;

(5) on Monday 4th February and Monday 22nd April, Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business until Seven o’clock, and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Thursday 17th January and Thursday 28th March; and

(6) 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 MacGregor.)
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.

Broadcasting, &c.,—Ordered, That Sir Geoffrey Howe be discharged from the Select Committee on Broadcasting, &c., and Mr John MacGregor be added to the Committee. (Mr Tom Sackville.)

House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That Sir Geoffrey Howe be discharged from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) and Mr John MacGregor be added to the Committee. (Mr Tom Sackville.)

Privileges.—Ordered, That Sir Geoffrey Howe be discharged from the Committee of Privileges and Mr John MacGregor be added to the Committee. (Mr Tom Sackville.)

Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from residents of—

(1) Straightsmouth for a further enquiry into the planned route of the Docklands Light Railway in Greenwich, and

(2) the constituency of Witney and West Oxfordshire for support for international efforts to declare Antarctica a World Park

were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr Tom Sackville.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 8th November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Education,—Draft Education Support Grants Regulations 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Copyright,—Copyright (Application to Other Countries) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990. No. 2153), dated 31st October 1990 [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

4 Merchant Shipping,—(1) Fishing Vessels (Life-Saving Appliances) (Guernsey) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990. No. 2147),

(2) Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) (Guernsey) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990. No. 2148), and

(3) Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Guernsey) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990. No. 2150),
dated 31st October 1990 [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

Other Papers:

5 Civil Service,—Office of the Minister for the Civil Service Minute, dated 8th November 1990, on a contingent liability consequent on the loan of items to the Prime Minister’s Office [by Command] [Mr David Mellor].
6 Education,—Accounts of the Curriculum Council for Wales for the period 15th August 1988 to 31st March 1990; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 17] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Health Service,—Account of the Public Health Laboratory Service for 1988–89; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 16] [Clerk of the House].

8 Police and Criminal Evidence,—Draft Revised Codes of Practice for—
(1) the exercise by police officers of statutory powers of stop and search,
(2) the searching of premises by police officers and the seizure of property found by police officers on persons or premises,
(3) the detention, treatment and questioning of persons by police officers, and
(4) the identification of persons by police officers [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waddington].

9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [10th July, in the last Session of Parliament] from Ronald Beck for men to receive retirement pensions and other benefits at the same age as women [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

10 Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 1989 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Waddington].

Paper withdrawn.

11 Police,—Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 1990 [laid 16th July, in the last Session of Parliament].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 8th November 1990

Chairmen's Panel,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen's Panel), Mr Speaker nominated Mr Donald Coleman, Mr Patrick Cormack, Mr Stan Crowther, Dame Janet Fookes, Mr Donald Hill, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Geraint Howells, Sir John Hunt, Mr David Knox, Mr James Lamon, Mr Michael Latham, Mr Ted Leadbetter, Mr Geoffrey Lothhouse, Mr John McWilliams, Mr Michael J. Martin, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr Michael Morris, Mr Robert Rhodes James, Sir Giles Shaw, Sir Michael Shaw, Mr Michael Shersby, Sir John Stradling Thomas and Mr Nicholas Winterton to be members of the Chairmen's Panel during the present Session.

[No. 3.]

Friday 9th November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill,—Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

3 Oversea Superannuation Bill,—Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Oversea Superannuation Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

4 Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill,—Mr Secretary Newton, supported by Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Brooke, Mr Secretary Howard, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Secretary Waldegrave, Mr Francis Maude, Mr Nicholas Scott and Mrs Gillian Shepard, presented (under Standing Order No. 48 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to introduce as social security benefits disability living allowance and disability working allowance; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 12th November and to be printed [Bill 9].
5 Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [7th 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 half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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

6 Local Government Finance. —Ordered, That the provisions of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 86 (Nomination of standing committees) and Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.) shall apply to the draft Code of Audit Practice for England and Wales as if it were a draft statutory instrument; and that the said draft Code be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.

APPENDIX
Friday 9th November 1990
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Channel Tunnel. —(1) Channel Tunnel (Customs and Excise) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2167), dated 1st November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Richard Ryder]; and

(2) Channel Tunnel (Fire Services, Immigration and Prevention of Terrorism) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2227), dated 8th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waddington].

2 Income Tax. —(1) Income Tax (Building Societies) (Dividends and Interest) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2231), and

(2) Income Tax (Deposit-takers) (Interest Payments) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2232),

dated 8th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

3 National Health Service (Scotland). —National Health Service (Local Health Councils) (Scotland) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2230), dated 7th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Veterinary Surgeons. —Veterinary Surgery (Blood Sampling) (Amendment) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2217), dated 7th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

Other Papers:

5 Indemnities. —Scottish Office Minute concerning the indemnification of objects lent to Scottish Non-National Institutions for the Van Gogh exhibition being held at the Burrell Gallery from October 1990 to March 1991 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

2 Select Committees.—Minutes of Evidence were reported from several Select Committees and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

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

Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Council of the County of South Glamorgan and the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation to construct a barrage across the mouth of the Taff-Ely estuary in the County of South Glamorgan including locks, bridges, roadways and other works; to provide for the operation of the barrage and for the control and development of the inland bay thereby created; to authorise the Council and the Corporation to construct a lagoon and other works at Wentlooge Levels; to authorise the Council and the Corporation to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Council and on the Corporation; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower Heathrow Airport Limited and the British Railways Board to construct a railway into Heathrow Airport, and in connection therewith to execute works and to purchase or use land; to confer further powers on the Company and the Board; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Smith Kline & French Laboratories, Australia, and Menley & James, Australia Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the transfer to the State of New South Wales in the Commonwealth of Australia of the incorporation of Smith Kline & French Laboratories (Australia) Limited and Menley & James (Australia) Limited; for the cesser of application to those companies of provisions of the Companies Act 1985; and for other purposes incidental thereto; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the Clyde Port Authority Bill, the London Underground (Victoria) Bill, the Shard Bridge Bill and the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill, viz.: That the Promoters of the Bills, which were brought from the Commons in the last Session of Parliament but had not received the Royal Assent, shall, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of the House of Lords, have leave to proceed with the Bills in the present Session, and the Petitions for the Bills shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That, if the Bills are brought from the Commons in the present Session, the Agent for each of the Bills 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 last Session;

That the proceedings on the Bills shall in the present Session be pro forma only, in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the last Session and that no new Fees be charged in regard to such stages.

4 Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill.—Mr Secretary Patten, supported by Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Norman Lamont, Mr Michael Portillo and Mr Robert Key, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the liability to standard community charges and non-domestic rates in respect of certain caravans and their pitches: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 10].

5 Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [7th 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;
APPENDIX I

Monday 12th November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Marine Pollution,—Draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Order 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Parkinson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (National Curriculum) (Exceptions) (Wales) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2187), dated 25th October 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

3 Electricity,—Electricity (Amendment of Scottish Pension Schemes) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2181), dated 29th October 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Financial Services,—Financial Services Act 1986 (Electricity Industry Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2235), dated 8th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

5 Food,—Jam and Similar Products (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2180), dated 30th October 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

6 Northern Ireland,—Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2186), dated 1st November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Parkinson].

7 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2229), dated 8th November 1990, and

(2) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2185), dated 1st November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Parkinson].

8 Social Security,—Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2209), dated 7th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Other Papers:

9 Explosives,—Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland for 1989 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 20] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on monitoring and control of charities in England and Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 13] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Health Service (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust for the period 1st August 1989 to 31st July 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 19] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

12 Piper Alpha Disaster,—Report by the Honourable Lord Cullen of the public inquiry into the Piper Alpha disaster [by Command] [Cm. 1310] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 12th November; to be printed [No. 24-i] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 12th November; to be printed [No. 1-i] [Sir John Wheeler].
Tuesday 13th November 1990.

PRAYERS.

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

2 Chairmen’s Panel,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Chairmen’s Panel a Resolution, as follows:

That the three Resolutions reported to the House on 6th December, in the last Session of Parliament, and sessionally since Session 1945–46, have now become so established in the procedures of this House that the practice of reporting them at the beginning of every Session serves no further purpose.

Report to lie upon the Table.

3 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

4 Scottish Grand Committee, Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Grand Committee on 22nd May, 14th June and 18th June, in the last Session of Parliament, be laid before the House.—(Mr Michael J. Martin.)

5 New Members sworn,—

Joseph Edward Benton, Esquire, Member for Bootle, was sworn.

Terence Henry Rooney, Esquire, Member for Bradford North, was sworn.

6 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [7th 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 note the increasing anxiety of parents and employers that the education and training policies of Her Majesty's Government have seriously undermined choice and opportunity and placed standards at risk; express anxiety and concern that Britain's investment and achievement in education and training is leaving the country further behind its major European and other competitors; condemn Her Majesty's Government for its incompetence towards, and mismanagement of, the education service and its profound failure to fulfil its proper and necessary role in improving and upgrading the skills base of the nation; and believe that standards will only be raised and opportunities increased by a change of administration to a government committed to serious investment in the nation’s future'.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

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

Mr Derek Foster 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, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Allen McKay: 225.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr David Lightbown: 337.

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 residents of the constituency of Surrey North West for support for international efforts to declare Antarctica a World Park was presented; 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 Timothy Kirkhope);

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

[Adjourned at 10.47 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 13th November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Parliament,—Draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1990 [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Environmental Protection,—Draft Code of Practice on litter and refuse [by Act] [Mr Secretary Patten].

3 Telecommunications,—Public Telecommunications System Designation (Jones Cable Group of South Hertfordshire Limited) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2192), dated 2nd November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

4 Autumn Statement 1990,—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Autumn Statement 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1311] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

5 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—(1) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Disablement Awards) (No. 2) Order 1990,

(2) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings’ Service Pensions Increase) (No. 2) Order 1990,

(3) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Locally Engaged Ratings’ Widows’ Attributable Pensions) (No. 2) Order 1990,

(4) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Disablement Awards) (No. 2) Order 1990,

(5) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Widows’ Attributable Pensions) (No. 2) Order 1990, and


6 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on—

(1) the Petition [13th March 1990] from residents of Smithdown ward, Liverpool, against the poll tax,

(2) the Petition [3rd April 1990] from residents of Scunthorpe against the poll tax,

(3) the Petition [5th June 1990] from residents of Woodspring constituency for repeal of the community charge legislation, and

(4) the Petition [5th July 1990] from residents of Cornwall against the poll tax [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

7 Telecommunications,—(1) Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Jones Cable Group of South Hertfordshire Limited under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act]; and

(2) Paper, entitled Competition and Choice: Telecommunications Policy for the 1990s [by Command] [Cm. 1303] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 Transport,—Report and Accounts of the National Bus Company for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Parkinson].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Statutory Instruments,—(1) First Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; and

(2) First Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with a Memorandum laid before the Committee;

to be printed [Nos. 26-i and 27-i] [Mr Bob Cryer].

[No. 6.]

Wednesday 14th November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection the following Resolution:

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

Report to lie upon the Table.

4 Selection (Select Committees).—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection the following Resolution:

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.

5 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

6 Private Bills,—The Standing Orders of 18th, 22nd, 24th and 29th October, relating to the Adelphi Estate Bill, the British Railways (No. 2) Bill, the London Docklands Railway Bill, the London Underground Bill and the Midland Metro Bill, suspended in the last Session of Parliament, being read;

Adelphi Estate Bill,—A Bill to repeal certain statutory restrictions upon development of lands on the north side of the River Thames between Westminster Bridge and Blackfriars Bridge; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—A Bill to empower the British Railways Board to construct works and to acquire land; to confer further powers on the Board; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

London Docklands Railway Bill,—A Bill to empower London Regional Transport to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on London Regional Transport and London Underground Limited; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time, and committed.

London Underground Bill,—A Bill to empower London Regional Transport and London Underground Limited to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on London Regional Transport and London Underground Limited; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time, and committed.

Midland Metro Bill,—A Bill to empower the West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive to construct additional works for extension of their light rail rapid passenger transport system; to authorise the acquisition of land for that purpose; to confer powers
7 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, the Agents for the Bills have deposited in the Private Bill Office declarations, signed by them, stating that the Bills are the same, in every respect, as the Bills which were brought from the House of Lords in the last Session, viz.:

Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords]

Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords]

Smith Kline & French Laboratories, Australia, and Menley & James, Australia Bill [Lords].

8 Private Bills [Lords].—The Standing Orders of 17th and 18th October, relating to Private Bills (Suspension), being read;

Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords].—The Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time, and committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords].—The Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Smith Kline & French Laboratories, Australia, and Menley & James, Australia Bill [Lords].—The Smith Kline & French Laboratories, Australia, and Menley & James, Australia Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time, and committed.

9 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords].—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to the Standing Order of 17th October in the last Session of Parliament, That he had gone through the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto;

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

10 Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Education Support Grants Regulations 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr Tim Boswell.)

11 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [7th 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 seeks to continue economic policies which have caused recession, falling output and investment, rising unemployment, high interest rates and a massive deficit in the balance of payments; deplore the continuing confusion and disarray in domestic economic policies and towards the future economic and social development of the European Community; and call upon the Government to prepare for the competitive challenges of the Single Market after 1992 by adopting an industrial strategy which promotes sustained investment in the manufacturing sector and encourages industrial innovation through the application of science and technology, to exploit fully the potential of the neglected regions through a vigorous regional economic policy and a modern transport system, and to provide the new opportunities in education and training which are crucial to Britain’s economic recovery and future prosperity’.—(Mr John Smith.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Ken Eastham: 225.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr David Lightbown: 333.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words ‘but humbly regret the absence from the Gracious Speech of any coherent policy to secure for the people of the United Kingdom the benefits of the economic, monetary and political union of the European Community’.—(Mr A. J. Beith.)
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 32 (Calling of amendments at end of debate), That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Wallace, Mr Alex Carlile: 20.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr David Lightbown: 323.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from residents of—

(1) the constituency of Halifax for support for international efforts to declare Antarctica a World Park, and

(2) North Devon against the application from the North Devon Health Authority to form a National Health Service Trust

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Douglas William Saull for assistance to the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

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

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 14th November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Building and Buildings,—Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2179), dated 1st November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

2 Education (Scotland),—Edinburgh College of Art (Amendment) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2202), dated 6th November 1990 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 Housing,—Housing (Change of Landlord) (Payment of Disposal Cost by Instalments) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2219), dated 5th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Patten].

4 Medicines,—Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2204), dated 7th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].


Other Papers:

6 Law Commissions,—Report of the Scottish Law Commission for the period 16th June 1989 to 15th June 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 4] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on managing computer projects in the National Health Service [by Act]; to be printed [No. 22] [Clerk of the House].
Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel).—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had appointed twenty-six Members to be the Panel of Members to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 111 relating to Private Business (Reference to Committees of opposed and unopposed Bills), viz.: Dr John G. Blackburn, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Sir Alan Glyn, Mr Robert Hicks, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr David Knox, Mr Robert Litherland, Mr Geoffrey Lothhouse, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr William McKelvey, Mr David Marshall, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr Rhodri Morgan, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Barry Porter, Mr Martin Redmond, Mr Robert Rhodes James, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Roger Sims, Mr Jack Thompson, Mr Malcolm Thornton, Mr Dennis Turner, Sir Dennis Walters, Mr Brian Wilson, Audrey Wise and Mr Mark Wolfson.

Standing Committee C.—Sir 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).—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That, in pursuance of Standing Order 228 relating to Private Business (Parliamentary Panel), it had selected fourteen 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 Ron Brown, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Frank Doran, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr John McFall, Mr Michael J. Martin, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Bill Walker, Mr Mike Watson and Mr Andrew Welsh.

Standing Orders Committee.—Sir 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 Tony Banks, Mr Ron Brown, Sir John Farr, Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr Robert Parry, Mr James Pawsley, Mr Ernie Ross and Mr Nicholas Winterton.

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

Welsh Grand Committee.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated four additional Members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee for the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee of Selection, viz.: Mr John Bowis, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Secretary Hunt and Mr John M. Taylor.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir 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 Criminal Justice (Confiscation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr John Cope, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Kenneth Hind, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Tim Janman, Mr Robert B. Jones, Mr Roger King, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Paul Marland, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Mr Edward O'Hara, Mr David Trimble and Mr Keith Vaz.
8 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Code of Audit Practice for England and Wales, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr David Blunkett, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr John Cummings, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Robert Key, Mr David Martin, Mr Iain Mills, Mr Anthony Nelson, Mr Robert Parry, Mr James Pawsey, Mr Keith Raffan, Mr Tim Rathbone, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr David Shaw and Mr John P. Smith.

9 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Monetary Fund (Increase in Subscription) Order 1990, viz.: Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr George Galloway, Kate Hoey, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Michael Irvine, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Keith Mans, Mr John Maples, Mr John Marshall, Mr James Paice, Mr Barry Porter, Mr Giles Radice, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Brian Sedgemore and Mr Chris Smith.

10 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 and the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1990, viz.: Mr Robert Atkins, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Jim Cousins, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Peter Hardy, Mr Michael Knowles, Mr John Lee, Mr Michael Lord, Mr William McKelvey, Mr David Madel, Mr Tony Marlow, Mr John Maxton, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Steve Norris, Mr William O’Brien, Mr Peter Rost and Mr Mike Watson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 14th November; to be printed [No. 35-i] [Mr Ron Leighton].

2 Energy,—(1) First Special Report from the Energy Committee [Government Observations on the Fifth Report from the Committee (Session 1989-90) on The Fast Breeder Reactor]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 31];

(2) Second Special Report from the Energy Committee [Government Observations on the Seventh Report from the Committee (Session 1989-90) on The Department of Energy’s Spending Plans, 1990-91]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 32]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 14th November; to be printed [No. 33]
[Dr Michael Clark].

3 European Legislation,—(1) First Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-i]; and

(2) First Special Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation [The Conference of the Parliaments of the European Community]; to be printed [No. 30]
[Mr Nigel Spearing].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 14th November; to be printed [No. 1-ii] [Sir John Wheeler].

5 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 14th November; to be printed [No. 34-i] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

6 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 14th November; to be printed [No. 14-i] [Mr David Marshall].

7 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 14th November; to be printed [No. 28-i] [Mr Gareth Wardell].
MEMORANDA
Wednesday 14th November 1990

1 Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated:

(1) the draft Criminal Justice (Confiscation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(2) the draft Code of Audit Practice for England and Wales to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(3) the draft International Monetary Fund (Increase in Subscription) Order 1990 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(4) the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1990 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed:

(1) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (Confiscation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990;

(2) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Code of Audit Practice for England and Wales;

(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Monetary Fund (Increase in Subscription) Order 1990; and

(4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1990.

Thursday 15th November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Business of the House.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1989-90 of—

(1) the total number of Questions to Ministers or other Members which stood on the Order Paper, distinguishing those set down for oral, written priority and written answer respectively, the number of days upon which replies to Questions for oral answers were given in the House; and the total number of Questions for oral answer to which such answers were given in the House;

(2) the total number of Notices of Motions given for an early day;

(3) the number of Members ordered to withdraw from the House under Standing Order No. 42 (Disorderly conduct), showing separately the orders given in the House and those given in Committee; and the Members suspended from the service of the House under Standing Order No. 43 (Order in debate) or otherwise, distinguishing whether the offence was committed in the House or in Committee, the period of such suspension, the number of occasions on which more than one Member was so suspended having jointly disregarded the authority of the Chair, and the number of occasions on which the attention of the House was called to the need for recourse to force to compel obedience to Mr Speaker’s direction; and

(4) the number of public petitions presented to the House, distinguishing separately those brought to the Table at the times specified by Standing Order No. 133 (No debate on presentation of petition).—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

2 Closure of Debate and Allocation of Time.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1989-90 of—
(A) applications of Standing Order No. 35 (Closure of debate)—

(1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:

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(B) applications of Standing Order No. 28 (Powers of Chair to propose question)—

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(C) the number of Bills in respect of which allocation of time orders (distinguishing where appropriate orders supplementary to a previous order) were made under Standing Order No. 81 (Allocation of time to bills), showing in respect of each Bill—

(i) the number of sittings allotted to the consideration of the Bill in Standing Committee by any report of a Business Sub-Committee under Standing Order No. 103 (Business sub-committees) agreed to by the Standing Committee, and the number of sittings of the Standing Committee pursuant thereto; and

(ii) the number of days or portions of days allotted by the allocation of time order and any supplementary order to the consideration of the Bill at any stage in the House or in Committee, together with the number of days upon which proceedings were so taken in the House or in Committee.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

3 Delegated Legislation,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1989-90 of the number of Instruments considered 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; setting out the grounds on which Instruments may be drawn to the special attention of the House under Standing Order No. 124 (Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)) and specifying the number of Instruments so reported under each of these grounds; and of the numbers of Instruments considered by a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and by the House respectively, showing the number where the Question on the proceedings relating thereto was put forthwith under Standing Order No. 101(5).—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

4 Private Bills and Private Business,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1989-90 of—

(1) the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, Bills for the confirmation of Orders under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders introduced into this House, and brought from the
House of Lords, and of Acts passed, specifying also the dates of the House's consideration of the several stages of such Bills;

(2) all Private Bills, Hybrid Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which were reported on by Committees on Opposed Bills or by Committees nominated by the House or 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;

(3) all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which 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;

(4) the number of Bills to confirm Orders under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, distinguishing those proceeded with under section 7 and under section 9 respectively; specifying, in the case of Bills proceeded with under section 9 against which petitions were deposited, whether a motion was made to refer the Bill to a Joint Committee, and if so, whether such motion was agreed to, withdrawn, negatived or otherwise disposed of; and stating for each joint committee to which a Bill was referred the names of the Members of this House nominated thereto, the first and last day of the Committee's sitting, the number of days on which each Joint Committee sat for the consideration of the Bill referred to it, the number of days on which each Member of the Committee served, and whether the Committee reported that the Order ought or ought not to be confirmed;

(5) the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, Bills for the confirmation of Orders under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, 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; and

(6) the membership, work costs and staff of the Court of Referees and the Standing Orders Committee.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

5 Public Bills,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1989-90 of the number of Public Bills (other than Bills to confirm Provisional Orders and Bills to confirm Orders under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936) distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, showing: (1) the number of Lords, 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 First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

6 Sittings of the House,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1989-90 of the days on which the House sat; 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; the total numbers of hours occupied in the sittings of the House; and the average time; showing the number of hours on which the House sat each day and the number of hours after the time appointed for the interruption of business; and specifying, for each principal type of business before the House, how much time was spent thereon, distinguishing from the total the time spent after the hour appointed for the interruption of business.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

7 Special Procedure Orders,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1989-90 of—

(1) the number of Special Procedure Orders presented, the number withdrawn; the number annulled; 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 be amended respectively; and the number of Bills introduced for the confirmation of Special Procedure Orders; and

(2) Special Procedure Orders which 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 First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

8 Standing Committees,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1989-90 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 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. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), or Standing Order No. 102 (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 which it was considered, the number of sittings at which it was considered (including, in the case of the Scottish Grand Committee, the number of Meetings held in Edinburgh, pursuant to a motion made under Standing Order No. 95(3) (Scottish Grand Committee)) and the number of Members present at each of those sittings; and (3) the membership, work costs and staff of the Chairmen’s Panel.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

9 Select Committees,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1989-90 of statistics relating to the membership, work costs and staff of Select Committees (other than the Standing Orders Committee).—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

11 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

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

Mersey Docks and Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer additional powers upon The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company; to amend the Mersey Docks and Harbour Act 1971 and The Mersey Docks and Harbour Act 1986; and for connected or other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

North Yorkshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision with respect to the opening for vessels of Cawood Bridge; to provide for the control of occasional sales and the regulation of dealers in second-hand goods; and for connected or other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

European Communities,—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee to consider Community proposals, whether in draft or otherwise, to obtain all necessary information about them, and to make reports on those which, in the opinion of the Committee, raise important questions of policy or principle and on other questions to which the Committee considers that the special attention of the House should be drawn; and that they have resolved that the Committee or any Sub-Committee appointed by it 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.

13 Mersey Docks and Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Mersey Docks and Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

14 North Yorkshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The North Yorkshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
15 School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill,—Mr Secretary Clarke, supported by Mr Secretary Patten, Mr Norman Lamont, Mr Secretary Howard, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Tim Eggar, Mr Alan Howarth and Mr Michael Fallon, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the remuneration and other conditions of employment of school teachers, 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 11].

16 Atomic Weapons Establishment Bill,—Mr Secretary King, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Patten, Mr Secretary Howard, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Francis Maude, Mr Alan Clark and Mr Kenneth Carlisle, presented a Bill to make provision in connection with any arrangements that may be made by the Secretary of State with respect to the undertaking carried on by him and known as the Atomic Weapons Establishment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 13].

17 Import and Export Control Bill,—Mr Secretary Lilley, supported by Mr Secretary Hurd, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary King, Mr Secretary Wakeham and Mr Tim Sainsbury, presented a Bill to repeal section 9(3) of the Import, Export and Customs Powers (Defence) Act 1939: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 12].

18 Indirect Tax Harmonisation and Community Statistics,—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 6762/89, relating to approximation of indirect taxes, 9775/89, relating to excise duty rates, 9776/89, relating to excise duties on mineral oils, 9777/89, relating to excise duties on alcoholic beverages, 6641/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by HM Customs and Excise on 12th November 1990, relating to supplementing the common system of value-added tax, 6642/90, relating to administrative co-operation in the field of indirect taxation, 6725/90 and 8801/90, relating to statistics relating to trading of goods between member States, COM(90)430, relating to the general excise regime, COM(90)431, relating to general arrangements for the movement of products subject to excise duty, COM(90)432, relating to harmonisation of the structures of excise duties on alcoholic beverages, COM(90)433, relating to turnover taxes levied on manufactured tobacco, and COM(90)434, relating to structures of excise duties on mineral oils; and supports the Government's view that the technical proposals can form the basis of a single market without fiscal frontiers that is effective against fraud and provides the statistics needed by Government to control its economic policies while minimising the burdens on business, particularly for the smaller traders; and recognises the need for early progress on these proposals separate from those on indirect tax rates on which decisions need not be reached before 31st December 1991. (Mr Richard Ryder.)

19 Fisheries and Aquaculture,— A Motion was made and the Question being put, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 8317/90, relating to technical measures for the conservation of fishing resources, and 8240/90, relating to measures to improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sector; and supports the Government's view that changes in existing technical conservation measures are needed to improve the conservation of fish stocks and that these should achieve a balance between conservation and maintaining a viable fishing industry, the Government's recognition of the need to match Community fishing capacity with available fisheries resources, and the principle of strengthening the structural measures to reduce fleet size, provided that such measures can offer value for money—(Mr David Curry);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Timothy Wood: 69.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Andrew Welsh: 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 8317/90, relating to technical measures for the conservation of fishing resources, and 8240/90, relating to measures to improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sector; and supports the Government's view that changes in existing technical conservation measures are needed to improve the conservation of fish stocks and that these should achieve a balance between conservation and maintaining a viable fishing industry, the Government's recognition of the need to match Community fishing capacity with available fisheries resources, and the principle of strengthening the structural measures to reduce fleet size, provided that such measures can offer value for money.
(1) Julie Elizabeth Thomas for the conservation of the River Calder in Wakefield, and the surrounding land, and

(2) L. M. Brown for support for international efforts to declare Antarctica a World Park

were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

22 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Thursday 15th November 1990
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Education,—Draft Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Act 1987 (Continuation) Order 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 British Nationality,—British Nationality (Hong Kong) (Registration of Citizens) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2211), dated 7th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waddington].

3 Education,—Education (Schools and Further Education) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2259), dated 14th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:

4 Criminal Statistics,—Statistics relating to crime and criminal proceedings for England and Wales for 1989 [by Command] [Cm. 1322] [Mr Secretary Waddington].

5 Provisional Orders (Scotland),—Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the representations by—

(1) the British Waterways Board, and

(2) the Harris Tweed Association Ltd

and that they have decided in each case that the powers sought would be more properly obtained by the promotion of a Private Bill than by the promotion of a Private Bill and of a Provisional Order [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

6 Supply Estimates, 1990-91. —(1) Winter Supplementary Estimates for 1990-91 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 6]; and

(2) Treasury Minute, dated 15th November 1990, concerning the application of certain receipts specified as appropriations in aid of the Winter Supplementary Estimates laid this day, to the extent specified, in aid of the Vote for the relevant service [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

7 Supply Estimates, 1991-92. —(1) Estimates (Classes I-XIX) for which a Vote on Account is required for 1991-92 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 7] [Mr Francis Maude];

(2) Estimates for the House of Commons: Administration (Class XIX, A. Vote 1) for which a Vote on Account is required for 1991-92 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 8] [Mr Speaker]; and
(3) Estimates for the National Audit Office (Class XIX, B, Vote 1) for which a Vote on Account is required for 1991-92 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 9] [Sir Peter Hordern].

8 Transport.—Report of the Transport Tribunal for 1989 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

Agriculture.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 15th November; to be printed [No. 36-i] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 15th November 1990

1 European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of the provisions of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referrals have been made:

(1) the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 12th November 1990, relating to prices for fishery products to European Standing Committee A;

(2) the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 14th November 1990, relating to the Uruguay Round of multi-lateral trade negotiations to European Standing Committee B; and

(3) European Community Documents Nos. 8353/90, relating to controls on baggage, 8073/90, relating to organisation of working time, 8182/90, relating to the draft General Budget of the European Communities for 1991, and 9025/90, relating to nuclear fusion research to European Standing Committee C.

Friday 16th November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

3 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 19th November. [Adjourned at 2.54 p.m.

APPENDIX
Friday 16th November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 Housing (Scotland).—Accounts of Scottish Homes for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 23] [Clerk of the House].

2 Inland Revenue.—Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Inland Revenue for 1989-90 [by Command] [Cm. 1321] [Mr Francis Maude].
Monday 19th November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.:

Midland Metro Bill.

Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

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

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

4 Select Committees.—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

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

Sound Broadcasting and Television.—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Select Committee to exercise the powers of that House in relation to sound broadcasting and to television, and that they have ordered that the Committee have leave to confer on matters relating to broadcasting and to meet concurrently for this purpose with any Select Committee on Broadcasting, &c., appointed by the Commons 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.

6 Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Order 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

8 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House, whilst asserting the need to maintain confidence in the rule of law and in the administration of justice as the fundamental basis for achieving a just and stable society in Northern Ireland, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which fails to implement the main recommendations of Lord Colville's review of the current legislation by refusing to remove internment without trial from the statute book and failing to introduce the video-taping of interviews with terrorist suspects; to introduce the 'certifying in' of scheduled offences; to establish an ombudsman to consider the operation of complaints against the security forces and a statutory duty for the Commission of Human Rights to supervise the operation of the statute; and to consolidate and reform the law relating to the examination of witnesses at coroners' courts, the use of public interest immunity certificates, and the abolition of the right of silence', instead thereof.—(Mr Kevin McNamara.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Allen McKay: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Wood: 240.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Amendment on second or third reading);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Neil Hamilton: 234.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Allen McKay: 113.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

9 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Money],

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State under that Act.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Monday 19th November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Police,—Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 2) Order 1990, dated 8th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waddington].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Magistrates' Courts,—Magistrates' Courts (Civilian Fine Enforcement Officers) (No. 2) Rules 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2260), dated 14th November 1990 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

3 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2212), dated 6th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Parkinson].

Other Papers:

4 Housing (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of Scottish Homes for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Population Censuses and Surveys,—Statistics on mortality in childhood for England and Wales for 1986 and 1987 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Kenneth Hind (nominated in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (Confiscation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990); and had appointed in substitution Mr David Davis.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—(1) First Report from the Environment Committee [Environmental Issues in Northern Ireland]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 19th November; to be printed [Nos. 39 and 40-i] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 19th November; to be printed [No. 42-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].
3 Treasury and Civil Service.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 19th November; to be printed [No. 41-i] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

[No. 10.]
Tuesday 20th November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Oversea Superannuation Bill,—Mr Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order [9th November], That, in the case of the Oversea Superannuation Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with.

2 Adelphi Estate Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Adelphi Estate Bill.
   Bill to be read the third time.

3 London Docklands Railway Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the London Docklands Railway Bill.
   Bill to be read the third time.

4 Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords] be read a second time on Thursday.

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

6 Select Committees,—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

7 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Criminal Justice (Confiscation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990, referred to a Committee on 8th November.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 44].

8 Criminal Justice Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Justice 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, while making provision for appropriate custodial punishment for violent offenders, does not include any measures to encourage crime prevention; fails to take the steps necessary for a significant reduction in the imprisonment of minor offenders; largely ignores the scandal of remand prisoners; contains no code of standards which all prisons must observe; does not introduce a sentencing council to ensure uniformity of sentence; makes no provision for adequate examination of alleged miscarriages of justice; and will have little impact either on the efficiency of the courts or the country's unacceptably high prison population', instead thereof.—(Mr Roy Hattersley.)
   And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Martyn Jones: 190.
   Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr David Lightbown: 350.
   So the Question was negatived.
   And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Amendment on second or third reading):—It was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

9 Criminal Justice Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Criminal Justice Bill [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Criminal Justice Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any sums required by the Secretary of State for making payments under contracts entered into under the Act, or payments to or in respect of inspectors of probation appointed under the Act;

(2) any sums so required for defraying the expenses of the Parole Board, or any expenses incurred by members of lay panels appointed under the Act;

(3) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under the Act; and

(4) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

Aid to Shipbuilding.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 8097/90, relating to aid for shipbuilding; and supports the Government’s intention to agree to the adoption of this Directive as a further step towards establishing a soundly based shipbuilding industry in the European Community—(Mr Edward Leigh);

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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. 14 (Exempted business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Timothy Wood: 103.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Field, Mr William Ross: 43.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 8097/90, relating to aid for shipbuilding; and supports the Government’s intention to agree to the adoption of this Directive as a further step towards establishing a soundly based shipbuilding industry in the European Community.

Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from residents of—

(1) Bath, and

(2) Chertsey and Walton

for support for international efforts to declare Antarctica a World Park were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.42 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 20th November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 New Towns,—Milton Keynes Development Corporation Newton Longville Common Compulsory Purchase Order 1990 No. 1, dated 22nd October 1990; with a certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 2(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Patten].

2 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Cable Hackney and Islington Limited) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2270), and

(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Southdown Cablevision Limited) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2271),

dated 15th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

3 Agriculture,—Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for the period 1st August 1989 to 30th June 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

4 Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (No. 1, 1990).,—Agreement, done at Prague on 10th July 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic for the
promotion and protection of investments, with Protocol [by Command] [Cm. 1306] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Transport: sale of the National Bus Company [by Act]; to be printed [No. 43] [Clerk of the House].

6 Provisional Orders (Scotland).—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the representation by the Commercial and Private Bank 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 Rifkind].

7 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Thirty-third to Thirty-sixth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1989-90 [by Command] [Cm. 1323] [Mr Francis Maude].

8 Science and Technology,—Report of the Agricultural and Food Research Council for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

9 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) Cable Hackney and Islington Limited, and
(2) Southdown Cablevision Limited, in respect of the Brighton cable franchise, under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Broadcasting, &c.,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Broadcasting, &c., on 30th October, in the last Session of Parliament; to be printed [No. 11-i] [Mr John MacGregor].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with a Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-ii] [Mr Bob Cryer].

[No. 11.]

Wednesday 21st November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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 14th November, was pleased to receive the same very graciously and 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.

2 British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That the British Railways (No. 2) Bill be considered to-morrow.

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

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

5 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

6 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geraint Howells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Code of Audit Practice for England and Wales, referred to a Committee on 9th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 46].
7 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft International Monetary Fund (Increase in Subscription) Order 1990, referred to a Committee on 8th November.

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

8 Community Charges (Substitute Setting) Bill,—Mr Secretary Patten, supported by Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Parkinson, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Michael Portillo and Mr Robert Key, presented a Bill to amend the law about setting substitute personal community charges under section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 15].

9 European Community Documents,—Ordered, That the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 14th November 1990, relating to the Uruguay Round of multi-lateral trade negotiations, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee B. (Mr Neil Hamilton.)

10 Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill,—The Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

11 Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) disability living allowances;
(b) disability working allowances;
(c) any increase attributable to the introduction of disability living allowance and the establishment of disability appeal tribunals in the administrative expenses of the Secretary of State or other government departments in carrying the Social Security Act 1975 into effect which are payable out of money provided by Parliament;
(d) any increase attributable to the introduction of disability working allowance in the expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to the Social Security Act 1986 which are so payable;
(e) any sums payable by the Secretary of State in respect of the expenses of the Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board;
(f) any increase in the sums payable by way of severe disablement allowance which is attributable to a provision of the Act relating to persons who cease to be entitled to disability working allowances;
(g) any sums payable out of money provided by Parliament into the National Insurance Fund in consequence of the operation of any enactment or regulations relating to disability working allowances; and
(h) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under Section 70 of the Transport Act 1982 in respect of applicants for exemption from wearing seat belts. —(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

12 Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill [Ways and Means],—Resolved, That any Act resulting from the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill may make provision—
(a) amending the definition of disabled person in sections 74 and 89 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984; and
(b) for payments by way of adjustment to be made out of the National Insurance Fund into the Consolidated Fund in consequence of the operation of any enactment or regulations relating to disability working allowance. —(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

13 Armed Forces Bill,—The Armed Forces Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee. —(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Armed Forces Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) any sums payable by the Secretary of State by way of compensation for miscarriages of justice before courts-martial; and
(b) any sums payable by way of remuneration or allowances to a person appointed by the Secretary of State to assess the amount of any such compensation.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

15 Statistics of Trade,—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Statistics of Trade Act 1947 (Amendment of Schedule) Order 1990 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 7th November.—(Mr John Maples.)

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.

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.17 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 21st November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Dangerous Drugs,—Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waddington].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Environmental Protection,—Statutory Nuisance (Appeals) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2276), dated 13th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Patten].

3 Sea Fisheries,—Plaice (Specified Sea Areas) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2304), dated 20th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

4 Social Security,—Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2302), dated 20th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Other Papers:

5 Agriculture,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Agriculture Committee, Session 1989-90, on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) [by Command] [Cm. 1328] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Archer, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Chris Butler, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Quentin Davies, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr John Greenway, Mr Tim Janman, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Steve Norris, Mr John Patten, Mr Stuart Randall, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Mr Barry Sherman, Mr Lewis Stevens and Ann Widdecombe.

2 Standing Committee B,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr Rupert Allason, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Michael Brown, Mr John Cope, Mr David Davis, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Kenneth Hind, Mr John McFall, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Seamus Mallon, Mr Jim Marshall, Sir David Mitchell, Mr Barry Porter, Mr Ivor Stanbrook, Mr Roger Stott, Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Mr David Trimble.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1990, viz.: Mr Alan Amos, Mr Robert Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Michael Carttiss, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr Douglas French, Mr Ted Garrett, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Conal Gregory, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Dr John Marek, Mr Richard Ryder, Mr Tom Sackville and Mr Brian Sedgemore.
4 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Order 1990, viz.: Mr Richard Alexander, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Alistair Burt, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr John Evans, Mr Barry Field, Mr Terry Fields, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Peter Hardy, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Anthony Nelson, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Michael Stern, Mr James Wallace, Joan Walley and Mr Jerry Wiggin.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 21st November; to be printed [No. 45-i] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 21st November; to be printed [No. 49] [Mr Michael Mates].


   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education, Science and Arts Committee on 21st November;

   to be printed [Nos. 50 and 51] [Mr Malcolm Thornton].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 21st November; to be printed [No. 48-i] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

5 European Legislation,—Second Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-ii] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 21st November; to be printed [No. 53-i] [Mr David Howell].

7 Procedure,—First Report from the Select Committee on Procedure [Review of Outstanding Recommendations]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 52] [Sir Peter Emery].

8 Treasury and Civil Service,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 21st November; to be printed [No. 41-ii]; and

   (2) Memorandum laid before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee

   [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 21st November 1990

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

   (1) the Criminal Justice Bill to Standing Committee A;

   (2) the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee B;

   (3) the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1990 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

   (4) the draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Order 1990 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

   (1) Sir Michael Shaw and Mr James Lamond Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill;

   (2) Sir Giles Shaw Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill;

   (3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1990; and
(4) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Order 1990.

[No. 12.]

Thursday 22nd November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.:

Mersey Docks and Harbour Bill [Lords]
North Yorkshire County Council Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

2 British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 29th November.

3 Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 29th November.

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

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

6 No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has no confidence in Her Majesty’s Government—(Mr Neil Kinnock);

Mr Derek Foster 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, Mrs Llin Golding: 247.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr David Lightbown: 367.
So the Question was negatived.

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

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

Thursday 22nd November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (Grant-maintained Schools) (Finance) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2279), dated 17th October 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

2 Local Government,—Local Government Act 1988 (Defined Activities) (Competition) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2280), dated 31st October 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].
3 Social Security.—Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2269), dated 15th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Other Papers:

4 International Development Association.—Report of the International Development Association, dated 30th January 1990, on the ninth replenishment of IDA resources [by Command] [Cm. 1325] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 International Monetary Fund.—Third Amendment to the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund [by Command] [Cm. 1344] [Mr John Maples].

6 Local Government.—Welsh Local Government Financial Statistics, No. 14, 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

7 Post Office.—Report of the Post Office Users’ Council for Wales for 1989–90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 Treaty Series (No. 77, 1990),—Notes exchanged at Accra on 12th March 1990 and Lome on 3rd April 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Togo concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Togo Debt Agreement No. 7 (1989)) [by Command] [Cm. 1309] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated a further Member to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill, viz.: Mr Terry Dicks.

2 Standing Committee B.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated two further Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr Andrew Hunter and the Reverend William McCrea.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 22nd November 1990

European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referrals have been made:—

(1) European Community Documents Nos. 8149/88, 9204/89 and 5807/90, relating to the protection of the habitats of wild flora and fauna, 7057/90, relating to a research programme in agriculture and agro-industry (1990-94), 8236/90, relating to movement of radioactive waste, 8356/90, relating to agricultural production methods, 8745/90, relating to sweeteners for use in foodstuffs, and the Court of Auditors’ Special Report No. 2/90, relating to management and control of export refunds, to European Standing Committee A;

(2) European Community Documents Nos. 6033/90, relating to a supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products, 6459/90, relating to obstacles to takeovers, 6701/90, relating to pollution from diesel engines in vehicles, 6864/90, relating to a research programme in information technology, and the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 8th March 1990, relating to the structure of public limited companies, to European Standing Committee B; and

(3) European Community Documents Nos. 6703/88, relating to the burden of proof in the area of equal pay and treatment for men and women, 8461/88, relating to import duties on weapons and military equipment, 7053/90, relating to a research programme in the field of human capital and mobility (1990-94), 8162/90, relating to application of Community rules on procurement procedures of water, energy, transport and telecommunications undertakings, 8075/90, relating to safety on temporary or mobile work sites, 8792/90, relating to protection of pregnant women at work, 8836/90, relating to acquisition and possession of weapons, 9431/90, relating to political union, and the Commission Report on the benefits and costs of economic and monetary union, to European Standing Committee C.
PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir George Young);

   And it being Eleven o’clock, Mr Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11 (Friday sittings).

   And 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.

4 Import and Export Control Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the Import and Export Control 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 Nicholas Baker.)

5 Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) 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 Nicholas Baker.)

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 26th November.

   [Adjourned at 2.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 23rd November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Pensions,—(1) Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Levy) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2277), and

   (2) Register of Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2278),

dated 15th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

2 Rating and Valuation,—Non-Domestic Rating (Transitional Period) (Amendment and Further Provision) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2329), dated 23rd November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Patten].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B Sir David Mitchell (nominated in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes.
Monday 26th November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

4 European Community Documents,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That European Community Document No. 8836/90, relating to acquisition and possession of weapons, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee C—(Mr David Lightbown);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr Tim Boswell: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Teddy Taylor, Mr Dennis Skinner: 19.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That European Community Document No. 8836/90, relating to acquisition and possession of weapons, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee C.

5 Statutory Sick Pay Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statutory Sick Pay 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 Irvine Patnick, Mr Tim Boswell: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr John Battle: 119.

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 Tom Sackville.)

Committee to-morrow.

6 Statutory Sick Pay Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Statutory Sick Pay Bill [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Statutory Sick Pay Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses incurred in consequence of the Act by a Minister of the Crown.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

7 Judgments,—Resolved, That the draft Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (Amendment) Order 1990, which was laid before this House on 7th November, be approved.—(Mr Solicitor General.)

8 Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), and the Order [9 November], That the draft Code of Audit Practice for England and Wales, which was laid before this House on 15th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Tom Sackville):—It was agreed to.

9 International Monetary Fund,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft International Monetary Fund (Increase in Subscription) Order 1990, which was laid before this House on 15th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Tom Sackville):—It was agreed to.

10 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Criminal Justice (Confiscation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990, which was laid
before this House on 15th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Tom Sackville)—It was agreed to.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

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 26th November 1990
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Ecclesiastical Law.—Care of Cathedrals Rules 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2335), dated 17th October 1990 [by Measure] [Clerk of the House].

2 Road Traffic.—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2334), dated 26th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Parkinson].

3 Social Security.—Income Support (General and Transitional) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2324), dated 22nd November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Other Papers:

4 Civil Aviation.—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 7th November 1990, relating to the giving of guarantees in respect of British Aerospace participation in Airbus programmes [by Command] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

5 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—(1) Accounts of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1988-89; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 10]; and

(2) Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1988-89 [by Act]

[Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

6 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [26th October 1990] from C. Westlake for support for international efforts to declare Antarctica a World Park [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

7 Social Security.—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee on the Income Support (General and Transitional) Amendment Regulations 1990; with a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 1355] [Mr Secretary Newton].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee A Ann Widdecombe (nominated in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mrs Ann Winterton.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Richard Ryder (nominated in respect of the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1990); and had appointed in substitution Mr John Maples.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 26th November; to be printed [No. 57-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Docklands Railway Bill,—The London Docklands Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Mersey Docks and Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Mersey Docks and Harbour Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

3 North Yorkshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The North Yorkshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

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

6 Select Committees,—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

7 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1990, referred to a Committee on 19th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 37].

8 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Ted Leadbitter reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Order 1990, referred to a Committee on 19th November.

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

9 Severn Bridges Bill,—Mr Secretary Parkinson, supported by Mr Secretary Waddington, Mr Secretary Wakeham, Mr Secretary Patten, Mr John Selwyn Gummer, Mr Norman Lamont, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Secretary Lilley and Mr Roger Freeman, presented a Bill to provide for the construction of a new bridge over the Severn Stuary between England and Wales and roads leading to the new bridge and associated works; to make provision for the levying of tolls in respect of use of the existing Severn bridge and the new bridge; to make other provision for and in connection with the operation of the bridges; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 16].

10 School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions 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, by undermining national pay arrangements, will divide and further weaken the education service, will place standards at risk, will place standards at risk, is based on no coherent strategy to improve teacher recruitment, retention and morale, and gives powers to the Secretary of State for which he will not properly be accountable', instead thereof. (Mr Jack Straw.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Martyn Jones: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr David Lightbown: 328.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Amendment on second or third reading):—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.
11 School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses of the Secretary of State under that Act; and
(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums so payable under any other Act.—(Mr Michael Fallon.)

12 Education.—Resolved, That the draft Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Act 1987 (Continuation) Order 1990, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved.—(Mr Tim Eggar.)

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 11.15 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 27th November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Local Government (Scotland).—Local Government Act 1988 (Defined Activities) (Competition) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2286), dated 16th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

2 Medicines.—Medicines (Fees Relating to Medicinal Products for Human Use) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2326), dated 26th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].


Other Papers:

4 Bahrain (No. 1, 1990).—Agreement, done at Manama on 24th June 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the State of Bahrain concerning mutual assistance in relation to drug trafficking [by Command] [Cm. 1305] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.—Concluding Document of the meeting held at Copenhagen from 5th to 29th June 1990 of the Conference on the Human Dimension of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe [by Command] [Cm. 1324] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

6 House of Commons Commission.—Report on House of Commons Services by a team led by Sir Robin Ibbs; to be printed [No. 38] [Mr Speaker].

7 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the elderly: information requirements for supporting the elderly and implications of personal pensions for the National Insurance Fund [by Act]; to be printed [No. 55] [Clerk of the House].

8 Saudi Arabia (No. 1, 1990).—Agreement, done at Jeddah on 2nd June 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia concerning the investigation of drug trafficking and the confiscation of the proceeds of drug trafficking [by Command] [Cm. 1308] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 Sweden (No. 1, 1990).—Agreement, done at Stockholm on 14th December 1989, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden concerning the restraint and confiscation of the proceeds of crime [by Command] [Cm. 1307] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated a further Member to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill, viz.: Mr Bruce George.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Statutory Instruments,—Third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 16.]

Wednesday 28th November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adelphi Estate Bill,—The Adelphi Estate Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

3 Standing Orders,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee several Resolutions, as follows:

   (1) That, in the case of the Midland Metro 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.

   (2) That, in the case of the Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, 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 Resolutions were agreed to.

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

5 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 and the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1990, referred to a Committee on 8th November.

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

7 Severn Bridges Bill,—Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Severn Bridges Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

8 Road Traffic Bill,—Mr Secretary Parkinson, supported by Mr Secretary Waddington, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Patten, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Secretary Waldegrave, Mr Norman Lamont and Mr Christopher Chope, presented a Bill to amend the law about road traffic: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 17].

9 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 Sydney Chapman.)

10 Statutory Sick Pay Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Statutory Sick Pay Bill.

   (In the Committee)

   Clause No. 1 (Reduction in the amounts recoverable by employers who have paid statutory sick pay).
Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 11, to leave out from the word ‘payments’ to the word ‘and’ in line 15 and insert the words ‘after the words “prescribed circumstances”, there shall be inserted the words “and in the circumstances in paragraph (aa) below”.—(Mr Archy Kirkwood.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr A. J. Beith: 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Irvine Patnick: 180.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 1, line 14, to leave out from the word ‘of’ to the word ‘and’ in line 15 and insert the words ‘so much of each of those payments as was made in respect of the first two weeks of—

(a) a period of incapacity for work, or

(b) two or more such periods separated by a period of not more than two weeks, and 100 per cent. of the remainder of those payments’.—(Mr Michael Meacher.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 1, line 27, to leave out the words ‘or lesser’.—(Mr Archy Kirkwood.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 2, line 1, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr Tony Banks.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 2, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(6) In section 22(3) of the Social Security Act 1989, in the definition of “relevant benefits”, at the end there shall be inserted the words “but, in the case of statutory sick pay, only such proportion of any payment as is recoverable by virtue of section 9(1)(a) of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982”’.—(Clare Short.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Secretary Newton, 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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr John Battle: 114.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

11 Development Board for Rural Wales Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Development Board for Rural Wales 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.

12 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Development Board for Rural Wales Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

13 Development Board for Rural Wales Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Development Board for Rural Wales 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 Sydney Chapman.)

Committee to-morrow.

14 Development Board for Rural Wales Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Development Board for Rural Wales Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Development Board for Rural Wales Bill, it is expedient to authorise any payment out of money provided by Parliament, the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund resulting from the increase to £175 million of the limit specified in section 12 of the Development of Rural Wales Act 1976.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

15 Advertising of Tobacco Products.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 6071/90 and the supplementary explanatory memoranda submitted by the Department of Health on 19th July and 26th October 1990, relating to the advertising of tobacco products.—(Mr Stephen Dorrell);

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And the Question being put,

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 6071/90 and the supplementary explanatory memoranda submitted by the Department of Health on 19th July and 26th October 1990, relating to the advertising of tobacco products.

16 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. 88 (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 the sitting.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

17 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Nottingham and district for an enquiry into the proposed closure of Lowdham Grange was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.42 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 28th November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Merchant Shipping,—Draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Hyperbolic Systems) Order 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Parkinson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (School Premises) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2351), dated 21st November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Electricity,—Electricity (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Exemptions) (No. 4) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2348), dated 27th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


5 Northern Ireland,—Horses (Protective Headgear for Young Riders) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2294), dated 20th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].


7 Pensions,—Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2315), dated 20th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].
8 Sea Fisheries,—Conservation of Seals (Common Seals) (Shetland Islands Area) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2337), dated 22nd November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

9 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statutes made by—
   (1) the Governing Body of Downing College, Cambridge, on 25th May 1990, amending the Statutes of the College,
   (2) the Governing Body of Jesus College, Oxford, on 12th July 1990, amending the Statutes of the College,
   (3) the Governing Body of St. Hugh’s College, Oxford, on 9th July 1990, amending the Statutes of the College, and
   (4) the University of Cambridge, on 4th July 1990, amending the Statutes of the University
   [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

Other Papers:

10 Commonhold,—Papers, entitled—
   (1) Commonhold: a consultation paper (with draft Bill annexed), and
   (2) Commonhold: a consultation paper (short version without draft Bill)
   [by Command] [Cm. 1345 and 1346] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on social security forecasting [by Act]; to be printed [No. 59] [Clerk of the House].

   [Mr Secretary Patten].


14 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petitions [26th October 1990] from the East Hertfordshire District Council and the Bishop’s Stortford Town Council against the proposed construction of a motorway service station at Birchanger [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

15 Social Services,—Government Reply to the Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Reports from the Social Services Committee, Session 1989-90, on the Government’s plans for the future of community care [by Command] [Cm. 1343] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

16 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Land Purchase Account of the Supreme Court of Judicature, Northern Ireland, for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 67] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated a further Member to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill, viz.: Ann Widdecombe.

2 Standing Committee D,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Bill, viz.: Mr David Amess, Hilary Armstrong, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Alistair Burt, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Tim Eggar, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Derek Fatchett, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr William Hague, Mr Ken Hargreaves, Mr James Pawsey, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Jack Straw, Mr Matthew Taylor and Mr Timothy Wood.

3 Standing Committee E,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill, viz.: Mr Tony Banks, Mr Christopher Gill, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Maureen Hicks, Mr Michael Jack, Mr John McAllion, Mr Allen McKay, Alice Mahon, Mr John Marshall, Mr Alfred Morris, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Nicholas Scott, Mrs Gillian Shephard, Mr Peter Thornham and Ann Widdecombe.

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Regulations 1990, viz.: Mr James Arbuthnot, Hilary Armstrong, Mr David
Bellotti, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr John Bowis, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Derek Fatchett, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr Alan Mea e, Mr Bill Michie, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes and Mr Timothy Wood.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 28th November; to be printed [No. 66-i] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 28th November; to be printed [No. 69] [Mr Michael Mates].

3 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 28th November; to be printed [No. 35-ii] [Mr Ron Leighton].

4 Environment,—(1) Second Report from the Environment Committee [Visit by the Committee to Brazil]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No 60]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 28th November; to be printed [No. 61-i]

[Sir Hugh Rossi].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 28th November; to be printed [No. 1-iii] [Sir John Wheeler].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Further matters relating to Northern Ireland];

(2) Second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Inland Revenue Department];

(3) Third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Training of non-industrial Civil Servants];

(4) Fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Clerical Recruitment in the Civil Service]; and

(5) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 28th November;

to be printed [Nos. 70, 71, 72, 73 and 74-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

7 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 28th November; to be printed [No. 63-i] [Mr Kenneth War rer].

MEMORANDA

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1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Bill to Standing Committee D;

(2) the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill to Standing Committee E; and

(3) the draft Education Support Grants Regulations 1990 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr David Knox Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Bill;

(2) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill;

(3) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the Matter of Education and Training in Wales; and

(4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Education Support Grants Regulations 1990.
[No. 17.]

Thursday 29th November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 6th December.

2 Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th December.

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

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

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

London Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon local authorities in London; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Midland Metro (Penalty Fares) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the charging of penalty fares in substitution for the proper fares for persons using the Midland Metro without a valid ticket for such use; and for related purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 London Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords],—The London Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

7 Midland Metro (Penalty Fares) Bill [Lords],—The Midland Metro (Penalty Fares) Bill [Lords] was read the first time

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

8 Standing Orders (Public Business),—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business be printed [No. 56].

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

10 Development Board for Rural Wales Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Development Board for Rural Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Nicholas Baker 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.

11 Import and Export Control Bill,—The Import and Export Control Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

12 Weapons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 10074/89 and 8836/90, relating to controls on the acquisition and possession of weapons; and endorses the Government’s view that any Directive must preserve the right of Member States to make those checks that are necessary for public security and public safety and that any additional burden on business should be kept to a minimum—(Mr Peter Lloyd);—

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Neil Hamilton: 78.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Frank Haynes: 15.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 10074/89 and 8836/90, relating to controls on the acquisition and possession of weapons; and endorses the Government’s view that any additional burden on business should be kept to a minimum.

13 Town and Country Planning,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1990, which were laid before this House on 16th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Tom Sackville):—It was agreed to.

14 Town and Country Planning (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1990, which were laid before this House on 16th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Tom Sackville):—It was agreed to.

15 Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating Bill),—Ordered, That, if the Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) 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 Resolutions come to by the House on Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill [Money] and Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill [Ways and Means] have been concluded, this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

16 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from members of the congregation of the Holy Cross Church, Plymouth, for legislation to protect the human embryo was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 29th November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Building Societies,—(1) Building Societies (Aggregation) Rules 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2362), and
(2) Building Societies (Non-Retail Funds and Deposits) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2363), dated 26th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

Other Papers:


3 European Communities (No. 76, 1990),—Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 27th April 1990, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden in the field of medical and health research [by Command] [Cm. 1317] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

4 Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments,—Report of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland for 1989–90 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 5] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 Science and Technology,—Report of the Natural Environment Research Council for 1989–90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

6 Treaty Series (No. 78, 1990),—Notes exchanged at Kinshasa on 11th July and 9th December 1989 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Zaire concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Zaire Debt Agreement No. 8 (1987)) [by Command] [Cm. 1304] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 Treaty Series (No. 79, 1990),—Notes exchanged at Rome on 4th May 1990 and London on 11th June 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Director General of the Multinational Force and Observers concerning the further extension of the commitment of the British component of the Multinational Force in the Sinai [by Command] [Cm. 1313] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 Treaty Series (No. 80, 1990),—Notes exchanged at Dublin on 2nd May and 11th June 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ireland amending and prolonging the Agreement on the International Carriage of Goods by Road, signed at Dublin on 9th April 1980 [by Command] [Cm. 1314] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee D,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr David Amess (nominated in respect of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Patrick Thompson.

2 Standing Committee E,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated a further Member to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill, viz.: Mr Dafydd Wigley.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 29th November 1990

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr Donald Coleman Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the Matter of Education and Training in Wales, in place of Mr Geraint Howells.

[No. 18.]

Thursday 30th November 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Selection,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
3 People and their Local Environment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while welcoming the general improvement in people’s living standards and the increasing freedom which they enjoy in their everyday lives, believes these advances must now be more closely matched by a quality of life in which clean air, pure water, unpolluted beaches, graffiti-free buildings, litterless streets, reduced noise levels, efficient waste management and recycling of material resources and support for the maintenance of the historic heritage, together with other enhancements of the natural and urban environment, will all assume much greater importance; and calls on the Government, through the necessary minimum regulation, education and encouragement of individual self-discipline, to continue to play its full part in developing a healthier, safer and more attractive environment for all people, in town and country alike—(Mr Michael Neubert);

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

4 European Community Documents.—Ordered, That European Community Document No. 8182/90, relating to the draft General Budget of the European Communities for 1991, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee C.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

5 European Community Documents.—Ordered, That European Community Document No. 9431/90, relating to political union, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee C.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

6 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 4th December, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), if proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the draft European Community Budget for 1991 have not been previously disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at Seven o’clock put the Question already proposed from the Chair, and, if that Question is for the Amendment of the said Motion, then put forthwith the Main Question or the Main Question as amended.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd December.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 30th November 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Channel Tunnel.—Channel Tunnel (Amendment of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Import Legislation) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2371), dated 29th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

Other Papers:

2 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland, the Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund and the Police Property Fund for 1989–90; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 21] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

3 Prisons (Northern Ireland),—Report on the work of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 1989–90 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 2] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee B.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr John Cope (nominated in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Dr Brian Mawhinney.

2 Standing Committee E.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee E Ann Widdecombe (nominated in respect of the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance B ill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Stephen Day.
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PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

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

Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to repeal the Standard Life Assurance Company Acts 1925 to 1980 and to make new provision for the regulation and management of the Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with the same orders of reference as were communicated to this House on 7th July 1987, in Session 1987-88; and that they have ordered that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons to-morrow at a quarter-past Four o’clock.

5 Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords].—The Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

6 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 2) Order 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

7 Oversea Superannuation Bill,—Ordered, That the Oversea Superannuation Bill be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

8 Community Charges (Substitute Setting) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Community Charges (Substitute Setting) Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Ken Eastham: 224.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

9 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill and the Ways and Means Motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Neil Hamilton.)

10 Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill,—The Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Further proceedings on the Bill stood postponed, pursuant to Order [29th November].

11 Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other Act.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)
12 Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That any Act resulting from the Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill may make provision with respect to the liability to non-domestic rates in respect of pitches for caravans.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

13 Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill.—The House, pursuant to Order [29th November], immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Caravans in England and Wales: standard community charges and non-domestic rates).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, line 21, at the end, to insert the words—

'(7A) It shall be an offence for a caravan site owner, or any person acting on behalf of a site owner, deliberately to misrepresent to any site tenant the extent of that tenant's liability to non-domestic rates'.—(Mr A. J. Beith.)

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

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Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 2, line 21, at the end, to insert the words—

'(7B) No person who has registered for a personal community charge in respect of his residence in a caravan shall be liable to make any contribution to non-domestic rates in respect of the same caravan, at the same site, in the same year'.—(Mr A. J. Beith.)

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 Irvine Patnick reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Mr John MacGregor, 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.

14 Parliament.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1990, which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

15 Marine Pollution.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Order 1990, which was laid before this House on 12th November, be approved.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.46 a.m.]
APPENDIX I
Monday 3rd December 1990
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Health and Safety, — Control of Industrial Major Accident Hazards (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2325), dated 21st November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Police, — Royal Ulster Constabulary (Complaints etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.R. (N.I.), 1990, No. 404), dated 16th November 1990 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Other Papers:

4 Northern Ireland, — Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts for 1989-90 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. 18] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

5 Overseas Pensions, — Kenya Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (Defunded) (United Kingdom) Scheme 1990, dated 3rd December 1990 [by Act] [Mrs Lynda Chalker].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A, — Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee A Ann Widdecombe (nominated in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Andrew Mitchell.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 3rd December; to be printed [No. 85-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 20.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Statistics of Trade, — The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Address of 21st November relating to Statistics of Trade had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

   I have received your Address praying that the Statistics of Trade Act 1947 (Amendment of Schedule) Order 1990 be made in the form of the draft laid before your House.

   I will comply with your request.

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

3 Midland Metro Bill, — Mr Alan Meale reported from the Committee on the Midland Metro Bill, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

   Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

   Report to be printed.
4 Liaison. — Mr Terence L. Higgins reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee), that the Liaison Committee had directed him to report the following recommendation for the allocation of time for the consideration of Estimates on an allotted day (being the first allotted day (first part) in the present Session):

That a half day not later than 6th February be allotted for the consideration of the following Supplementary Estimate for the financial year 1990-91:

Class IV, Vote 2, Department of Trade and Industry: support for industry, international trade, statutory and regulatory work, consumer protection and administration, in so far as it relates to investigations under the Companies Act and the Financial Services Act.

Report to lie upon the Table.

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

6 Select Committees.— A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Import and Export Control Bill, without Amendment.

8 Liaison. — Ordered, that the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee on 4th December be printed [No. 90].

9 New Members sworn.

Katherine, Mrs Adams, Member for Paisley North, was sworn.

Gordon McMaster, Esquire, Member for Paisley South, was sworn.

10 European Communities Budget. — A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. COM(90) 121, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for 1991, 8182/90, relating to the Draft Budget of the European Communities for 1991, and 9865/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by Her Majesty's Treasury on 30th November 1990, relating to the European Parliament's proposed amendments and modifications to the Draft Budget—(Mr Francis Maude);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words 'notes with concern the further substantial increases proposed in agricultural spending under the headings EAGGF Guarantee, EAGGF Guidance and Agriculture, and expresses astonishment at the proposals by the European Parliament that these figures should be further increased'.—(Mr Jonathan Aitken.)

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

And it being Seven o'clock, Mr Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [30th November], to put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Bob Cryer: 20

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Neil Hamilton: 188.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the said Order;

Resolved, that this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. COM(90) 121, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for 1991, 8182/90, relating to the Draft Budget of the European Communities for 1991, and 9865/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by Her Majesty's Treasury on 30th November 1990, relating to the European Parliament's proposed amendments and modifications to the Draft Budget.

11 Private Bills (Procedure). — A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that so much of the Lords Message [12th November] as relates to the Clyde Port Authority Bill, the London Underground (Victoria) Bill, the Tee's and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill and the Shard Bridge Bill be now considered—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);

Mr Richard Holt 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 Thurnham, Mr Tony Durant: 113.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Harry Barnes: 43.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Thurnham, Mr Christopher Gill: 107.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Terry Lewis: 44.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [12th November] as relates to the Clyde Port Authority Bill, the London Underground (Victoria) Bill, the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill and the Shard Bridge Bill be now considered.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider so much of the said Message.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Bills may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bills in the present Session; and the Petitions for the Bills shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That the Bills shall be presented to the House not later than the seventh day after this day;

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 last Session;

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;

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 last Session.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

12 Income Tax,—Resolved, That the draft Debts of Overseas Governments (Determination of Relevant Percentage) Regulations 1990, which were laid before this House on 15th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr Francis Maude.)

13 Criminal Justice Bill,—Ordered, That any new Clause relating to capital punishment of which notice may be given not later than 12th December in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House; and that, when the Committee of the whole House has reported with respect to any such new Clause and the Standing Committee on the Bill has reported the Bill, the Bill be proceeded with as if it had been reported as a whole from the Standing Committee.—(Mr Neil Hamilton.)

Committee to-morrow.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 4th December 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming and Gaming Machine (Variation of Charges) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990 (S.R.(N.I.), 1990, No. 403), dated 20th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

2 Defence,—(1) Army Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2373), dated 27th November 1990, and
(2) Royal Air Force Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2374), dated 28th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary King].
3 Marine Pollution,—Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2345), dated 23rd November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Sea Fisheries,—Cod (Specified Sea Areas) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2394), dated 23rd November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Harrogate Telecommunications Complex Limited) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2375), and

6 Tractors,—Agricultural or Forestry Tractors and Tractor Components (Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2336), dated 23rd November 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

Other Papers:

7 Defence,—Army Act 1955 (Part 1) (Regular Army) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

8 Defence (Royal Air Force),—(1) Addition to Amendment List No. 5 to Air Publication 3393, dated 8th November 1990, and
(2) Amendment List No. 9 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition), dated 26th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

9 European Communities (No. 77, 1990),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Maputo on 1st October 1988 concerning the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the People’s Republic of Mozambique on fishing off the coast of Mozambique, initialled in Brussels on 11th December 1986, for the period starting 1st January 1987 [by Command] [Cm. 1318] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 European Communities (No. 78, 1990),—Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 31st May 1989, to the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Iceland, consequent on the implementation of the harmonized commodity description and coding system [by Command] [Cm. 1319] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

11 European Communities (No. 79, 1990),—Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 21st May 1990, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland in the field of medical and health research [by Command] [Cm. 1320] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

12 Indemnities,—Office of Arts and Libraries Minute concerning indemnities for borrowed objects on loan to the Arts Council of Great Britain [by Command] [Mr Tim Renton].

13 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [8th November] from residents of Straightsmouth for a further enquiry into the planned route of the Docklands Light Railway in Greenwich [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

14 Royal Hospital, Chelsea,—Account of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (for services other than those voted by Parliament) for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 88] [Clerk of the House].

15 Science and Technology,—Report of the Science and Engineering Research Council for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

16 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
(1) Harrogate Telecommunications Complex, and
(2) York Telecommunications Complex under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

17 Treaty Series (No. 81, 1990),—Amendments, adopted by the Oslo Commission at its Eleventh Meeting at Mariehamn on 13th June 1985, to Annexes I and II to the Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft, done at Oslo on 15th February 1972 [by Command] [Cm. 1315] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee B.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr David Davis (nominated in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Hugo Summerson.

2 Standing Committee E.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr Michael Jack (nominated in respect of the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr David Wilshire.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Members' Interests, —Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Members' Interests on 4th December; to be printed [No. 89-i] [Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith].

2 Statutory Instruments, —Fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-iv] [Mr Bob Cryer].

[No. 21.]

Wednesday 5th December 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.:

- London Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords]
- Midland Metro (Penalty Fares) Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

2 Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, —Mr Secretary Lang presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Fraserburgh Harbour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered on Tuesday 11th December and to be printed [Bill 18].

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

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

5 Select Committees, —Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

6 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 28th November, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

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

7 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., —Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Education Support Grants Regulations 1990, referred to a Committee on 14th November.

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

8 Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill, —Mr Andrew Faulds, supported by Mr Alan Amos, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Tom Cox, Mr Jerry Hayes, Maureen Hicks, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr John Home Robertson, Joan Lestor, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Steve Norris and Mr Roger Sims, presented a Bill to increase the penalties
for the sale of tobacco to persons under the age of 16 years; to make illegal the sale of tobacco to such persons from vending machines; to require local authorities to enforce those provisions and publish reports; to prohibit the sale of unpackaged cigarettes; to prohibit the advertising of tobacco or tobacco-sponsored events from retail premises; to require the publication of warning statements on cigarette packages and in retail premises; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 19].

9 Pig Husbandry Bill.—Sir Richard Body, supported by Mr Teddy Taylor, Mr Harry Christopherson, Mr Gary Waller, Mr Andrew Bowden, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Ron Davies and Mr Matthew Taylor, presented a Bill to prohibit the use of neck and girth tethers on breeding sows; and to prohibit the confinement of breeding sows in narrow stalls: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 20].

10 National Health Service (Compensation) Bill.—Mrs Rosie Barnes, supported by Mr Jack Ashley, Mr John Cartwright, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Frank Field, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Sir Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr Alfred Morris, Dr David Owen and Mrs Ann Winterton, presented a Bill to provide that persons injured, distressed or subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering during care by the National Health Service may be awarded compensation even if there is no negligence on the part of the National Health Service; to define eligibility for compensation; to establish a Medical Injury Compensation Board and to make other provision for the assessment of eligibility and payment of compensation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 21].

11 Public Safety Information Bill.—Mr John Bowis, supported by Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Dai Blyth, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Roger Stott, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr John P. Smith and Mr Ian Taylor, presented a Bill to give certain bodies duties regarding information concerning public safety; to require the designation of a public safety officer by such bodies; to provide for the keeping of registers of such information; to provide for public access to that information; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th February and to be printed [Bill 22].

12 Badgers Bill.—Mr Roy Hughes, supported by Mr Ron Davies, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr John Bowis, Mr Donald Coleman, Mr Andrew MacKay, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Paul Murphy and Mr Gary Waller, presented a Bill to make provision for the protection of badger setts; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 23].

13 Courts (Research) Bill.—Dr Mike Woodcock, supported by Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Roger King, Mr Barry Porter, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr David Evennett, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Keith Vaz, Mr Michael Knowles and Mr Gareth Wardell, presented a Bill to make provision for research concerning the televising of proceedings in court; and for research concerning trial by jury; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 24].

14 Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill.—Mr John Butcher, supported by Sir Robert McCrindle, Mr David Evans, Mr Lewis Stevens, Mr Douglas French, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Alan Williams and Mr Austin Mitchell, presented a Bill to prohibit the making of false or misleading statements by persons carrying on estate agency business in connection with property transactions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 25].

15 Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill.—Mr Conal Gregory, supported by Mr Stuart Bell, Mrs Rosie Barnes, Mr Alistair Burt, Dame Janet Fookes, Mr Douglas French, Alice Mahon, Mr Ian McCartney and Mr Patrick Thompson, presented a Bill to require the installation and maintenance of smoke alarms in private dwelling houses; to provide for financial assistance in certain cases; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 26].

16 Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill.—Mr Dudley Fishburn, supported by Mr Neville Trotter, Mr John Bowis, Mr Chris Butler, Mr Matthew Carrington and Mr Ted Garrett, presented a Bill to make new provision with respect to the transport of radioactive material by road; to repeal section 5(2) of the Radioactive Substances Act 1948; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 27].
17 Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill.—Mr John Butterfill, supported by Mr David Hinchcliffe, Sir Peter Blaker, Mr A. J. Beith, Sir David Price, Mrs Rosie Barnes, Sir Robert McCrindle, Mr Dafydd Wigley, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Frank Field, Mr David Evans and Mr Barry Field, presented a Bill to amend Part 1 of the Registered Homes Act 1984 so as to require registration in respect of small residential care homes; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th February and to be printed [Bill 28].

18 Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill.—Mr Joe Ashton, supported by Dame Janet Fookes, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Stan Crowther, Mr Peter Hardy, Mrs Ann Clwyd and Mr Andrew Bowden, presented a Bill to require an indication to be given if specified goods have been tested upon animals; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th February and to be printed [Bill 29].

19 Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill.—Mr Calum Macdonald, supported by Mr Brian Wilson, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Elliot Morley, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Andrew F. Bennett and Mr James Wallace, presented a Bill to extend the powers of grazings committees in relation to the use of crofting land in Scotland for forestry purposes; and to make grazings committees eligible for certain grants in respect of such use: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 30].

20 Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill.—Mr William Cash presented a Bill to make new provision in place of sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 31].

21 Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors' Reports) Bill.—Mr Michael Mates presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the furnishing or making of copies, and inspection, of auditors' immediate reports made under section 15(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1982: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 32].

22 Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill.—Mr David Winnick, supported by Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Terry Davis, Mr George Foulkes, Mr Greville Janner, Mr Ron Leighton, Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse, Marjorie Mowlam, Ms Joyce Quin, Joan Walley and Audrey Wise, presented a Bill to prohibit the use of upper age limits in the advertising of employment vacancies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 33].

23 Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Bill.—Mr Michael Jopling, supported by Sir Michael Shaw, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Sir Robert McCrindle, Mr Stanley Orme, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Don Dixon, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr A. E. P. Duffy, Mr Jerry Wiggin and Mr Eric Martlew, presented a Bill to make provision in relation to safety equipment for children in motor vehicles: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th March and to be printed [Bill 34].

24 Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill.—Mr John Greenway, supported by Mr Jack Ashley, Mr David Bellotti, Mr Alistair Burt, Mr John Cartwright, Mr Kenneth Hind, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr Andy Stewart and Mr Peter Temple-Morris, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the special verdict and unfitness to plead; to increase the powers of courts in the event of defendants being found to be insane or unfit to plead; and to provide for a trial of the facts in the cases of defendants found to be unfit to plead: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 35].

25 Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Donald Coleman, supported by Mr Ron Davies, Mr Peter Hardy, Mr Roy Hughes, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Geraint Howells, Dr Dafydd Elis Thomas, Mr Martyn Jones, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr John Bowis, Mr Andrew F. Bennett and Mr Gareth Wardell, presented a Bill to amend sections 5 and 11 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 so as to make it an offence to cause or permit the commission of offences under those sections: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th February and to be printed [Bill 36].

26 Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill.—Mr Roland Boyes, supported by Mr Kevin Barron, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr George J. Buckley, Mr Patrick Cormack, Mr Cecil Franks, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr David Knox, Mr Keith Mans and Mr Martin Redmond, presented a Bill to provide for greater access by the public to meetings of parish councils and community councils, and to certain documents and information relating to parish councils, parish meetings, community councils and community meetings; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 37].
27 Aircraft (Noise Restriction) Bill.—Mr Terry Davis presented a Bill to make provision with respect to permissible noise levels of civil aircraft operating to and from airports in the United Kingdom; to place upon the Secretary of State a duty of licensing civil aircraft in respect of engine noise levels; to impose restrictions on civil night flying; to increase the extent and scope of noise insulation grants; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 38].

28 Opposition day [1st allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Abolition of the Poll Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House asserts that experience has shown beyond doubt that the poll tax is objectionable in principle and unfair and unworkable in practice; concludes that the problems it creates for local taxpayers and for local government cannot be overcome and are getting worse; notes the recent denunciation of the poll tax by many senior members of the Government including the new Secretary of State for the Environment; and urges the Government to have the courage of its changed convictions by recognising that the poll tax is beyond redemption and must be abolished—(Mr Bryan Gould);

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 Prime Minister and the Government for their decision to undertake a careful and fundamental review of the community charge; and deplores the fact that despite several unsatisfactory attempts, the Labour Party has failed to come forward with any clear or workable proposals of its own', instead thereof. (Mr Secretary Heseltine.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Ken Eastham: 254.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Nicholas Baker: 311.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Nicholas Baker: 310.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Ken Eastham: 232.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates the Prime Minister and the Government for their decision to undertake a careful and fundamental review of the community charge; and deplores the fact that despite several unsatisfactory attempts, the Labour Party has failed to come forward with any clear or workable proposals of its own.

29 National Health Service (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the National Health Service (Local Health Councils) (Scotland) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2230), dated 7th November 1990, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th November, be annulled—(Mr Sam Galbraith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mrs Ray Michie: 24.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 121.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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And the Question being put;

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

[Adjourned at 12.6 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 5th December 1990
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2385), dated 29th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Other Papers:

2 Industrial Training,—Report and Accounts of the Road Transport Industry Training Board for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Science and Technology,—Report of the Economic and Social Research Council for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

4 Supply Estimates, 1990-91,—Revised Winter Supplementary Estimates for 1990-91 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 76] [Mr Francis Maude].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee E,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee E Mrs Gillian Shephard and Mr David Wilshire (nominated in respect of the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Robert G. Hughes and Ann Widdecombe.

2 Standing Committee F,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Community Charges (Substitute Setting) Bill, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr A. J. Beeth, Mr David Blunkett, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr John Butterfill, Mr James Cran, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Kate Hoey, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Robert Key, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Paul Murphy, Emma Nicholson, Mr William O'Brien, Mr James Paice, Mr Michael Portillo, Dawn Primarolo and Mr Robert N. Wareing.

3 Second Reading Committee,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee on the Oversea Superannuation Bill, viz.: Mr Donald Anderson, Mr David Ashby, Sir Peter Blaker, Sir Nicholas Bonser, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Sir Peter Emery, Mr George Foulkes, Mr George Galloway, Mr George Gardiner, Mr Ted Garrett, Sir Russell Johnston, Mr Robert Litherland, Mr John McFall, Mr Norman Miscampbell, Mr David Mudd, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Tom Sackville and Mr Peter Temple-Morris.

4 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 2) Order 1990, viz.: Mr Robert Adley, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr William Cash, Mr David Davis, Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Mr David Evennett, Mr Tony Fawell, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr John Hannam, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Peter Lloyd, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr Chris Mullin and Mr Barry Sheerman.

5 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1990, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Jonathan Atkinson, Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr John Carlisle, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Den Dover, Mr David Evans, Mr Cecil Franks, Mr Roger Gale, Mr David Hinchcliffe,
APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 5th December; to be printed [No. 36-ii] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 5th December; to be printed [No. 69-ii] [Mr Michael Mates].

3 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 5th December; to be printed [No. 98] [Mr Ron Leighton].

4 Energy,—(1) Third Special Report from the Energy Committee [Government Observations on the Fourth Report from the Committee (Session 1989-90) on The Cost of Nuclear Power]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 92]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 5th December; to be printed [No. 91-i] [Dr Michael Clark].

5 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 5th December; to be printed [No. 61-ii] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

6 European Legislation,—Third Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-iii] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

7 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 5th December; to be printed [Nos. 53-ii and 77-i] [Mr David Howell].

8 Transport,—(1) First Report from the Transport Committee [Aircraft Cabin Safety], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 15];

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 5th December; to be printed [No. 82-i]; and

   (3) Memoranda laid before the Transport Committee [Mr David Marshall].

9 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 5th December; to be printed [No. 41-iii] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

MEMORANDA
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1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

   (1) the Community Charges (Substitute Setting) Bill to Standing Committee F;

   (2) the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 2) Order 1990 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

   (3) the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1990 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

   (1) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Community Charges (Substitute Setting) Bill;

   (2) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Oversea Superannuation Bill;
(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 2) Order 1990; and

(4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1990.

3 European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 7214/90, relating to the protection of animals during transport, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

[No. 22.]

Thursday 6th December 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Royal Assent.—Mr Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, that Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Act, agreed upon by both Houses:

Import and Export Control Act 1990.

2 British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 13th December.

3 Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th December.

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

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

6 Select Committees.—Minutes of Evidence were reported from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

7 Private Bills.—The Orders [4th December] relating to the London Underground (Victoria) Bill being read;

London Underground (Victoria) Bill.—A Bill to empower London Underground Limited to construct works and to acquire or use lands; and for connected purposes, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.

8 European Community Documents.—Ordered, That European Community Document No. 6864/90, relating to a research programme in information technology, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee B.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

9 Developments in the European Community.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of—

(a) developments in the European Community, in particular in view of the forthcoming European Council in Rome on 14th-15th December, with reference also to the White Paper on Developments in the European Community January-June 1990 (Cm. 1234); and

(b) European Community Document No. 9431/90, the European Commission’s opinion on the calling of the Inter-Governmental Conference on Political Union which was issued in accordance with Article 236 of the Treaty—(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 ‘condemns Her Majesty’s Government for its neglect of British interests in the European Community and its failure
to produce a coherent policy towards the Inter-Governmental Conferences due to be held
next week', instead thereof.—(Mr Gerald Kaufman.)

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

Mr Derek Foster 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 McFall: 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 308.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of—

(a) developments in the European Community, in particular in view of the
forthcoming European Council in Rome on 14th-15th December, with reference
also to the White Paper on Developments in the European Community January-
June 1990 (Cm. 1234); and

(b) European Community Document No. 9431/90, the European Commission's
opinion on the calling of the Inter-Governmental Conference on Political Union
which was issued in accordance with Article 236 of the Treaty.

10 Armed Forces Bill,—Ordered, That Mr Derek Conway, Mr Denzil Davies, Dr Charles
Goodson-Wickes, Mr Archie Hamilton, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr
Keith Mans, Dr John Reid, Mr John P. Smith, Mr Keith Vaz and Mr John Wilkinson
be members of the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill;

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee;

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records;

Ordered, That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place.—(Mr Neil
Hamilton.)

11 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Mrs R. M. Habden for restoration of the link between state pensions and average
earnings, and

(2) Maria Cattliff for support for international efforts to declare Antarctica a World
Park

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.49 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 6th December 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Insurance,—Insurance Brokers Registration Council (Indemnity Insurance and Grants
Scheme) (Amendment) Rules Approval Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2461), dated 4th
December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

2 Libraries,—Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variations) Order 1990
(S.I., 1990, No. 2360), dated 26th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Tim Renton].

3 New Towns,—New Towns (Transfer of Housing Stock) (Amendment) Regulations 1990
(S.I., 1990, No. 2366), dated 28th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

4 Patents,—Patents Rules 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2384), dated 29th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr
Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

6 Data Protection,—Account of the Data Protection Registrar for 1989-90: with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 100] [Clerk of the House].

7 European Communities (No. 80, 1990),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 4th May 1990 concerning the provisional application of the Agreement amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Principe on fishing off São Tomé and Principe, signed at Brussels on 1st February 1984, with effect from 1st June 1987 [by Command] [Cm. 1335] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 European Communities (No. 83, 1990),—Protocol, done at Brussels on 20th April 1988, to the Agreement on products within the province of the European Coal and Steel Community consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community [by Command] [Cm. 1327] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 Treaty Series (No. 82, 1990),—Treaty, done at Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, on 3rd July 1986, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America concerning the Cayman Islands relating to mutual legal assistance in criminal matters [by Command] [Cm. 1316] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 Treaty Series (No. 84, 1990),—Treaty, done at Ottawa on 22nd June 1988, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Canada on mutual assistance in criminal matters (drug trafficking) [by Command] [Cm. 1326] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Spencer Batiste (nominated in respect of the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1990); and had appointed in substitution Mr Andrew Bowden.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 6th December; to be printed [No. 63-ii] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

[No. 23.]

Friday 7th December 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from personnel of the London Ambulance Service for the reference to a select committee of the need for an improved ambulance service was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

3 Private Bills,—The Orders [4th December] relating to the Clyde Port Authority Bill, the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill and the Shard Bridge Bill, being read;

Clyde Port Authority Bill,—A Bill to provide for the dissolution of the Clyde Port Authority, the vesting of their undertaking in a successor company and the designation of a holding company of the successor company; to make provision with respect to the successor company and the holding company; and for other connected purposes, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.
Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—A Bill to provide for the dissolution of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority, the vesting of their undertaking in a successor company and the designation of a holding company of the successor company; to make provision with respect to the successor company and the holding company; and for other or connected purposes, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.

Shard Bridge Bill.—A Bill to modify the Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1954 in its application to the bridge undertaking of the Shard Bridge Company; to confer other powers on the proprietors and to amend or repeal certain of the local statutory provisions applicable to them; and for other purposes, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.

4 Education Provision Bill.—Mr Roger Sims presented a Bill to amend the law in regard to parental preference relating to school admission arrangements made by local education authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 41].

5 United Kingdom Political Developments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the political developments in the United Kingdom since 1979; salutes the Right honourable Member for Finchley for the part she has played in these developments; congratulates her upon her leadership of the country as Prime Minister for eleven and a half years and pays tribute to the many fine personal qualities that she brought to the performance of her duties, including, in particular, her integrity, steadfastness and courage; and looks forward to her continued contribution to the political life of this country—(Mr David Amess);

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

6 Education, Science and Arts.—Ordered, That Mr Win Griffiths be discharged from the Education, Science and Arts Committee and Mrs Sylvia Heal be added to the Committee.—(Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Employment.—Ordered, That Sir Philip Goodhart be discharged from the Employment Committee and Mr Ian Bruce be added to the Committee.—(Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 10th December.

APPENDIX

Friday 7th December 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Local Government.—Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy and Premature Retirement) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2380), dated 28th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

2 Road Traffic.—Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2365), dated 28th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 Sea Fisheries.—Sole (Specified Sea Areas) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2481), dated 6th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Larg].

Other Papers:

4 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons.—Statements by the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary of State for Wales concerning the provision of residential accommodation for disabled persons under the age of 65, for 1989 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 68] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].
Monday 10th December 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.:

Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

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

3 Select Committees.---Minutes of Evidence were reported from several Select Committees and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

4 Human Rights Bill.---Mr Graham Allen presented a Bill to provide protection in the courts of the United Kingdom for the rights and freedoms specified in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms to which the United Kingdom is a party: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 39].

5 Statutory Instruments, &c.,---Ordered, That the draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Hyperbolic Systems) Order 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.---(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

6 Road Traffic Bill,---The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic Bill;

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

And it being Seven o'clock, and there being Private Business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 16 (Time for taking private business), further proceeding stood postponed.

7 King's Cross Railways Bill.---A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Promoters of the King's Cross Railways Bill may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That the Bill shall be presented to this House not later than the seventh day after this day;

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 last Session;

That the Bill shall be laid upon the Table of this House by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the next meeting of this 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 Session 1988-89 which stand referred to the Committee on the Bill, together with any Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Bill, shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill in the present Session;

That no Petitioners shall be heard before the Committee on the Bill, unless their Petition has been presented within the time limited within Session 1988-89 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 last Session.---(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means);

Mr Gary Waller 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, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Humfrey Malins: 141.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Andrew Rowe: 43.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Humfrey Malins: 146.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 21.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the King's Cross Railways Bill may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with.

That the Bill shall be presented to this House not later than the seventh day after this day;

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 last Session;

That the Bill shall be laid upon the Table of this House by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the next meeting of this 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 Session 1988-89 which stand referred to the Committee on the Bill, together with any Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Bill, shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill in the present Session;

That no Petitioners shall be heard before the Committee on the Bill, unless their Petition has been presented within the time limited within Session 1988-89 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 last Session.

To be communicated to the Lords and their concurrence desired thereto.

8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Road Traffic Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

9 Road Traffic Bill,—The House resumed the postponed proceeding on the Question, That the Road Traffic Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

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

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

(a) any sums required by the Secretary of State for the payment of grants to the Traffic Director for London,

(b) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under the Act, and

(c) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment.—(Mr David Lightbown.)

11 European Community Documents,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), if European Community Document No. 9601/90, relating to non-standard work, is recommended by the Select Committee on European Legislation for further consideration, the said document shall not stand referred to a European Standing Committee.—(Mr David Lightbown.)
12 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Education Support Grants Regulations 1990, which were laid before this House on 8th November, be approved—(Mr David Liddington).—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bury South against proposals by Manchester City Council to remove parts of Sedgley from the Metropolitan Borough of Bury was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.6 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 10th December 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Overseas Development and Co-operation.—(1) Draft Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments) Order 1990, and
(2) draft International Development Association (Ninth Replenishment) Order 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Broadcasting.—(1) Broadcasting (Local Delivery Services) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2389), and
(2) Broadcasting (Number of Houses in an Area for Purposes of Diffusion Service Licence) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2388), dated 3rd December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

3 Children and Young Persons.—Accommodation of Children (Charge and Control) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2399), dated 3rd December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave]

4 Clean Air.—Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (No. 2) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2457), dated 4th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine]

5 Community Charges.—Community Charges (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2475), dated 6th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine]

6 Education (Scotland).—(1) Central Institutions (Recognition) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2386), and
(2) Glasgow College of Technology and Robert Gordon’s Institute of Technology (Change of Name) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2387), dated 28th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7 Health and Safety.—Electrical Equipment for Explosive Atmospheres (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2377), dated 27th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard]

8 Local Government.—(1) Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (England) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2472), and
(2) Parish and Community Councils (Committees) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2476), dated 6th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine]

9 Local Government (Scotland).—(1) Local Government Act 1988 (Defined Activities) (Competition) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2498), dated 7th December 1990, and
(2) Local Statutory Provisions (Postponement of Repeal) (Scotland) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2370), dated 27th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 National Health Service (Scotland).—National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2497), dated 6th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
11 Pensions,—Local Government Superannuation (Investments) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2480), dated 7th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

12 Plant Health,—Plant Health (Forestry) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2398), dated 3rd December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


14 Rating and Valuation,—Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2499), dated 7th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

15 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Cable Communications (Wigan) Limited) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2397), dated 3rd December 1990, and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

16 Trade Unions,—Funds for Trade Union Ballots (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2379), dated 27th November 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

17 Census of Production,—Report on the Census of Production for 1988: summary volume [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

18 Highlands and Islands Development Board,—Accounts of the Highlands and Islands Development Board for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 102] [Clerk of the House].

19 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on accommodation for HM Customs and Excise London Investigation Division staff [by Act]; to be printed [No. 101] [Clerk of the House].

20 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) Cable Communications (Wigan) Limited, and

(2) United Artists Communications (North Thames Estuary) Limited, under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

21 Trade,—Return in part to an Order [27th November 1989] for a Return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1990, for October [Mr John Maples].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 10th December; to be printed [No. 33-ii] [Dr Michael Clark].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 10th December; to be printed [No. 103–i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 25.]

Tuesday 11th December 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The London Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.
3 Accounts and Papers. — Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees. — Several Reports were made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

5 Oversea Superannuation Bill. — Mr Geraint Howells reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Oversea Superannuation Bill. That it had come to the following Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: That the Committee recommends that the Oversea Superannuation Bill ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 105].

6 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., — Mr James Hill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 2) Order 1990, referred to a Committee on 3rd December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 107].

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

Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision with respect to the unlawful disclosure of information acquired in connection with the discharge of functions under the Census Act 1920; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords].—The Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 42].

9 Statutory Instruments, &c., — Ordered, That the Community Charge Benefits (General) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 1773) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

10 Statutory Instruments, &c., — Ordered, That the Income Support (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 1776) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

11 Statutory Instruments, &c., — Ordered, That the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 1775) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

12 Statutory Instruments, &c., — Ordered, That the Family Credit (General) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 1774) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

13 Representation of the People Bill. — Ordered, That the Representation of the People Bill be referred to a Second Reading Committee. —(Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

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

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Dafydd Wigley: 42.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lipton, Mr John M. Taylor: 455.

So the Question was negatived.

15 House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975. — Resolved, That Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 be amended as follows:

PART II OF SCHEDULE 1

Additional entry

1. The following entry shall be inserted at the appropriate place:

‘The Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland’.

Entries omitted

2. The following entries shall be omitted:

‘The General Practice Finance Corporation.

The entry beginning ‘A Medical Appeal Tribunal’.

The New Towns Staff Commission.'
The Police Complaints Board for Northern Ireland.
The Traffic Commissioners for any area (including the Commissioner for the Metropolitan Traffic Area).
The Tribunal established under Part II of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949.
The University Grants Committee.

Other amendments
3.—(1) In the entry ‘The National Development Team for Mentally Handicapped People’, for ‘Mentally Handicapped People’ there shall be substituted ‘People with a Mental Handicap’.
(2) For the entry ‘The Northern Ireland Electricity Service’ there shall be substituted the following entry:
‘Northern Ireland Electricity’.

PART III OF SCHEDULE I

Additional entries
4. The following entries shall be inserted at the appropriate places:
‘Additional Commissioner of the Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland.
Chairman of the Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.
Chairman of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.
Chairman of the Inland Waterways Amenity Advisory Council.
Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Laganside Corporation.
Chairman of the National Council for Vocational Qualifications.
Chairman of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board.
Chairman of a special health and social services agency established under Article 3 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Special Agencies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990.
Chairman of the Special Hospitals Service Authority.
Chairman of the Training, Enterprise and Education Advisory Group for Wales.
Director of the Simpler Trade Procedures Board.
Director of Caledonian MacBrayne Limited.
Director of Citybus Limited.
Director of Flexibus Limited.
Director of Northern Ireland Airports Limited.
Director of Northern Ireland Railways Company Limited.
Director of Nuclear Electric plc.
Director of Scottish Nuclear Limited.
Director of Ulsterbus Limited.
Member of a Medical Appeal Tribunal appointed under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 12 to the Social Security Act 1975.
Member of a Medical Appeal Tribunal for Northern Ireland appointed under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 12 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975.
Member of the panel of chairmen for Social Security Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland appointed under section 97(2D)(a) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975, or of the panel of chairmen for Medical Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland appointed under paragraph 2(4)(a) of Schedule 12 to that Act.
Member of the staff of the Northern Ireland Audit Office.
Member of a Medical Appeal Tribunal appointed under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 12 to the Social Security Act 1975.
Member of a Medical Appeal Tribunal for Northern Ireland appointed under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 12 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975.
Member of the panel of chairmen for Social Security Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland appointed under section 97(2D)(a) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975, or of the panel of chairmen for Medical Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland appointed under paragraph 2(4)(a) of Schedule 12 to that Act.
Member of the staff of the Northern Ireland Audit Office.
Person appointed under section 3(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to carry out functions relating to the political restriction of posts under local authorities, within the meaning of Part I of that Act.
Social Fund Commissioner.
Traffic Commissioner for any area constituted for the purposes of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981’.

Entries omitted
5. The following entries shall be omitted:
‘The entry beginning ‘Chairman of any of the Consultative Councils’.
The entry beginning ‘Chairman of either of the Consultative Councils’.
Chairman of the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas.
Chairman in receipt of remuneration of the Electricity Consumers’ Council.
Chairman of the Manpower Services Committee for Scotland.
Chairman of the Manpower Services Committee for Wales.
Chairman of the Board of the National Advisory Body for Public Sector Higher Education.

Chairman of the National Seed Development Organisation Limited.

Chairman of the Northern Ireland Staffs Council for the Health and Social Services.

Chairman or Chief Executive of the Simplification of International Trade Procedures Board.

Chairman of the Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards in Northern Ireland.

The entry beginning 'The Commissioner appointed'.

Director of the British Petroleum Company plc nominated by a Minister of the Crown or government department.

Director of Harland and Wolff plc.

Director of Royal Ordnance plc.

Director of S. B. (Realisations) plc nominated or appointed by a Minister of the Crown or government department.

Director of Short Brothers plc.

Director of the successor company (within the meaning of the Airports Act 1986) being a director nominated or appointed by a Minister of the Crown or by a person acting on behalf of the Crown.

Director of the successor company (within the meaning of the Gas Act 1986), being a director nominated or appointed by a Minister of the Crown or by a person acting on behalf of the Crown.

General Manager or Secretary of the Scottish Special Housing Association.

Member of a panel appointed under section 97(2D)(a) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 of persons eligible to act as chairmen of Social Security Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland.

Member of the Trinity House Lighthouse Board nominated by the Secretary of State'.

Other amendments

6.—(1) In the entry beginning 'Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Dental Estimates Board', for 'Estimates' there shall be substituted 'Practice'.

(2) In the entry beginning 'Chairman of the Scottish Dental Estimates Board', for 'Estimates' there shall be substituted 'Practice'.

(3) In the entry 'Chairman of the tribunal constituted under section 463 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970', for '463' and '1970' there shall be substituted '706' and '1988' respectively.

(4) In the entry beginning 'Chairman of the United Kingdom Central Council', the words from 'if appointed' onwards shall be omitted.

(5) In the entry 'Director of British Nuclear Fuels Limited', for 'Limited' there shall be substituted 'plc'.

(6) In the entry beginning 'Director of any company in receipt of financial assistance', the words from 'the Distribution of Industry Act 1945' to '1967,' shall be omitted.

(7) For the entry 'Member of a Wages Council or Central Co-ordinating Committee appointed under paragraph 1(a) of Schedule 2 to the Wages Councils (Northern Ireland) Order 1982' there shall be substituted the following entry:

'Member of a Wages Council appointed under paragraph 1(b) of Schedule 2 to the Wages (Northern Ireland) Order 1988'.

PART IV OF SCHEDULE 1

7. In the first column, for the entry 'Her Majesty's Commissioner of Lieutenancy in the City of London' there shall be substituted the following entry:

'Member of Her Majesty's Commission of Lieutenancy for the City of London'.—(Mr Tim Renton.)

16 Sittings of the House.—Resolved, That—

(1) this House do meet on Thursday 20th December at half-past Nine o'clock;

(2) notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 17 (Time for taking questions), no Questions shall be taken, provided that at Eleven o'clock Mr Speaker may interrupt the proceedings in order to permit questions to be asked which are in his opinion of an urgent character and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of business, statements to be made by Ministers, or personal explanations to be made by Members; and
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(3) at Three o'clock Mr Speaker do adjourn the House without putting any Question, provided that this House shall not adjourn until Mr Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts agreed upon by both Houses.——(Mr Greg Knight.)

17 Business of the House,—Ordered, That the provisions of paragraphs (4) and (5) of the Order of 8th November relating to Business of the House shall have effect with the following modifications:

Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business on 8th and 15th March, 10th and 17th May and 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th June, and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on 20th and 27th February, 24th April, 1st, 15th and 22nd May and 5th and 12th June.

On Monday 4th February and Monday 22nd April, Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business until Seven o’clock and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Thursday 17th January and Wednesday 27th March.——(Mr Greg Knight.)

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

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

Tuesday 11th December 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Pensions,—Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals,—Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act (Fees) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2459), dated 5th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

3 Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances,—(1) Radioactive Substances (Appeals) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2504), and
(2) Radioactive Substances (Hospitals) Exemption Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2512), dated 10th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

4 Civil Aviation,—(1) Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2514), dated 10th December 1990, and
(2) Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2482), dated 5th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Environmental Protection,—Statutory Nuisance (Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2483), dated 7th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

6 Food,—(1) Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2490), dated 10th December 1990,
(2) Food Labelling (Amendment) (Irradiated Food) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2489), dated 10th December 1990,
(3) Food Labelling (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2488), dated 10th December 1990,
(5) Food Safety Act 1990 (Consequential Modifications) (No. 2) (Great Britain) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2487), dated 10th December 1990,
(6) Food Safety (Enforcement Authority) (England and Wales) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2462), dated 4th December 1990,
(7) Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2463), dated 4th December 1990,
(8) Fresh Meat and Poultry Meat (Hygiene, Inspection and Examinations for Residues) (Charges) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2494), dated 10th December 1990,
(9) Fresh Meat Export (Hygiene and Inspection) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2493), dated 10th December 1990,
(10) Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2495), dated 10th December 1990,
(11) Milk and Dairies (Semi-skimmed and Skimmed Milk) (Heat Treatment and Labelling) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2491), dated 10th December 1990, and
(12) Milk (Special Designation) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2492), dated 10th December 1990
[by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

7 Food,—(1) Cream (Heat Treatment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2342), dated 1st December 1990,
(2) Food Labelling (Amendment) (Irradiated Food) (Scotland) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2505), dated 11th December 1990,
(3) Food Labelling (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2506), dated 11th December 1990,
(4) Milk and Dairies (Scotland) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2507), dated 7th December 1990, and
(5) Milk Labelling (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2508), dated 10th December 1990
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

8 Legal Services,—Legal Services Ombudsman (Jurisdiction) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2485), dated 7th December 1990 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

9 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2501), and
(2) National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2513), dated 10th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

10 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2509), dated 10th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


12 Telegraphs,—Marine, &c., Broadcasting (Offences) (Prescribed Areas of the High Seas) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2503), dated 8th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

13 Education,—Account of the Education Assets Board for the period 1st August 1988 to 31st March 1990; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 106] [Clerk of the House].

14 Health and Safety,—Report of the Health and Safety Commission for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

15 Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on private international law: choice of law in tort and delict [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

16 Norway (No. 1, 1990),—Convention on social security, done at Oslo on 19th June 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, with Protocol concerning medical treatment [by Command] [Cm. 1331] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

17 Population Censuses and Surveys,—Review of the Registrar General on deaths in England and Wales, 1988 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

18 Special Procedure Orders,—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 Milton Keynes Development Corporation Newton Longville Common Compulsory Purchase Order 1990 No. 1 [by Act] [Chairman of Ways and Means].

19 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Enrolment of Deeds (Change of Name) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2471), dated 5th December 1990 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

20 Treaty Series (No. 85, 1990),—Anti-Doping Convention, done at Strasbourg on 16th November 1989 [by Command] [Cm. 1330] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
21 Treaty Series (No. 86, 1990).—Convention, done at Strasbourg on 28th January 1981, for the protection of individuals with regard to automatic processing of personal data [by Command] [Cm. 1329] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

22 Treaty Series (No. 87, 1990).—Convention, done at Bonn from 23rd June 1979 to 22nd June 1980, on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals [by Command] [Cm. 1332] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

23 Tribunals and Inquiries. —Report of the Council on Tribunals for 1989-90 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 64] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

Statutory Instruments.—(1) Fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with a Memorandum laid before the Committee;
(2) Second Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee;
to be printed [Nos. 26-v and 27-ii] [Mr Bob Cryer].

[No. 26.]

Wednesday 12th December 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Severn Bridges Bill.—Mr Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order [28th November]. That, in the case of the Severn Bridges Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with.

2 Midland Metro (Penalty Fares) Bill [Lords].—The Midland Metro (Penalty Fares) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

3 Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

4 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).

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

6 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

7 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1990, referred to a Committee on 29th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 111].

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

The Lords concur with the Commons in their Message [10th December] relating to the King's Cross Railways Bill.

9 Private Bills.—The Orders [10th December] relating to the King's Cross Railways Bill being read;

King's Cross Railways Bill.—A Bill to empower the British Railways Board and London Underground Limited to construct works and to purchase or use land at King's Cross in the London boroughs of Camden and Islington; to confer further powers on the Board and the Company; and for other and related purposes, was read the first and second time, and committed.

10 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Order [10th December], That the draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Hyperbolic Systems) Order 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.

11 Deaf Persons (Access to Further and Higher Education and Training) Bill.—Mr Malcolm Bruce, supported by Mr Alistair Burt, Mr John Hannam, Emma Nicholson, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Jack Ashley, Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr Alfred
Morris, Mrs Rosie Barnes, the Reverend Martin Smyth and Mr Matthew Taylor, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of an Education and Training Council for deaf people; to secure preparation for, and access to, further and higher education and training for deaf persons; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 43].

12 British Racing Commission Bill.—Mr Alan Meale presented a Bill to establish a single national commission of control for the whole of the horse and dog racing industries, with overall responsibility for the bloodstock, thoroughbred breeding and betting industries, incorporating the control of the financial arrangements, rules and aims of current bodies, their other responsibilities and, where applicable, the assets of all publicly supported organisations concerned or connected with these sports: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 44].

13 Football Spectators Bill.—Mr Alan Meale presented a Bill to establish a statutory liaison body for the sport of football, to include in its membership the various footballing authorities and their agencies, Football League clubs, the Sports Council, football supporters' organisations and other necessary bodies; to make provision for changes in the organisation and function of the sport; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 45].

14 Greyhound Betting Levy Bill.—Mr Alan Meale presented a Bill to extend the functions of the Horserace Betting Levy Board to include the sport of greyhound racing; and to make consequential amendments to the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 46].

15 European Community Documents,—Ordered, That European Community Document No. 9898/90, relating to guide prices for fishery products for 1991, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee A.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

16 Opposition day [2nd allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

The Economy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores Government policies which have caused the deepening economic recession, resulting in rising unemployment and increasing numbers of business failures, regrets the fall in investment in the manufacturing sector and the continuing neglect of education and training which undermine Britain's preparations for the Single Market after 1992; and calls upon the Government to lower the crippling level of interest rates, to reverse the cuts in public investment in training and support for industry, and to promote the modernisation of British industry through the application of new technologies, the adoption of a sustained programme of regional industrial development, and a long-term commitment to a major increase in the provision of education and training.—(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 'congratulates Her Majesty's Government on the improvement in economic performance over the last 11 years and on its maintenance of tight monetary and fiscal policies necessary to reduce inflation which have been reinforced by membership of the ERM; and notes that inflationary pressures are now easing as a prelude to falling inflation and the resumption of sustainable growth', instead thereof.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 328.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 the improvement in economic performance over the last 11 years and on its maintenance of tight monetary and fiscal policies necessary to reduce inflation which have been reinforced by membership of the ERM; and notes that inflationary pressures are now easing as a prelude to falling inflation and the resumption of sustainable growth.
17 Non-Standard Work.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 8072/90 and 9601/90, relating to non-standard work; and endorses the Government’s view that, in the light of the 1.6 million new part-time jobs created in the United Kingdom since March 1983 and the overwhelming preference of part-time workers for part-time rather than full-time work, the Government should not accept proposals which would greatly increase the cost of employing part-time and temporary workers and would significantly reduce the number of jobs, thereby damaging the competitiveness of British industry, and that of the European Community—(Mr Eric Forth);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the word ‘work’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognises the significant increase in the numbers and proportion of people in the United Kingdom labour force engaged in part-time and temporary work; is aware that many people, including a high percentage of women workers, rely on such work in the absence of full-time employment or to fit in with other demands on their time; is conscious of the important economic contribution of such workers; believes that measures designed to put the working conditions of such people on the same footing as full-time employees is in itself socially desirable and would reduce any artificial incentive for employers to create part-time rather than full-time work’, instead thereof. —(Mr Tony Lloyd.)

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

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), to put the Questions necessary to dispose of them.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mrs Llin Golding: 112.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Timothy Wood: 153.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 8072/90 and 9601/90, relating to non-standard work; and endorses the Government’s view that, in the light of the 1.6 million new part-time jobs created in the United Kingdom since March 1983 and the overwhelming preference of part-time workers for part-time rather than full-time work, the Government should not accept proposals which would greatly increase the cost of employing part-time and temporary workers and would significantly reduce the number of jobs, thereby damaging the competitiveness of British industry, and that of the European Community.

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18 Information Technology.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 6864/90, relating to a Research and Development programme on Information Technology; and endorses the Government’s view that Community support for research in this area should be given a high priority.—(Mr John Redwood.)

19 Estimates.—Resolved, That this House agrees with the Report [4th December] of the Liaison Committee.—(Mr David Lightbown.)

20 European Community Documents.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), if the proposals described in the unnumbered explanatory memoranda submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 11th December 1990, relating to total allowable catches and quotas for 1991 and relating to the reciprocal fisheries agreement between the Community and Norway for 1991, are recommended by the Select Committee on European Legislation for further consideration, the said proposals shall not stand referred to a European Standing Committee.—(Mr David Lightbown.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.52 a.m.]
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4. Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas, — Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland for 1989 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 54] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5. Environment, — Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Environment Committee, Session 1989-90, on pollution of beaches [by Command] [Cm. 1363] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

6. Local Government (Scotland), — Scottish Local Government Financial Statistics for 1988-89 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7. National Loans Fund, — Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for 1989-90, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 104] [Clerk of the House].

8. Police Complaints Authority, — Account of the Police Complaints Authority for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 112] [Clerk of the House].


10. Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland), — Report and Accounts of the Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 3] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

11. Telecommunications, — Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to — (1) Fenland Cablevision Limited in respect of the Wisbech Cable Franchise, and (2) South Yorkshire Cablevision Limited in respect of the Doncaster and Rotherham Cable Franchise under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Paper withdrawn:


APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1. Standing Committee G, — Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Road Traffic Bill, viz.: Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr David Davis, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Roger Gale, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Roger King, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr John Prescott, Joan Ruddock, Mr John P. Smith, Mr Richard Tracey, Mr Dennis Turner, Dr Ian Twinn and Mr Gary Waller.

2. Second Reading Committee, — Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee on the Representation of the People Bill, viz.: Mr Robert Adley, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr John Battle, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr
Bob Clay, Mr John Carlisle, Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Dame Peggy Fenner, Sir Alan Glyn, Sir Anthony Grant, Sir Barney Hayhoe, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mr John Maples, Dr John Marek, Mr Austin Mitchell and Mr Terry Rooney.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Community Charge Benefits (General) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1990, the Income Support (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990, the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1990 and the Family Credit (General) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 1990, viz.: Mr Jack Aspinwall, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr Vivian Bendall, Mr Keith Bradley, Dr Michael Clark, Mr Frank Field, Mr Peter Fry, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mr Patrick Ground, Mr David Hinchcliffe, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Alice Mahon, Mr Irvine Patnick, Clare Short, Ann Widdecombe and Audrey Wise.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) First Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Response by the Government to the Fourth Report from the Committee (Session 1989-90): 'Fish Farming in the UK']; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 12th December; to be printed [Nos. 116 and 45-ii] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 12th December; to be printed [No. 118-i] [Mr Ron Leighton].

3 Energy,—(1) First Report from the Energy Committee [Safety in Coal Mines]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 117]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 12th December; to be printed [No. 91-ii] [Dr Michael Clark].

4 Environment,— Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 12th December; to be printed [No. 61-iii] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

5 European Legislation,—Fourth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-iv] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on—(1) 11th December; and (2) 12th December; to be printed [Nos. 53-iii and -iv] [Mr David Howell].

7 Home Affairs,—First Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Annual Report of the Data Protection Registrar]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 115] [Sir John Wheeler].

8 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 12th December; to be printed [No. 119-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

9 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 12th December; to be printed [No. 63-iii] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

10 Welsh Affairs,— Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 12th December; to be printed [No. 28-ii] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 12th December 1990

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—(1) the Road Traffic Bill to Standing Committee G; and (2) the Community Charge Benefits (General) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1990, the Income Support (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990, the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1990 and the Family Credit (General) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 1990 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr John McWilliam an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill;

(2) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Road Traffic Bill;

(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Representation of the People Bill; and

(4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Community Charge Benefits (General) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1990, the Income Support (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990, the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1990 and the Family Credit (General) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 1990.

European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referrals have been made:

(1) the unnumbered explanatory memoranda submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 11th December 1990, relating to total allowable catches and quotas for 1991 and relating to the reciprocal fisheries agreement between the Community and Norway for 1991, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Document No. 8460/90, relating to the protection of individuals in relation to the processing of personal data in the Community and information security, to European Standing Committee C.

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

British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 17th January.

Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 18th December at Seven o'clock.

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

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

Written Constitution Bill,—Mr Graham Allen presented a Bill to provide for the drawing up of a written constitution for the United Kingdom; for its consideration by the people and Parliament of the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 47].

Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill,—Mr George Howarth, supported by Mr Clive Soley, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Mr Edward O'Hara, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr David Clelland, Clare Short and Mr William O'Brien, presented a Bill to establish a limit to the period during which homeless people may be accommodated in bed and breakfast accommodation; to enable local authorities to make use of accumulated capital receipts in order to provide additional low cost housing for rent; to enable local authorities to finance private sector leasing arrangements for housing homeless people by restoring the provision for a separate allowance within housing revenue accounts; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 48].

Estimates [1st allotted day] [1st part].—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Resolution yesterday, to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee).

Supplementary Estimates 1990–91 (Class IV, Vote 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £14,304,000 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 1991 for expenditure by the Department of Trade and Industry on support for industry, international trade, statutory and regulatory work, consumer protection and administration—(Mr John Redwood);

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Class IV, Vote 2 be reduced by £10,000 in respect of Subhead K1 (consumer and investor protection)—(Mr Kenneth Warren);

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

The Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates).

8 Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 11th December 1990, relating to total allowable catches and quotas for 1991, and its supplementary explanatory memorandum of 12th December 1990, the proposals described in its un-numbered explanatory memorandum of 11th December 1990, relating to the reciprocal fisheries agreement between the Community and Norway for 1991, European Community Document No. 9898/90, relating to guide prices for fishery products for 1991, and of the Government’s intention to negotiate the best possible fishing opportunities for the United Kingdom fishing industry for 1991, consistent with the requirement for conservation of fishing stocks—(Mr John Selwyn Gummer);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 9, to leave out from the word ‘and’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘demands that the Government now display some commitment to this vital resource industry and pursue a more vigorous policy in the fisheries negotiations by insisting on implementation of the technical conservation measures on square mesh panels agreed by fishermen and supported by sea trials, rejecting the discriminatory and unworkable proposals on limitation of effort proposed by the EC Commission, moving away from the restriction of catches for human consumption to the elimination of industrial fishing, and recognising that the fishing industry is entitled to the structural support enjoyed by virtually every other fleet in Europe’, instead thereof.(Mr Alex Salmond.)

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

And it being Ten o’clock, Mr Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates).

9 Estimates [1st allotted day] [1st part].—Mr Speaker then proceeded, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), to put forthwith the deferred Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on Estimates 1990–91 (Class IV, Vote 2).

Class IV, Vote 2

Resolved, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £14,304,000 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 1991 for expenditure by the Department of Trade and Industry on support for industry, international trade, statutory and regulatory work, consumer protection and administration.

10 Estimates.—Mr Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions which he was directed to put pursuant to paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 53 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.)

Supplementary Estimates, 1990–91

Resolved, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £4,746,691,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges for defence and civil services which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1991, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 6 and 76 of Session 1990–91.

Estimates 1991–92 (Vote on Account)

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £63,981,165,000 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 1992 as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 7, 8 and 9 of Session 1990–91.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr David Mellor, Mr Francis Maude, Mrs Gillian Shephard and Mr John Maples do prepare and bring it in.
11 Consolidated Fund Bill. — Mr Francis Maude accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 1991 and 1992: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 14].

12 Fisheries. — The Question being again proposed, That the Question, That this House takes note of the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 11th December 1990, relating to total allowable catches and quotas for 1991 and its supplementary explanatory memorandum of 12th December 1990, the proposals described in its un-numbered explanatory memorandum of 11th December 1990, relating to the reciprocal fisheries agreement between the Community and Norway for 1991, European Community Document No. 9898/90, relating to guide prices for fishery products for 1991, and of the Government’s intention to negotiate the best possible fishing opportunities for the United Kingdom fishing industry for 1991, consistent with the requirement for conservation of fishing stocks, be amended by leaving out from the word ‘and’ in line 8 to the end of the Question and adding the words ‘demands that the Government now display some commitment to this vital resource industry and pursue a more vigorous policy in the fisheries negotiations by insisting on implementation of the technical conservation measures on square mesh panels agreed by fishermen and supported by sea trials, rejecting the discriminatory and unworkable proposals on limitation of effort proposed by the EC Commission, moving away from the restriction of catches for human consumption to the elimination of industrial fishing, and recognising that the fishing industry is entitled to the structural support enjoyed by virtually every other fleet in Europe’, instead thereof;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Welsh, Mr Archy Kirkwood: 22.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Tim Boswell: 76.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;


13 Criminal Justice Bill. — Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 17th December, unless proceedings in Committee of the whole House on new Clauses in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill relating to capital punishment have previously been disposed of, the Chairman shall at Ten o’clock put the Question already proposed from the Chair; and shall then put forthwith the following Questions (but no others)—

(a) any Question necessary to bring to a decision the Question so proposed (including, in the case of a new Clause which has been read a second time, the Question on any Amendment to such a new Clause which has been selected by him and which may then be moved and, thereafter, the Question that the Clause, or the Clause as amended, be added to the Bill); and

(b) any Question necessary to dispose of any other new Clauses and Amendments thereto, which have been selected by him and which may then be moved. — (Mr Tom Sackville.)

14 Sittings of the House. — Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 19th December, Standing Order No. 54 (Consolidated Fund Bills) shall have effect as if the words ‘eight o’clock’ were substituted for the words ‘nine o’clock’ in line 15. — (Mr Tom Sackville.)

14 Public Petitions. — A Public Petition from pupils of Montrose Academy and citizens of the Burgh and District of Montrose for the encouragement of efforts to reduce poverty and suffering in southern Africa was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Public Petitions. — A Public Petition from residents of Canterbury and surrounding areas for support for international efforts to declare Antarctica a World Park was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Adjournment. — Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — (Mr Tom Sackville.)
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 13th December 1990*

**Papers presented or laid upon the Table:**

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**

1. Medicines, — Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Pharmacy and Merchants' List) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990, No. 2496), dated 12th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

2. Patents, — Patents (Fees) (No. 2) Rules 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2517), dated 10th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

**Other Papers:**

3. Community Service by Offenders (Scotland), — Report of Working of Community Service Schemes in Scotland for 1989 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4. European Communities (No. 81, 1990), — Agreement, done at Brussels on 19th December 1989, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria establishing co-operation in the field of training in the context of the implementation of COMETT II (1990-94) [by Command] [Cm. 1341] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5. European Communities (No. 82, 1990), — Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th June 1987 concerning the provisional application, as from 16th June 1986, of the Agreement amending for the second time the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau, with Protocol [by Command] [Cm. 1340] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

6. European Communities (No. 84, 1990), — Agreement, done at Brussels on 28th October 1987, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Seychelles on fishing off Seychelles, with Protocol [by Command] [Cm. 1334] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7. European Communities (No. 87, 1990), — Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th July 1987 concerning the provisional application of the Agreement amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea on fishing off the coast of Guinea, signed at Conakry on 7th February 1983, for the period starting on 8th August 1986, with text of amending Agreement and Protocol establishing fishing rights and financial compensation for the period from 8th August 1986 to 7th August 1989 [by Command] [Cm. 1336] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8. Miscellaneous (No. 19, 1990), — International Sugar Agreement, 1987, done at New York from 1st November to 31st December 1987 [by Command] [Cm. 1333] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

**APPENDIX II**

*Committee of Selection*

Second Reading Committee, — Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had discharged from the Second Reading Committee on the Representation of the People Bill Mr Bob Clay.

[No. 28.]

*Friday 14th December 1990.*

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

**PRAYERS.**

1. Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill, — Mr Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order [9th November], That, in the case of the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with.
2 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the “Derbyshire” Families Association for a new public enquiry into the loss of the MV “Derbyshire” was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

5 European Community Documents.—Ordered, That European Community Document No. 7053/90, relating to a research programme in the field of human capital and mobility (1990-94), shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee C.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

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

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

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

And the Motion having been made 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 17th December.

APPENDIX I
Friday 14th December 1990
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Sea Fisheries,—Sole (Western English Channel) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2554), dated 13th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

3 Securities,—Stock Transfer (Gilt-edged Securities) (Exempt Transfer) (No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2547), dated 10th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].


Other Papers:

5 Agriculture,—Report and Accounts of the Meat and Livestock Commission for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

6 Food,—Account of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 120] [Clerk of the House].

7 Industrial Training,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Clothing and Allied Products Industry Training Board, and

(2) the Construction Industry Training Board for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 Trade,—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 23rd November 1988 for a Return of statistics relating to overseas trade, for 1989 [Mr John Maples].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection
Second Reading Committee,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Reading Committee on the Representation of the People Bill Sir Alan Glyn; and had appointed in substitution Mr Peter Viggers.
Monday 17th December 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in accordance with Standing Order 81 relating to Private Business (Division of bills between this House and the House of Lords), he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:

Avon Weir
Brighton Marine Palace and Pier
British Waterways
City of Bristol (Portishead Docks)
Commercial and Private Bank
Darlington Borough Council
Folkestone Harbour
Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System)
Harris Tweed
Llanelli Borough Council (Dafen Estuary)
River Calder (Welbeck Site)
River Usk Barrage
Torquay Market
Woodgrange Park Cemetery and Crematorium

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

Aire and Calder Navigation
Birmingham City Council
British Railways
Cattewater Reclamation
East Coast Main Line (Safety)
Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2)
Hook Island (Poole Bay)
London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.)
London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares)
London Underground (King’s Cross)
London Underground (No. 2)
Midland Metro (No. 2)
Redbridge London Borough Council
Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour).

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

3 Select Committees.—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

4 Reform of the House of Lords Bill.—Mr Graham Allen presented a Bill to abolish the House of Lords as presently composed and to provide for a new directly elected membership based on parliamentary constituencies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 49].

5 Criminal Justice Bill (New Clauses relating to capital punishment of which notice was given not later than 12th December in respect of the Bill).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Criminal Justice Bill (New Clauses relating to capital punishment of which notice was given not later than 12th December in respect of the Bill).
(In the Committee)

A Clause (Punishment for murder of a police officer)—(Mr John Greenway)—brought up, and read the first time;

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Teddy Taylor: 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Stuart Bell: 350.

And it being after Ten o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [13th December], to put forthwith the Questions which he was directed to put at that hour.

Another Clause (Punishment for murder)—(Mr Ivan Lawrence)—being 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 Ivan Lawrence, Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo: 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Stuart Bell: 367.

Another Clause (Abolition of death penalty)—(Mr Peter Archer)—being brought up, and read the first time;

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Lin Golding, Mr David Wilshire: 257.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr Peter Bottomley: 289.

Another Clause (Death penalty for murder)—(Mr Teddy Taylor)—being 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 John Greenway, Mrs Teresa Gorman: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Stuart Bell: 349.

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Irvine Patnick reported, That the Committee had considered certain Clauses but had not ordered any of them to be added to the Bill.

6 Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 2) Order 1990, dated 8th November 1990, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th November, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

7 Dangerous Drugs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1990, which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

8 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from schoolchildren of Sandwell Borough for the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.27 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Monday 17th December 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Housing (Scotland),—(1) Draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1991, and
   (2) draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation Order 1991
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Construction of Dwellings and Land) Order 1990
   (S.I., 1990, No. 2553), dated 13th December 1990 [by Act] [Mrs Gillian Shephard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Companies,—Companies (Revision of Defective Accounts and Report) Regulations 1990
   (S.I., 1990, No. 2570), dated 17th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

4 Housing (Scotland),—Housing Revenue Account General Fund Contribution Limits
   (Scotland) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2550), dated 12th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr
   Secretary Lang].

   2552), dated 13th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

6 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Etc.,—Registration of Births, Deaths and
   Marriages (Fees) (No. 2) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2515), dated 11th December 1990
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

Other Papers:

7 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries
   Compensation Board for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor
   General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 1365] [Mr Secretary Baker].

8 Housing (Scotland),—Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—
   (1) the Housing Support Grants for 1991-92, and
   (2) the Variation Order for the Housing Support Grant for 1990–91
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

9 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—Overseas Development Administration Minute,
   dated 17th December 1990, concerning the assumption of a liability in respect of
   headquarters accommodation for the European Bank for Reconstruction and
   Development [by Command] [Mrs Lynda Chalker].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and
   Administration Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on House of Commons
   (Services) on—
   (1) 3rd December; and
   (2) 17th December;
   to be printed [Nos. 84-i and 123-i] [Mr John MacGregor].

2 House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Library Sub-
   Committee of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 12th
   December; to be printed [No. 122-i] [Mr John MacGregor].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on
   17th December; to be printed [No. 124-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

4 Treasury and Civil Service,—First Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee
   [The 1990 Autumn Statement], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence
   taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the
   Committee relating to the Report [No. 41] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].
MEMORANDUM

Monday 17th December 1990

Public Bills (Scotland).—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 93 (Public bills relating exclusively to Scotland) Mr Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 30.]

Tuesday 18th December 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.:

Aire and Calder Navigation
Avon Weir
Birmingham City Council
Brighton Marine Palace and Pier
British Railways
British Waterways
Cattewater Reclamation
City of Bristol (Portishead Docks)
Commercial and Private Bank
Darlington Borough Council
East Coast Main Line (Safety)
Folkestone Harbour
Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System)
Harris Tweed
Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2)
Hook Island (Poole Bay)
Llanelli Borough Council (Dafen Estuary)
London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.)
London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares)
London Underground (King’s Cross)
London Underground (No. 2)
Midland Metro (No. 2)
River Calder (Welbeck Site)
River Usk Barrage
Torquay Market
Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour)
Woodgrange Park Cemetery and Crematorium.


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

4 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

5 Representation of the People Bill.—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Representation of the People Bill, That it had come to the following Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: That the Committee recommends that the Representation of the People Bill ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 126].

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

Gaming (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend section 31 of the Gaming Act 1968 so as to increase from two to four the maximum number of gaming machines which may be made available on certain premises licensed under that Act; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
7 Deaf Persons (Access to Further and Higher Education and Training) Bill.—The Order for reading the Deaf Persons (Access to Further and Higher Education and Training) Bill a second time on Friday 18th January was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 1st March.

8 Export and Investment Guarantees Bill.—Mr Secretary Lilley, supported by Mr Secretary Hurd, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mrs Lynda Chalker and Mr Tim Sainsbury, presented a Bill to make new provision as to the functions exercisable by the Secretary of State through the Export Credits Guarantee Department; and make provision as to the delegation of any such functions and the transfer of property, rights and liabilities attributable to the exercise of any such functions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 50].

9 Licensing Reform.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensing Act 1964 to make new provision with respect to licensing justices and to the grounds upon which applications for liquor licences may be refused; to require a statement of reasons for any refusal; to set a time limit on the consideration of applications; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Denis Howell, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Roger King, Mr David Gilroy Bevan, Mr John Bowis and Mr Simon Burns do prepare and bring it in.

10 Licensing Reform Bill.—Mr Anthony Coombs accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Licensing Act 1964 to make new provision with respect to licensing justices and to the grounds upon which applications for liquor licences may be refused; to require a statement of reasons for any refusal; to set a time limit on the consideration of applications; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 51].

11 Atomic Weapons Establishment Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Atomic Weapons Establishment 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 John M. Taylor, Mr Irvine Patnick: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr John McFall: 221.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

12 Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords].—The Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Atomic Weapons Establishment Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred

(a) in connection with the formation of any company formed with a view to, or for any purpose of, the carrying on of activities designated under the Act or with the operation of any such company wholly owned by the Secretary of State; or

(b) in assuming responsibility for any liabilities (whether of such a company or any other company which is or has been a contractor) which are liabilities arising out of the carrying on of activities so designated or liabilities to or in respect of persons employed or formerly employed in or in connection with the carrying on of such activities.—(Mr Kenneth Carlisle.)

14 Community Research and Development.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 7053/90, relating to a programme for research and technological development in the field of human capital and mobility; endorses the Government’s view that this European Community initiative will present an appropriate means of providing assistance to the mobility of scientists, hence enhancing the development of European science and Europe’s industrial competitiveness; and supports the Government’s policy of pursuing clear scientific and managerial objectives within the programme to promote effective delivery of the specific training and mobility measures proposed.—(Mr Alan Howarth.)
15 House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That Sir George Young be discharged from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) and Mr David Lightbown be added to the Committee.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dumbarton for uniform provision under the Independent Living Fund was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.56 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 18th December 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Road Traffic (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Broadcasting.—(1) Broadcasting Act 1990 (Independent Radio Services: Exceptions) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2536), and


dated 12th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

3 Companies,—Companies (Unregistered Companies) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2571), dated 17th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

4 Telecommunications,—Public Telecommunication System Designation (Cable Communications (Barnsley) Limited) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2523), dated 11th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

5 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland on economy, efficiency and effectiveness examinations of certain matters [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 81] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

6 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Statements by the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary of State for Wales concerning the separation of younger from older patients in hospital [by Act]; to be printed [No. 83] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

7 European Communities (No. 86, 1990),—Protocol, done at Brussels on 5th July 1990, defining, for the period 21st May 1989 to 20th May 1992, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar on fishing off Madagascar, with exchange of letters provisionally applying the Protocol [by Command] [Cm. 1337] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 European Communities (No. 88, 1990),—Protocol, done at Brussels on 10th December 1987, to the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, of the other part, consequent on the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community [by Command] [Cm. 1338] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 European Communities (No. 90, 1990),—Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 25th June 1987, to the Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria [by Command] [Cm. 1349] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 European Communities (No. 91, 1990),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd December 1986 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland concerning trade in certain wines and spirituous beverages [by Command] [Cm. 1347] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
11 Home Affairs,—Government Replies to—

(1) the Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1989-90, on administrative delays in the Immigration and Nationality Department, and

(2) the Sixth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1989-90, on the form and content of the Home Office annual report
[by Command] [Cm. 1368 and 1381] [Mr Secretary Baker].

12 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Cable Communications (Barnsley) Limited under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

13 Treaty Series (No. 88, 1990),—Treaty, done at Canberra on 3rd August 1988, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Australia concerning the investigation of drug trafficking and confiscation of the proceeds of drug trafficking [by Command] [Cm. 1342] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education, Science and Arts,—First Report from the Education, Science and Arts Committee [Education Policy and the European Dimension], together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 12th December and Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 127] [Mr Malcolm Thornton].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-vi] [Mr Bob Cryer].

3 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 18th December; to be printed [No. 34-ii] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

4 Transport,—(1) Second Report from the Transport Committee [London Underground’s Financial Deficit]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 82];

(2) First Special Report from the Transport Committee [The Government’s Observations on the Second Report of the Committee, Session 1989-90, on the Government’s Expenditure Plans for Transport 1990-91 to 1992-93]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 113]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 18th December; to be printed [No. 14-ii]
[Mr David Marshall].

[No. 31.]

Wednesday 19th December 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Midland Metro Bill,—Ordered, That the Midland Metro Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered on Thursday 17th January.

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

3 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

4 Welfare of Animals at Slaughter Bill,—Sir Richard Body, supported by Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr Andrew Bowden, Mr Bill Walker, Mr Christopher Hawkins and Mr Jerry Wiggin, presented a Bill to make further provision for the welfare of animals at slaughter: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 52].
5 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require local authorities and health authorities to monitor the condition of their retired population; to eliminate standing charges on gas, electricity and water; to exempt pensioners from licence charges and telephone rental; to extend pensioners’ concessionary fare schemes; to make provision for the calculation of old age pensions by reference to average earnings; and to appoint a Minister with responsibility for retired people: And that Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Harry Cohen, Alice Mahon, Mr David Winnick, Mr Dennis Skinner, Audrey Wise, Mr Bob Clay, Mr Tom Clarke, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Chris Smith and Mr John Hughes do prepare and bring it in.

6 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill,—Mr Jeremy Corbyn accordingly presented a Bill to require local authorities and health authorities to monitor the condition of their retired population; to eliminate standing charges on gas, electricity and water; to exempt pensioners from licence charges and telephone rental; to extend pensioners’ concessionary fare schemes; to make provision for the calculation of old age pensions by reference to average earnings; and to appoint a Minister with responsibility for retired people: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 53].

7 Adjournment (Christmas).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until Monday 14th January—(Mr Irvine Patnick);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic adjournments).

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until Monday 14th January.

8 Consolidated Fund Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund Bill;

Mr Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 54 (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.

9 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 54 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nicholas Baker);

Thursday 20th December 1990

And it being Eight o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, pursuant to Order [13th December], without Question put.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Eight o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 8.30 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 19th December 1990

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Financial Services.—Draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Delegation) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


3 Road Traffic.—Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1990, dated 19th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
4 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—(1) Draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1991,
   (2) draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1991, and
   (3) draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Limits of Basic and Special Awards) Order 1991
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Community Charges,—Caldey Island (Community Charges and Non-Domestic Rating) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2584), dated 13th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

6 Housing,—Housing Benefit (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2564), dated 14th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

7 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) (Wales) Amendment Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2583), dated 13th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

8 Social Security,—Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) and the Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2538), dated 10th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

9 Telecommunications,—Public Telecommunication System Designation (Cable Thames Valley Limited) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2572), dated 14th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

10 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation),—Reports prepared pursuant to section 11 of the Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986 on—
   (1) development of services for people with a mental handicap or mental illness in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 114] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave]; and
   (2) services in Wales for mental illness sufferers and people with a mental handicap [by Act]; to be printed [No. 121] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

11 Employment Protection (Consolidation),—Report by the Secretary of State for Employment on limits on guarantee payments [by Act]; to be printed [No. 110] [Mr Secretary Howard].

12 Forestry,—Financial Statements and Accounts of the Forestry Commission for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 75] [Mr Francis Maude].

13 Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minute, dated 19th December 1990, determining the financial objectives desirable of achievement by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office for 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

14 Local Government,—Accounts of the South Bank Centre for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Tim Renton].

15 Monopolies and Mergers,—Reports by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on—
   (1) the acquisition by Trelleborg AB of McKeechnie Extruded Products Ltd., and
   (2) the provision of rail services in Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cm. 1384 and 1379] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

16 National Loans,—Supplementary Statements of Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and the National Loans Fund for 1989-90 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 87] [Mr Francis Maude].

17 Prisons,—Report of a review by Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales of suicide and self-harm in prison service establishments in England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 1383] [Mr Secretary Baker].

18 Social Security,—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee on the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990, preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 1385] [Mr Secretary Newton].
19 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before a copy was laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a copy had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:


[by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

20 Telecommunications.—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Cable Thames Valley Limited in respect of the Thames Valley cable franchise under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment.—(1) First Report from the Employment Committee [Disability and Employment], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 35]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Employment Committee

[Mr Ron Leighton].

2 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 19th December; to be printed [No. 61-iv] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

3 European Legislation.—Fifth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-v] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

4 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 19th December; to be printed [No. 53-v] [Mr David Howell].

5 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—(1) First Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration for 1989]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 129]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 19th December; to be printed [No. 130-i]

[Sir Antony Buck].

6 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 19th December; to be printed [No. 132-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

7 Trade and Industry.—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 19th December; to be printed [No. 131-i] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

MR SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

Mr Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

Thursday 20th December 1990.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 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 Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Namibia Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision in connection with the admission of Namibia as part of the Commonwealth; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the British Railways Board to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Board; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Namibia Bill [Lords].—The Namibia Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 14th January and to be printed [Bill 54].

4 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords].—The British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

5 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John M. Taylor);

6 Royal Assent.—Madam 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:

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act 1990
Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Act 1990.

7 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 three minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 14th January, pursuant to the Resolution yesterday.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Thursday 20th December 1990
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Merchant Shipping.—Draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Hyperbolic Systems) Order 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Damages.—(1) Damages for Bereavement (Variation of Sum) (England and Wales) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2575), dated 17th December 1990 [by Act]; and

[Clerk of the House].

3 Employment and Training.—Industrial Training (Hotel and Catering Board) (Revocation) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2549), dated 11th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

4 Food.—(1) Detention of Food (Prescribed Forms) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2614), dated 19th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave]; and

(2) Quick-frozen Foodstuffs Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2615), dated 19th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

5 Protection of Wrecks.—Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 3) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2573), dated 18th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
6 Sea Fisheries,—Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Control Measures) (Amendment) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2528), dated 10th December 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

7 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 3) 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2599), dated 19th December 1990 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

8 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the Governing Body of Christ's College, Cambridge, on 23rd August 1990, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

Other Papers:

9 Atomic Energy Authority,—Report and Accounts of the Atomic Energy Authority for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

10 Covent Garden Market,—Report and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

11 European Communities (No. 85, 1990),—Protocol, done at Brussels on 25th June 1987, between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt consequent on the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community [by Command] [Cm. 1339] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

12 European Communities (No. 92, 1990),—Agreement, done at Brussels on 4th May 1990, amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe on fishing off São Tomé and Príncipe signed at Brussels on 1st February 1984 with Protocol establishing fishing authorizations and financial compensation for the period from 1st June 1987 to 31st May 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1350] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

13 European Communities (No. 93, 1990),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 27th April 1990 relating to the 1981 Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on trade in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector [by Command] [Cm. 1351] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

14 European Communities (No. 94, 1990),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 5th June 1989 between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Algeria [by Command] [Cm. 1352] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

15 European Communities (No. 95, 1990),—Protocol, done at Brussels on 26th May 1987, to the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Tunisia consequent upon the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community [by Command] [Cm. 1353] [Mr Secretary Hurd].


17 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the acquisition by Stagecoach (Holdings) Limited of Formia Limited [by Command] [Cm. 1382] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

18 National Loans,—Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and the National Loans Fund for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 86] [Clerk of the House].

19 Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions Allied to Medicine,—Second Supplement to the Seventh Report of the Review Body for Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions Allied to Medicine on nursing staff, midwives and health visitors 1990: senior nurses and midwives [by Command] [Cm. 1386] [The Prime Minister].

20 Population Censuses and Surveys,—Population and vital statistics by area of usual residence in England and Wales for 1989 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

21 Prisons (Scotland),—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland for 1989 [by Command] [Cm. 1380] [Mr Secretary Lang].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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

3 British Racing Commission Bill,—The Order for reading the British Racing Commission Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 25th January.

4 Severn Bridges Bill,—The Severn Bridges Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

   Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of seven Members, four to be nominated by the House and three by the Committee of Selection;

   That there shall stand referred to the Select Committee—

   (a) any Petition against the Bill presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than the twenty-first day after this day; and

   (b) any Petition which has been presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office and in which the Petitioners complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled-up Bill or of any matter which has arisen during the progress of the Bill before the Select Committee,

   being a Petition in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents;

   That if no such Petition as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above is presented, or if all such Petitions are withdrawn before the meeting of the Select Committee, the order for the committal of the Bill to a Select Committee shall be discharged and the Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee;

   That any Petitioner whose Petition stands referred to the Select Committee shall, subject to the Rules and Orders of the House and to the Prayer of his Petition, be entitled to be heard by himself, his Counsel or Agents upon his Petition provided that it is prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of the House, and the Member in charge of the Bill shall be entitled to be heard by his Counsel or Agents in favour of the Bill against that Petition;

   That the Select Committee have power to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom and to report from day to day the Minutes of Evidence taken before it;

   That three be the Quorum of the Select Committee.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

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

   Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Severn Bridges Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure of the Secretary of State under the Act and of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other enactment out of money so provided.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

6 Severn Bridges Bill [Ways and Means],—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Severn Bridges Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

   (1) the levying of tolls by the Secretary of State in respect of vehicles using the existing Severn Bridge or the second Severn Bridge constructed in pursuance of the Act,

   (2) the imposition of charges in respect of the removal, or the repair, adjustment or refuelling, of vehicles at rest in places on or near the bridges in relation to which regulations made under the Act have effect, and

   (3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums received by or on behalf of the Secretary of State under or by virtue of the Act.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

7 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords],—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Promoters of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for
the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present 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 last Session;

That as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first time and shall be ordered to be read a second time;

That, since no Petitions remain against the Bill, no Petitioners shall be heard before any committee on the Bill save those who complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled-up Bill or of any matter which arises during the progress of the Bill before the committee;

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 last Session—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Michael Brown: 96.

Tellers for the Noes, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Eric Illsley: 62.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present 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 last Session;

That as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first time and shall be ordered to be read a second time;

That, since no Petitions remain against the Bill, no Petitioners shall be heard before any committee on the Bill save those who complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled-up Bill or of any matter which arises during the progress of the Bill before the committee;

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 last Session.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

8 Overseas Development and Co-operation.—Resolved, That the draft International Development Association (Ninth Replenishment) Order 1990, which was laid before this House on 10th December, be approved.—(Mrs Lynda Chalker.)

9 Overseas Development and Co-operation.—Resolved, That the draft Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments) Order 1990, which was laid before this House on 10th December, be approved.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

10 Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That, in respect of the Census (Confidentiality) 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 Nicholas Baker.)

11 Members' Interests.—Ordered, That Mr David Evans be discharged from the Select Committee on Members' Interests and Mr Peter Viggers be added to the Committee.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

12 Procedure.—Ordered, That Mr William Powell be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure and Mrs Marion Roe be added to the Committee.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 European Communities (No. 89, 1990),—Protocol, done at Brussels on 15th December 1987, to the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the State of Israel consequent on the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community [Cm. 1348] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

2 European Communities (No. 96, 1990),—Fourth ACP-EEC Convention and Final Act, done at Lomé on 15th December 1989 (with related documents) [Cm. 1364] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

3 European Communities (No. 1, 1991),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 14th July 1986 between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning non-agricultural and processed agricultural products not covered by the Agreement [Cm. 1360] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

4 European Communities (No. 2, 1991),—Second Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 20th March 1989, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation consequent on the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community [Cm. 1357] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 European Communities (No. 3, 1991),—Second Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 19th April 1989, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway consequent on the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community [Cm. 1356] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

6 European Communities (No. 4, 1991),—Second Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 25th July 1989, to the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Ireland consequent on the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community [Cm. 1358] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 European Communities (No. 5, 1991),—Second Additional Protocols, done at Brussels on 14th July 1989, to the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community of the one part and the Kingdom of Norway of the other consequent on the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community [Cm. 1359] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 European Communities (No. 6, 1991),—Second Additional Protocols, done at Brussels on 20th July 1989, to the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community of the one part and the Republic of Austria of the other consequent on the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community [Cm. 1361] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 European Communities (No. 7, 1991),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 15th June 1987 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1986/1987 delivery period [Cm. 1393] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 Miscellaneous (No. 1, 1991),—Convention, done at Lugano on 16th September 1988, on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters [Cm. 1362] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

11 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger between Valhi Inc and Akzo NV [Cm. 1387] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

12 Treaty Series (No. 89, 1990),—First supplementary list of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc., for 1990 [Cm. 1388] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

13 Treaty Series (No. 1, 1991),—Schedule to the International Whaling Convention, 1946, revised to include the Amendments adopted at the Forty-first Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission held in San Diego, June 1989 [Cm. 1354] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

14 Treaty Series (No. 2, 1991),—Notes exchanged at London on 9th April 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
Government of the Argentine Republic concerning the abolition of visas [Cm. 1389] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

15 Treaty Series (No. 3, 1991),—Notes exchanged at Bonn on 3rd August 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the storage with an option for reprocessing of irradiated nuclear fuel by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority [Cm. 1390] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

16 Treaty Series (No. 4, 1991),—Notes exchanged at Brasilia on 8th July 1987 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil concerning the employment in Brazil and the United Kingdom of the spouses of diplomatic and consular personnel [Cm. 1397] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

11th January 1991


(2) Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) (England) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 6), dated 10th January 1991 [Mr John Selwyn Gummer]; and


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

21st December 1990

18 Community Charges (Scotland),—Personal Community Charge (Relief) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2539), dated 10th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Lang].

19 Education (Scotland),—Special Schools (Scotland) Grant Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2581), dated 11th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Lang].


21 Marine Pollution,—(1) Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2605), and

(2) Merchant Shipping (IBC Code) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2602),

dated 19th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

22 Roads and Bridges (Scotland),—Road Humps (Scotland) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2623), dated 20th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Lang].

23 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Heavy Goods and Public Service Vehicles) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2611), dated 14th December 1990, and


24 Water,—East Anglian Water (Constitution and Regulation) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2574), dated 18th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

27th December 1990

25 Plant Breeders’ Rights,—(1) Plant Breeders’ Rights (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2633), and

(2) Plant Breeders’ Rights (Miscellaneous Ornamental Plants) (Variation) Scheme 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2634),

dated 21st December 1990 [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

26 Police,—(1) Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1990 (S.R. (N.I.), 1990, No. 433), dated 3rd December 1990,
(2) Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1990 (S.R. (N.I.), 1990, No. 435), dated 30th November 1990,

(3) Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Full-Time) (Appointment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1990 (S.R. (N.I.), 1990, No. 434), dated 3rd December 1990,

(4) Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Full-Time) (Appointment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1990 (S.R. (N.I.), 1990, No. 436), dated 30th November 1990, and


[Mr Secretary Brooke].


28th December 1990

28 Marriage,—Marriage Fees (Scotland) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2636), dated 19th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Lang].

29 National Health Service (Scotland),—Health Education Board for Scotland Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2639), dated 20th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Lang].

30 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Etc.,—(1) Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2638), and

(2) Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Scotland) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2637),

dated 19th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Lang].

31st December 1990

31 Customs and Excise,—Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and other Reliefs) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2645), dated 31st December 1990 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

3rd January 1991

32 Building and Buildings,—Building (Amendment of Prescribed Fees) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2600), dated 17th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

8th January 1991


35 Police,—(1) Police (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2619), and

(2) Police Cadets (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2618),

dated 20th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Baker].


37 Trade Marks,—Trade Marks and Service Marks (Relevant Countries) (Amendment) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2593), dated 19th December 1990 [Mr John MacGregor].

10th January 1991


40 Telecommunications,—Public Telecommunication System Designation (Heartland Cablevision II (UK) Limited) (Nuneaton and Bedworth District and Part of North
Warwickshire Borough) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2661), dated 29th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

11th January 1991

41 Community Charges,—(1) Community Charges and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (City of London) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2657), and
   (2) Community Charges and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2656), dated 20th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


43 Dangerous Drugs,—(1) Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2630), and

44 National Health Service,—(1) Welsh Health Common Services Authority Constitution Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2647), and
   (2) Welsh Health Common Services Authority Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2648), dated 27th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Hunt].


46 Road Traffic,—Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences, Qualifications and Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2640), dated 20th December 1990 [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Other Papers:

8th January 1991


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 14th January 1991:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

49 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Caledonian MacBrayne Limited (Gott Bay Pier) Harbour Revision Order 1990, dated 17th December 1990; with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Scotland under sections 2(5) and 10(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

50 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on 8th October 1990, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

Other Papers:


52 Electricity,—Department of Energy Minute, dated 14th January 1991, concerning the share offer to be made to employees of Nuclear Electric plc [by Command] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

(5) Food Safety Act 1990: Code of Practice No. 5: The Use of Improvement Notices,
(6) Food Safety Act 1990: Code of Practice No. 6: Prohibition Procedures, and
(7) Food Safety Act 1990: Code of Practice No. 7: Sampling for Analysis or Examination
[by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

54 Housing (Scotland),—Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—
(1) the Housing Support Grants for 1991-92, and
(2) the Variation Order for the Housing Support Grant for 1990-91
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 136 and 137] [Mr Secretary Lang].

55 Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 139] [Clerk of the House].

56 Members’ Interests,—Register of Members’ Interests at 14th January 1991 [pursuant to the Resolutions of 22nd May and 12th June 1975]; to be printed [No. 140] [Clerk of the House].

57 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Ministry of Defence: fraud and irregularities at defence establishments, and
(2) Single European Market
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 134 and 135] [Clerk of the House].

58 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—(1) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Locally Engaged Ratings’ Service Pensions Increase) Order 1990,
(2) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Minimum Pension Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1990, and

59 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—Overseas Development Administration Minute, dated 14th January 1991, concerning the assumption of a liability in respect of guarantees of European Investment Bank lending [by Command] [Mrs Lynda Chalker].

60 Public Petitions,—Observations by—
(1) the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on the Petition [23rd April 1990] from residents of Newtownards for a free National Health Service, and
(2) the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [6th December] from Mrs R. M. Habden for restoration of the link between state pensions and average earnings [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

61 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Heartland Cablevision II (UK) Limited in respect of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Cable franchise under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

62 Trade,—Return in part to an Order [27th November 1989] for a Return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1990, for November [Mr John Maples].

Papers withdrawn:

63 Housing (Scotland),—Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—
(1) the Housing Support Grants for 1991-92, and
(2) the Variation Order for the Housing Support Grant for 1990-91
[laid 17th December].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr Gwilym Jones and Mr Patrick McLoughlin (nominated in respect of the Road Traffic Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Henry Bellingham and Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.
MEMORANDUM

Monday 14th January 1991

Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills,—In pursuance of Standing Order 69 relating to Private Business (Appointment of Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills), Mr Speaker appointed Brendan Patrick Keith, Esquire, to be an Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills.

Tuesday 15th January 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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 Donald Richard Coleman, Esquire, CBE, Member for Neath, 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.

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

3 Community Charges (Substitute Setting) Bill,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Community Charges (Substitute Setting) 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. 144].

4 Declaration of War (Requirement for Parliamentary Approval) Bill,—Mr Harry Cohen, supported by Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Tony Benn, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Bob Clay, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Max Madden, Alice Mahon, Dawn Primarolo and Mr Dennis Skinner, presented a Bill to ensure that war cannot be declared or troops committed or kept abroad by Her Majesty's Government without the approval of the House of Commons. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 55].

5 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Construction of Dwellings and Land) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2553) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood).—It was agreed to.

6 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Road Traffic (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood).—It was agreed to.

7 Coal Mining Subsidence (Damage Arbitration, Prevention and Public Awareness),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish the rights of owners of houses, land, buildings and other constructions which have suffered damage due to subsidence resulting from the working and getting of coal, or of coal and other minerals worked therewith, to full repair or equitable compensation of their properties; to establish an independent arbitration procedure to resolve any disputes that may arise out of such damage or any matters relating thereto; to require any public body or organisation involved in the working or getting of coal and other minerals to take steps to prevent subsidence damage; and to promote public awareness of workings which might give rise to such damage: And that Mr Alan Meale, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Jimmy Wray, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr George J. Buckley, Mr Martin Redmond and Mr Jimmy Dunnachie do prepare and bring it in.

8 Coal Mining Subsidence (Damage Arbitration, Prevention and Public Awareness) Bill,—Mr Alan Meale accordingly presented a Bill to establish the rights of owners of houses, land, buildings and other constructions which have suffered damage due to subsidence resulting from the working and getting of coal, or of coal and other minerals worked therewith, to full repair or equitable compensation of their properties; to establish an independent arbitration procedure to resolve any disputes that may arise out of such
damage or any matters relating thereto; to require any public body or organisation involved in the working or getting of coal and other minerals to take steps to prevent subsidence damage; and to promote public awareness of workings which might give rise to such damage. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 56].

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

Mr Tony Benn 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 Dave Nellist, Mr Dennis Canavan: 57.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 534.

So the Question was negatived.

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Nottingham of Lithuanian birth or parentage for Soviet withdrawal from the Baltic states and the withholding of aid from the Soviet Union was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.51 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 15th January 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2), dated 8th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

2 Local Government Finance,—Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) 1989–90 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 12] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks),—Agreement between the Secretary of State for Transport and John R. Charman and others relating to the reinsurance of certain British aircraft operated by British Airways plc and/or their subsidiary companies and certain other aircraft against war risks [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on 19th October 1990, amending the Statutes of the House [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

Other Papers:

6 Customs and Excise,—Report by the Department of Trade and Industry on the exercise of powers conferred by certain sections of the European Communities Act 1972 and the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Act 1979, for 1989-90 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 125] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

7 Home Affairs,—Government Reply to the Seventh Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1989–90, on practical police co-operation in the European Community [by Command] [Cm. 1367] [Mr Secretary Baker].

8 Isle of Man,—Account of Her Majesty’s Commissioners of Customs and Excise with the Government of the Isle of Man for 1989–90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mrs Gillian Shephard].

9 Public Lending Right,—Report by the Minister for the Arts on the Public Lending Right Scheme for 1989–90 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 109] [Mr Tim Renton].
Wednesday 16th January 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2. Selection. Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

3. Select Committees. Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

4. Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr James Hill reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Community Charge Benefits (General) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1990, the Income Support (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990, the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1990 and the Family Credit (General) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 1990, referred to a Committee on 11th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 152].

5. Ports Bill. Mr Secretary Rifkind, supported by Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr Secretary Wakeham, Mr John Selwyn Gummer, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Francis Maude and Mr Patrick McLoughlin, presented a Bill to provide for the transfer to companies of certain statutory port undertakings and for the disposal of securities of the companies; to provide for a levy on initial disposals of securities of any company receiving such a transfer or of rights to require the issue of such securities; to provide for a levy in respect of gains accruing to such a company on disposals of land which is the subject of such a transfer or of land in which an interest transferred by such a transfer subsists; to provide for the transfer of certain property, rights, liabilities and functions of the Port of London Authority to a company formed by that Authority and for the disposal of securities of the company; to amend the law with respect to lighthouses, buoys and beacons and the authorities responsible for them; 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 57].

6. Hearing Aid Services (Contracting-Out). A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require health authorities, in certain circumstances, to contract-out the provision of hearing aids and services ancillary to such provision (Mr Tony Favell);

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. 19 (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 Holt, Mr David Harris: 80.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lambie, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 182.

So the Question was negatived.

7. Privilege. Complaint having been made by Mr Kevin Barron, Member for Rother Valley, That the guidelines laid down by the Yorkshire Area of the National Union of Mineworkers in respect of the actions of honourable Members sponsored by the union are in breach of the privileges of this House;

Ordered, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges. (Mr Kevin Barron.)

8. Opposition day [3rd allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

The Hospital Service. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses concern at the effect on patient care of the closure of 4,000 hospital beds since the start of the financial year; records its alarm at the growing number of hospitals that have been forced by financial pressures to cancel admissions from their waiting lists for the remainder of the financial year; notes that health authorities have been compelled to take this unprecedented step because of Her Majesty's Government's damaging changes to the National Health Service which prevent them carrying forward
a deficit; regrets the decision of the Government to impose self-governing trusts on 56 hospitals and other units despite the evidence provided by the consultation period of overwhelming opposition by the public and by health staff, and deplores their decision not to submit this decision to debate in the House; and calls upon the Government to increase cash limits for the current year to enable hospitals to resume a full service to the public—(Mr Robin Cook).

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 substantial increase under the present Government in the number of patients treated by the National Health Service and in the availability of new and better forms of treatment; notes that this has been made possible by massive extra resources provided by the Government, combined with more effective use of those resources; welcomes the further record increase in resources planned for the National Health Service in 1991–92; congratulates those hospitals and other units which have sought and obtained approval to manage their own affairs as self-governing National Health Service trusts; looks forward to the setting up of the new general practitioner fundholding practices; and supports the Government’s reforms which will continue to put patients first by further improving the quality, quantity and cost-effectiveness of health services', instead thereof. (Mr Secretary Waldegrave.)

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 Martyn Jones: 238.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Timothy Wood: 309.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 substantial increase under the present Government in the number of patients treated by the National Health Service and in the availability of new and better forms of treatment; notes that this has been made possible by massive extra resources provided by the Government, combined with more effective use of those resources; welcomes the further record increase in resources planned for the National Health Service in 1991–92; congratulates those hospitals and other units which have sought and obtained approval to manage their own affairs as self-governing National Health Service trusts; looks forward to the setting up of the new general practitioner fundholding practices; and supports the Government’s reforms which will continue to put patients first by further improving the quality, quantity and cost-effectiveness of health services.

Electricity Privatisation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the ill-advised privatisation of the electricity supply industry, which is already proving costly to the taxpayer, to electricity consumers and to the balance of trade, which will further set back efforts to protect the environment because of its promotion of energy sales instead of energy saving, and which will increase the country’s dependence on fuel imports—(Mr Frank Dobson);

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 the restructuring of the electricity supply industry in England and Wales, the highly successful flotation of the regional electricity companies and its plans for floating National Power and PowerGen; and welcomes the many benefits such privatisation will bring to consumers, employees and the taxpayer', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Wakeham.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
Mr Don Dixon 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 Ken Eastham, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 226.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Irvine Patnick: 297.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 the Government on the restructuring of the electricity supply industry in England and Wales, the highly successful flotation of the regional electricity companies and its plans for floating National Power and PowerGen; and welcomes the many benefits such privatisation will bring to consumers, employees and the taxpayer.

9 Oversea Superannuation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Oversea Superannuation Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered. That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of seven Members, four to be nominated by the House and three by the Committee of Selection;

That there shall stand referred to the Select Committee—

(a) any Petition against the Bill presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than the fourteenth day after this day; and

(b) any Petition which has been presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office and in which the Petitioners complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled-up Bill or of any matter which has arisen during the progress of the Bill before the said Committee,

being a Petition in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents;

That if no such Petition as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above is presented, or if all such Petitions are withdrawn before the meeting of the Select Committee, the Order for the committal of the Bill to a Select Committee shall be discharged and the Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee;

That any Petitioner whose Petition stands referred to the Select Committee shall, subject to the Rules and Orders of the House and to the Prayer of his Petition, be entitled to be heard by himself, his Counsel or Agents upon his Petition provided that it is prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of the House, and the Member in charge of the Bill shall be entitled to be heard by his Counsel or Agents in favour of the Bill against that Petition;

That the Select Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of Evidence taken before it;

That three be the Quorum of the Select Committee.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

10 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 put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (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 stood committed to a Standing Committee.

11 Broadcasting, &c.,—Ordered. That Mr Graham Bright be discharged from the Select Committee on Broadcasting, &c., and Mr Humfrey Malins be added to the Committee.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

12 Adjournment.—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 16th January 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Community Charges (Scotland).—Standard Community Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 41), dated 14th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

3 Australia (No. 1, 1991),—Agreement, done at Canberra on 23rd August 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Australia providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters [by Command] [Cm. 1394] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

4 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Accounts prepared pursuant to the Industrial Organisation and Development Act 1947 of the sums recovered by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry for 1989–90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 151] [Clerk of the House].

5 Ordnance Survey,—Trading Accounts of the Ordnance Survey for 1989–90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 148] [Mr Francis Maude].

6 Probation Board (Northern Ireland),—Statement of Accounts of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland for 1989–90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 150] [Clerk of the House].

7 Tithes,—Account of the Redemption Annuities Account for the period 1st April to 29th September 1989; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 149] [Clerk of the House].

8 Treaty Series (No. 6, 1991),—Notes exchanged at Prague on 18th September 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic concerning the abolition of visas [by Command] [Cm. 1396] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee F,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Atomic Weapons Establishment Bill, viz.: Mr Alan Amos, Mr Gerald Bowden, Mr Roland Boyes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Kenneth Carlisle, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Alan Clark, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr John McWilliam, Sir David Mitchell, Mr Allan Rogers, Mr Terry Rooney and Mr David Tredinnick.

2 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Construction of Dwellings and Land) Order 1990, viz.: Sir Thomas Arnold, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr A. J. Beith, Dr John G. Blackburn, Mr Robert Boscawen, Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr George J. Buckley, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr James Couchman, Sir Anthony Durant, Mr Andrew Faulds, Mr Michael Grylls, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr John Hughes, Dr John Marek, Mrs Gillian Shephard and Mr Gavin Strang.

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Road Traffic (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Joe Benton, Mr David Gilroy Bevan, Sir Richard Body, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Jim Callaghan, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Mr David Harris, Mr Jerry Hayes, Mr Robert Hayward, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Jim Lester, Mr Eddie Loyal, Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr Richard Needham, Mr Richard Page and Mr Roger Stott.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—First Report from the Agriculture Committee [Microwave Ovens], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 36] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Education, Science and Arts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education, Science and Arts Committee on 16th January; to be printed [No. 155-i] [Mr Malcolm Thornton].
3 Energy.—(1) Second Report from the Energy Committee [Oil Prices]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 154]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 16th January; to be printed [No. 33-iii]

[Dr Michael Clark].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 16th January; to be printed [No. 61-vi] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

5 European Legislation,—Sixth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-vi] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 16th January; to be printed [No. 143-i] [Mr David Howell].

7 Home Affairs,—Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 146-i] [Sir John Wheeler].

8 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 16th January; to be printed [No. 130-i] [Sir Antony Buck].

9 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 16th January; to be printed [No. 157-i] [Sir Peter Emery].

10 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 16th January; to be printed [No. 156-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

11 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 16th January; to be printed [No. 141-i] [Mr David Marshall].

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 16th January 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the Atomic Weapons Establishment Bill to Standing Committee F;

(2) the Value Added Tax (Construction of Dwellings and Land) Order 1990 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(3) the draft Road Traffic (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Sir John Hunt an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill;

(2) Mr Robert Rhodes James Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Atomic Weapons Establishment Bill;

(3) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Construction of Dwellings and Land) Order 1990; and

(4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Road Traffic (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 10149/90, relating to the promotion of energy efficiency in the Community, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 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 Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:  
Redbridge London Borough Council Bill.

2 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means, be considered on Thursday 24th January.

3 British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 24th January.

4 Midland Metro Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Midland Metro Bill, as amended in the Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 24th January.

5 Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords],—The Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

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

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

8 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:  
The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords], viz.:  
That the Promoters of the Bill, which originated in the House of Lords in the last Session of Parliament but did not receive the Royal Assent, shall, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of the House of Lords, have leave to introduce the said Bill in the present Session and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That the Bill shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Five o'clock on 22nd January with a declaration annexed thereto signed by the Agent concerned stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in the House of Lords in the last Session of Parliament;

That the proceedings on the Bill shall in the present Session be pro forma only, in regard to every stage through which the Bill passed in the last Session of Parliament, and that no new Fees shall be charged to such stages.

9 British Technology Group Bill,—Mr Secretary Lilley, supported by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Wakeham, Mr John Selwyn Gummer, Mr Secretary Waldegrave, Mr David Mellor and Mr Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to provide for the vesting of the property, rights and liabilities of the National Research Development Corporation and the National Enterprise Board in a company nominated by the Secretary of State 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 59].

10 Ministerial and Other Pensions and Salaries Bill,—Mr John MacGregor, supported by Mr David Mellor, presented a Bill to make new provision with respect to the pensions payable to or in respect of persons who have held the office of Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, Speaker of the House of Commons or Lord Chancellor; to relate the salary of the Lord Chancellor to that of the Lord Chief Justice; to provide for the making of grants to persons ceasing to hold ministerial and certain other offices and the payment of an allowance to persons holding those offices who are members of the House of Lords; to make new provision for determining the Exchequer contributions to the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund; and to extend the purposes for which payments can be made under section 4(1) of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act
1948: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-
morrow and to be printed [Bill 60].

11 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith,
pursuant to Standing order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Greg Knight)—It was agreed to.

12 House of Commons Services,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report to the House of Commons Commission on House of Commons Services (House of Commons Paper No. 38).—(Mr A. J. Beith.)

13 Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords];

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

14 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr Ian Stewart be added to the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 17th January 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Cable North (Forth District) Limited) (Falkirk and West Lothian) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 33), and
(3) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Cablevision Communications Company Limited) (Central Hertfordshire) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 34),
dated 13th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

3 Broadcasting,—Accounts of additional payments to the Independent Broadcasting Authority by programme contractors for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 159] [Clerk of the House].

4 Health Service Commissioner,—First Report of the Health Service Commissioner for Session 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 133] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

5 Italy (No 1, 1991),—Agreement, done at Rome on 16th May 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Italian Republic concerning mutual assistance in relation to traffic in narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances and the restraint and confiscation of the proceeds of crime [by Command] [Cm. 1395] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

6 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 17th January 1991 on borrowing by the Land Authority for Wales [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

7 Miscellaneous Financial Provisions,—Report and Accounts of the West Midlands Development Agency for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to —
(1) Cable Enfield Limited,
(2) Cable North (Forth District) Limited, and
(3) Cablevision Communications Company Limited in respect of central Hertfordshire under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
9 Treaty Series (No. 5, 1991).—Agreement, done at Baghdad on 30th October 1989, between the Government of the Republic of Iraq and the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and India concerning the Mosul war cemetery [by Command] [Cm. 1399] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 Treaty Series (No. 7, 1991).—Agreement, done at London on 29th January 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Mexican States on bilateral co-operation in the fight against illicit traffic in and abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances [by Command] [Cm. 1398] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr James Couchman (nominated in respect of the Value Added Tax (Construction of Dwellings and Land) Order 1990); and had appointed in substitution Mr Graham Riddick.

[No. 37.]

Friday 18th January 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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 (No. 3) Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

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

3 Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) 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. 11 (Friday sittings).

And the Question being again proposed;

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill,—The Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

5 Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 1st March.

6 Human Rights Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Human Rights Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 25th January.

7 Licensing Reform Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Reform Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 1st February.
8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 21st January, the Motions in the name of Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection, relating to Social Security and to Health may be proceeded with, though opposed, for one and a half hours after the first of them has been entered upon; and, if proceedings thereon have not been disposed of at that hour, any Amendments to the first Motion which may have been selected by Mr Speaker may then be moved, and the Questions thereon shall be put forthwith, and Mr Speaker shall then put forthwith successively the Question on the said Motion, or Motion as amended, and the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the other Motion, which may then be made, and of any Amendments thereto which may have been selected by him, which may then be moved; and, notwithstanding the practice of the House, each such Motion shall be regarded as a single Motion.(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

9 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 22nd January, the Motions in the name of Mr John MacGregor relating to European Standing Committees and to European Community Documents may be proceeded with, though opposed, for one and a half hours after the first of them has been entered upon; and, if proceedings thereon have not been disposed of at that hour, any Amendments to the first Motion which may have been selected by Mr Speaker may then be moved, and the Questions thereon shall be put forthwith, and Mr Speaker shall then put forthwith successively the Question on the said Motion, or Motion as amended, and the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the other Motion, which may then be made, and of any Amendments thereto which may have been selected by him, which may then be moved.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

10 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 23rd January, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Orders Nos. 14 (Exempted business) and 15 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative procedure)), Mr Speaker shall, three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Lang relating to Housing (Scotland), if those proceedings have not been previously disposed of, put the Question already proposed from the Chair; and shall then put forthwith successively the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the other such Motions in the names of Mr Secretary Lang and Mr Neil Kinnock, which may then be moved; and proceedings on the said Motions may continue after the expiration of the time for opposed business.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 21st January.

[Adjourned at 3.2 pm]

APPENDIX

Friday 18th January 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—Draft Income Tax (Building Societies) (Annual Payments) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 160] [Mr Secretary Baker].


5 Rating and Valuation,—Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 42), dated 14th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

6 Development of Inventions,—Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 161] [Clerk of the House].

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

PRAYERS.

1 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).

2 Select Committees,—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

3 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Hyperbolic Systems) Order 1990 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

4 The Gulf,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its full support for British forces in the Gulf and their contribution to the implementation of United Nations resolutions by the multinational force, as authorised by United Nations Security Council Resolution 678—(The Prime Minister);

The Question was amended, in line 4, by adding, at the end, the words 'commends the instructions to minimise civilian casualties wherever possible; and expresses its determination that, once the aggression in Kuwait is reversed, the United Nations and the international community must return with renewed vigour to resolving the wider problems in the Middle East'.—(Mr Neil Kinnock.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 563.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Dennis Canavan: 34.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House expresses its full support for British forces in the Gulf and their contribution to the implementation of United Nations resolutions by the multinational force, as authorised by United Nations Security Council Resolution 678; commends the instructions to minimise civilian casualties wherever possible; and expresses its determination that, once the aggression in Kuwait is reversed, the United Nations and the international community must return with renewed vigour to resolving the wider problems in the Middle East.

5 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr John Browne, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Frank Field, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Mr David Harris, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr David Porter and Mr David Shaw be members of the Social Security Committee (Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

And it being one and a half hours after the Motion was entered upon, Mr Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [18th January], to put the Question, and then to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection, relating to Health.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Tuesday 22nd January 1991

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Tim Boswell: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Malcolm Bruce: 33.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr John Browne, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Frank Field, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Mr David Harris, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr David Porter and Mr David Shaw be members of the Social Security Committee.

Health,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr Tom Clarke, Mr James Couchman, Mr Jerry Hayes, Mr David Hinchliffe, Alice Mahon, Sir David Price, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Roger Sims, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr
Nicholas Winterton and Audrey Wise be members of the Health Committee—(Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection)—It was agreed to.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.33 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 21st January 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance.—(1) Population Report (England) (No. 2),
   (2) Revenue Support Grant Distribution (Amendment) Report (England),
   (3) Revenue Support Grant Report (England) 1991-92, and
   (4) Special Grant Report (No. 2)
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 94, 95, 93 and 96] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

2 Local Government Finance (Wales),—(1) Distribution of Non-Domestic Rates (Relevant Population) Report for Wales (No. 2),
   (2) Welsh Revenue Support Grant Distribution Report (No. 2), and
   (3) Welsh Revenue Support Grant Report 1991-92
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 80, 79 and 78] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

5 Housing Associations,—Statement of determination of pension of the former Deputy Chairman of the Housing Corporation [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

   (2) Savings Certificates (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 74),
   (3) Savings Certificates (Yearly Plan) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 75), and
   (4) Savings Contracts (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 76),
   dated 16th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

7 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
   (1) East London Telecommunications Limited in respect of Waltham Forest,
   (2) Starside Network Limited in respect of the south east Kent franchise, and
(3) Stort Valley Cable Limited in respect of Harlow and Bishops Stortford
under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Paper withdrawn:

[laid 18th January].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Broadcasting, &c.,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on
Broadcasting, &c., on 21st January; to be printed [No. 11-ii] [Mr John MacGregor].

2 Environment,—(1) First Special Report from the Environment Committee [PSA Services and
DOE Property Holdings Main Estimates, 1990-91: Observations by the Government on
the Fifth Report from the Committee (Session 1989-90)]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 21st January;
to be printed [Nos. 164 and 61-vi] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on
21st January; to be printed [No. 165-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 39.]

Tuesday 22nd January 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Aire and Calder Navigation Bill,—A Bill to provide for restoration and diversion of a section
of the river Aire and of the Aire and Calder Navigation within the St. Aidan’s Remainder
Opencast Site of the British Coal Corporation; to authorise the Corporation to construct
works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Corporation; and for other
purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

2 Birmingham City Council Bill,—A Bill to authorise the Birmingham City Council to dispose
of or appropriate Cannon Hill House in the city, was read the first time; and ordered to
be read a second time.

3 British Railways Bill,—A Bill to empower the British Railways Board to construct works and
to acquire 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.

4 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—A Bill to empower New Cattedown Limited to construct
works in the Cattewater in the city of Plymouth; to authorise the Company to acquire
lands; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second
time.

5 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—A Bill to empower the British Railways Board to stop
up certain level crossings on their East Coast Main Line railway, was read the first time;
and ordered to be read a second time.

6 Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill,—A Bill to empower Heathrow Airport Limited to
purchase or use additional land; and for related purposes, was read the first time; and
ordered to be read a second time.

7 Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill,—A Bill to empower BP Petroleum Development Limited to construct
works in Poole Bay; to bring those works within the jurisdiction of the Town
and Country Planning Act 1990; to authorise the Company to acquire lands; to extend
the jurisdiction of the Poole Harbour Commissioners, Dorset County Council and Poole
Borough Council; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read
a second time.

8 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) 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 related purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be
read a second time.
9 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill.—A Bill to empower the charging of a penalty fare in substitution for the proper fare for persons using transport services under the control of London Regional Transport without a valid ticket for such use; and for related purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

10 London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill.—A Bill to empower London Underground Limited, for safety purposes and the relief of passenger congestion, to construct works and to acquire or use lands; to confer further powers on the Company; and for connected purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

11 London Underground (No. 2) Bill.—A Bill to empower London Underground Limited to construct additional works in connection with the extension of their Jubilee Line railway from Green Park to Stratford; to authorise the acquisition or use of additional lands; to confer further powers on London Underground Limited; and for related purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

12 Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill.—A Bill to empower the West Midland Passenger Transport Executive to construct additional works for extension of their light rail rapid passenger transport system and substituted works for parts of that system; to authorise the acquisition of lands for that purpose; to confer further powers upon the Executive; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

13 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill.—A Bill to make provision with reference to a market at Ilford in the London Borough of Redbridge; and for purposes connected therewith, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

14 Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill.—A Bill to authorise the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council to reclaim land and construct works in the harbour at Barry; to alter the status of part of that harbour by restricting public rights of access thereto; and for connected or other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

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

17 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

18 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Value Added Tax (Construction of Dwellings and Land) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2553), referred to a Committee on 15th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 173].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Development Board for Rural Wales Bill, without Amendment.

Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision as to the methods of payment, and the variation of methods of payment under maintenance orders made by the High Court and county courts; to re-enact with modifications certain provisions relating to the making and variation of orders requiring money to be paid periodically; to make further provision as to the making, variation and enforcement by magistrates’ courts of maintenance orders; to make further provision about proceedings by clerks of magistrates’ courts in relation to arrears under certain orders requiring money to be paid periodically; to make further provision as to maintenance orders registered in, or confirmed by, magistrates’ courts or registered in the High Court; to extend the power to make attachment of earnings orders in the case of maintenance orders; to amend section 10 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer powers upon National Power plc and PowerGen plc for the construction of ancillary works in connection with proposed generating stations at Killingholme and for the acquisition of lands and easements or rights for the purposes thereof; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

20 Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords].—The Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 64].
21 Public Service Contract Bill.—Mr David Porter, supported by Mr Simon Burns, Mr Paul Marland, Mr David Martin, Mr James Cran and Mr Alan Amos, presented a Bill to establish a public service contract, with compensation for failure to supply, between community charge and ratepayers and local authorities, and between consumers and public services: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 61].

22 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 20) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman): It was agreed to.

23 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) (England) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 6) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman): It was agreed to.

24 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) (Wales) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 5) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman): It was agreed to.

25 Road Traffic (Random Breath Testing).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Road Traffic Act 1972 to provide for additional powers for the police to carry out random breath tests at the roadside—(Mr Terry Lewis);

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. 19 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr George J. Buckley: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Colin Shepherd, Mr Peter Thurnham: 49.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Stephen Day, Sir Hugh Rossi, Mr Roland Boyes, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Michael J. Martin, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Simon Hughes and Mr David Bellotti do prepare and bring in the Bill.

26 Road Traffic (Random Breath Testing) Bill.—Mr Terry Lewis accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Road Traffic Act 1972 to provide for additional powers for the police to carry out random breath tests at the roadside: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 62].

27 Export and Investment Guarantees Bill.—The Order of the Day being read, for the Second Reading of the Export and Investment Guarantees 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 Irvine Patnick, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 223.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

28 Export and Investment Guarantees Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Export and Investment Guarantees Bill [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act resulting from the Export and Investment Guarantees Bill (the Act), it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Secretary of State for making payments or defraying his administrative expenses
under the Act and the charging on and payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums not paid out of money provided by Parliament which are required by the Secretary of State for fulfilling his liabilities under the Act, and

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums received by the Secretary of State by virtue of the Act.—(Mr Tim Sainsbury.)

29 European Standing Committees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following Amendments be made to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees):

in paragraph (1), line 1, leave out ‘three’ and insert ‘two’;

in paragraph (3), line 15, leave out ‘ten’ and insert ‘thirteen’;

in paragraph (6), line 34, leave out ‘several’ and leave out the table following paragraph (6) and insert the following table:

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The Question was amended, in line 5, by inserting, after the word ‘thirteen’, the words ‘in paragraph (4), line 24, leave out ‘two’ and insert “three”’.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

Another Amendment ((d)) was proposed to the Question, in line 15, at the end, to add the words ‘in paragraph (8), line 65, at the end add “The Committee shall also have power to report to the House its conclusions on any matters arising out of its consideration of documents referred to it under the provisions of the Order”’.—(Mr Teddy Taylor);

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

And it being more than one and a half hours after the Motion was entered upon, Mr Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [18th January], to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the Motion, as amended, and of the Motion in the name of Mr John MacGregor relating to European Community Documents.

The Main Question, as amended, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following Amendments be made to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees):

in paragraph (1), line 1, leave out ‘three’ and insert ‘two’;

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European Community Documents,—Ordered, That—

(1) European Community Document No. 6701/90, relating to pollution from diesel engines, which stands referred to European Standing Committee B, shall instead stand referred to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) the following Documents which stand referred to European Standing Committee C shall instead stand referred to European Standing Committee B:

European Community Documents Nos. 8353/90, relating to customs controls on baggage, 8073/90, relating to organisation of working time, 9025/90, relating to
nuclear fusion research, 6703/88, relating to burden of proof in the area of equal pay and treatment for men and women, 8461/88, relating to import duties on weapons and military equipment, 8162/90, relating to procurement procedures of water, energy, transport and telecommunications undertakings, 8075/90, relating to safety on temporary work sites, 8792/90, relating to protection of pregnant women at work, 8460/90, relating to protection of individuals in relation to processing of personal data in the Community and information security, 10149/90, relating to the promotion of energy efficiency in the Community, and the Commission Report on the benefits and costs of economic and monetary union. —(Mr John MacGregor.)

30 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Mr Jeff Rooker be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Norman Hogg be added to the Committee.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

31 Broadcasting, &c.,—Ordered, That Joan Ruddock and Mr Brian Wilson be discharged from the Select Committee on Broadcasting, &c., and Mrs Llin Golding and Mr Geoffrey Lothhouse be added to the Committee.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

32 Armed Forces Bill.—Ordered, That Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes be discharged from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill and Mr Julian Critchley be added to the Committee.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

33 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Rigside and others against opencast mining at Townhead Farm was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

34 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.43 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 22nd January 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 1991, and

(2) draft Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991
[by Act][Mr Secretary Brooke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Report of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1989-90 [by Act][Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee B.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes (nominated in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Tony Favell.

2 Standing Committee F.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr Gordon McMaster (nominated in respect of the Atomic Weapons Establishments Bill).
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Statutory Instruments.—(1) Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; and

(2) Third Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee;

to be printed [Nos. 26-vii and 27-iii] [Mr Bob Cryer].

[No. 40.]

Wednesday 23rd January 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

4 Private Bills,—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, the Agents for the Bill have deposited 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 House of Lords in the last Session, viz.:

Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].

5 Private Bills [Lords].—The Orders [14th January], relating to the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords], being read;

Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

6 Social Security,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Services Committee on 6th June and 25th July, in the last Session of Parliament, and reported to the House, together with so much of the Minutes of Evidence and Memoranda submitted to the Social Services Committee in the last Session of Parliament and reported to the House pursuant to the Instruction [19th October 1990] as relates to social security, be referred to the Social Security Committee.—(Mr Frank Field.)

7 Coal Mining Subsidence Bill,—Mr Secretary Wakeham, supported by Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr John Selwyn Gummer, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory and Mr Colin Moynihan, presented a Bill to repeal and re-enact with amendments the Coal-Mining (Subsidence) Act 1957 and, in the Coal Industry Act 1975, section 2(4) and paragraphs 1 to 4 of Schedule 1; to make provision for imposing further obligations on the British Coal Corporation, including obligations corresponding to those voluntarily accepted by them under their code of practice concerning compensation for subsidence damage; 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 63].

8 Building Conversion and Energy Conservation Bill,—Mr Robin Squire, supported by Sir Richard Body, Mr Peter Rost, Mr Tony Speller, Mr Clive Soley and Mr Terry Davis, presented a Bill to require the insulation against heat loss of dwelling units provided by the conversion of existing dwellings; and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 65].

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2) be
referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

10 Water Requirements (Planning).—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require a person seeking planning permission for a new building to send an estimate of the annual water requirement of the building to the area water company at the same time as submitting the application for planning permission to the planning authority: And that Mr Hugo Summerson, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Tony Banks, Emma Nicholson, Mr William Hague, Mr Geraint Howells, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Andrew Welsh and Mr Tony Favell do prepare and bring it in.

11 Water Requirements (Planning) Bill.—Mr Hugo Summerson accordingly presented a Bill to require a person seeking planning permission for a new building to send an estimate of the annual water requirement of the building to the area water company at the same time as submitting the application for planning permission to the planning authority: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th April and to be printed [Bill 58].

12 Community Charges (Substitute Setting) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Community Charges (Substitute Setting) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Substituted amounts: collection fund)—(Mr David Blankett)—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 Ken Eastham: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Tom Sackville: 314.

Another Clause (Certification of statutory duties)—(Mr Paul Murphy)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Secretary Heseltine, 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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Tim Boswell: 302.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Allen McKay: 225.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

13 Housing (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 17th December, be approved—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 218.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Jack Thompson, Mr Allen McKay: 150.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 17th December, be approved.

And it being more than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Lang relating to Housing (Scotland), Mr Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [18th January], to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the other such Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Lang.

Housing (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 17th December, be approved—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton):—It was agreed to.
14 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, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums to be paid out of that Fund under any other enactment.—(Mr John Maples.)

15 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mr James Bacon for an inquiry into his liability to pay water and sewerage charges for his garage was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John M. Taylor.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 23rd January 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Customs and Excise.—Customs and Excise (Community Transit) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 52), dated 16th January 1991 [by Act] [Mrs Gillian Shephard].


Other Papers:

3 Forestry.—Report and Accounts of the Forestry Commission for 1989–90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 75] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Monopolies and Mergers.—Reports by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on—

   (1) the merger situation between Crédit Lyonnais SA and Woodchester Investments plc, and

   (2) the proposed merger between Kemira Oy and Imperial Chemical Industries plc [by Command] [Cm. 1404 and 1406] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

5 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on support for low income families [by Act]; to be printed [No. 153] [Clerk of the House].

6 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—First Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1990–91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 145] [Clerk of the House].

7 Social Fund.—Account of the Social Fund for 1989–90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 147] [Clerk of the House].

8 United States (No. 1, 1991).—Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the period 1st October 1989 to 30th September 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1400] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill, viz.: Mr Richard Alexander, Mr Alan Amos, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Robert Banks, Mr David Bellettii, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Tom Cox, Mr Andrew Faulds, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Jerry Hayes, Maureen Hicks, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Michael Knowles, Joan Lestor, Mr Peter Lloyd, Mr Richard Page, Mr Roger Sims and Mr Alan Williams.
2 Standing Committee E,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Representation of the People Bill, viz.: Mr Robert Adley, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr John Battle, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr John Carlisle, Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Dame Peggy Fenner, Sir Anthony Grant, Sir Barney Hayhoe, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mr John Maples, Dr John Marek, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Robert Parry, Mr Terry Rooney and Mr Peter Viggers.

3 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Hyperbolic Systems) Order 1990, viz.: Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr John Cummings, Mr David Davis, Mr Ian Grist, Mr Robert Hicks, Mr Richard Holt, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mrs Ray Michie, Sir Hal Miller, Sir Gerard Neale, Mr Tom Pendry, Mr David Porter, Sir William Shelton, Mr Roger Sims, Sir Trevor Skeet and Joan Walley.

4 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1991, viz.: Mr W. Benyon, Mr Sydney Bidwell, Sir Antony Buck, Mr Jim Callaghan, Mr Paul Champion, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr David Davis, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr John Gorst, Mr Alan Haselhurst, Sir Neil Macfarlane, Mr Michael Mates, Mr William Powell, Joan Ruddock, Mr Richard Shepherd and Mr Nigel Spearing.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) Order 1991, the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) (England) Order 1991 and the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) (Wales) Order 1991, viz.: Sir Rhodes Boyson, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mr Ron Davies, Mr Ralph Howell, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr David Maclean, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Sir Roger Moate, Sir Charles Morrison, Mr Peter L. Pike, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Andrew Rowe and Mr Alan W. Williams.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 179-i] [Mr John Wilkinson].

2 Education, Science and Arts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education, Science and Arts Committee on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 155-ii] [Mr Malcolm Thornton].

3 Employment,—(1) Second Report from the Employment Committee [Recruitment Practices], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 176]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Employment Committee

[Mr Ron Leighton].

4 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 33-iv] [Dr Michael Clark].

5 European Legislation,—Seventh Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-vii] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 143-ii] [Mr David Howell].

7 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 177-i] [Sir John Wheeler].

8 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 167] [Sir Antony Buck].
9 Procedure,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 178-i] [Sir Peter Emery].

10 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 181-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

11 Trade and Industry,—First Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Sale of Rover Group to British Aerospace], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

12 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 180-i] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

13 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 166-i] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 23rd January 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

   (1) the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill and the Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill to Standing Committee C;

   (2) the Representation of the People Bill to Standing Committee E;

   (3) the Export and Investment Guarantees Bill to Standing Committee H;

   (4) the draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Hyperbolic Systems) Order 1990 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

   (5) the Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and


2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

   (1) Sir Anthony Meyer an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill;

   (2) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill;

   (3) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Representation of the People Bill;

   (4) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Export and Investment Guarantees Bill;

   (5) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Hyperbolic Systems) Order 1990;

   (6) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1990; and


3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referrals have been made:

   (1) the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 18th January 1991, relating to the levy in the milk and milk products sector, to European Standing Committee A; and
(2) European Community Document No. 9908/90 and the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Employment on 19th December 1990, relating to the third Community action programme on equal opportunities for women and men, and COM (90) 670 and the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by H.M. Treasury on 21st January 1991, relating to Community measures to assist the USSR, to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 41.]

Thursday 24th January 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 31st January.

2 Midland Metro Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Midland Metro Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 31st January.

3 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 31st January.

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

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

6 Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 66].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 184].

7 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Road Traffic (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 15th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 183].

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

Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to establish Scottish Natural Heritage; to make provision as to the management of water resources in Scotland; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of twelve Lords to join with a Committee of this House as the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills; that they have ordered that the Committee have power to agree with the Committee of this House in the appointment of a Chairman; and that they propose that the Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room 4 on Wednesday 6th February at half-past Four o'clock.

9 Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 67].

10 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nicholas Baker);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
11 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of the constituency of Leeds West and elsewhere for a peaceful resolution of the Gulf crisis, and

(2) Mr Joe Ashton, a Member of the House, for an investigation into the closure of the Shipstones Brewery

were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 24th January 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

2 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991,

(2) draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991,

(3) draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, and

(4) draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 60), and

(2) Lotteries (Gaming Board Fees) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 61), dated 17th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

4 Food,—Food Safety (Improvement and Prohibition—Prescribed Forms) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 100), dated 22nd January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

5 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Cable Communications (Liverpool) Limited) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 81), dated 14th January 1991, and

(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Staffordshire Cable Limited) (Stoke on Trent and Newcastle under Lyme) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 82), dated 13th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

6 Defence (Royal Air Force),—Regulations of the Defence Council, dated 19th November 1990, relating to the trade structure of the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

7 European Communities (No. 8, 1991),—Convention, done at Interlaken on 20th May 1987, on a Common Transit Procedure [by Command] [Cm. 1392] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on staff appraisal in the Civil Service [by Act]; to be printed [No. 174] [Clerk of the House].

9 Reserve Forces,—Reserve Forces (Personal Attendance) Regulations 1990, dated 22nd December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

10 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) Cable Communications (Liverpool) Limited in respect of Liverpool North, and
(2) Staffordshire Cable Limited in respect of the Stoke on Trent and Newcastle under Lyme cable franchise under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

11 Treaty Series (No. 8, 1991).—Convention, done at Pallanza, Italy, on 21st October 1988, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Italian Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, with exchange of notes [by Command] [Cm. 1401] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr Richard Alexander (nominated in respect of the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr David Mudd.

2 Standing Committee H.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of the Export and Investment Guarantees Bill, viz.: Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr Alex Carlile, Dr Michael Clark, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Michael Grylls, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Kenneth Hind, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr John McAllion, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Rhodri Morgan, Ms Joyce Quin, Mr Tim Sainsbury, Mr Colin Shepherd and Mr Jack Thompson.

3 European Standing Committee A.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Standing Committee A, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Tim Devlin, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr David Harris, Mr Robert Hayward, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr Peter L. Pike, Mr John D. Taylor, Mr Teddy Taylor and Mr Cyril D. Townsend.

4 European Standing Committee B.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Standing Committee B, viz.: Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr George J. Buckley, Mr Alistair Burt, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Tony Favell, Mr Paul Flynn, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Bernie Grant, Ms Joyce Quin, Mr Lewis Stevens, Mr David Tredinnick, Mr Gary Waller and Mr Dafydd Wigley.

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 24th January 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Dame Janet Fookes Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 6701/90, relating to pollution from diesel engines in vehicles; and

(2) Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 6459/90, relating to obstacles to takeovers.

[No. 42.]

Friday 25th January 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) employees of bookmakers operating licensed betting offices for consultation before changes to the opening hours of betting shops, and

(2) residents of Bangor, County Down and elsewhere for the preservation of Bangor seafront were 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).

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

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

Mr Conal Gregory rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Madam Deputy Speaker withheld her assent and declined then to put that Question.

Sir Richard Body rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Madam Deputy Speaker withheld her assent and declined then to put that Question.

Sir Richard Body 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 Alan Meale, Mr Peter Bottomley: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Townend, Mr William Hague: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 1st February.

Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill.—The Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 22nd February.

Greyhound Betting Levy Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greyhound Betting Levy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th February.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th February.

Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th February.

Welfare of Animals at Slaughter Bill.—The Welfare of Animals at Slaughter Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

British Racing Commission Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Racing Commission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th February.

Coal Mining Subsidence (Damage Arbitration, Prevention and Public Awareness) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mining Subsidence (Damage Arbitration, Prevention and Public Awareness) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th February.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th February.
14 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 29th January, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business),—

(1) Mr Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Heseltine relating to Local Government Finance not later than Ten o'clock; and

(2) the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Hunt relating to Local Government Finance (Wales) may be proceeded with, though opposed, for one and a half hours after the first of them has been entered upon, and, if those proceedings have not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at the expiry of that period put the Questions necessary to dispose of them; and

(3) the aforesaid Questions may be decided after the expiry of the time for opposed business.—(Mr Neil Hamilton.)

15 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 31st January, if proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr John MacGregor relating to Parliamentary Pensions have not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall, three hours after the Motion has been entered upon,—

(a) if the Question last proposed from the Chair is the Main Question, call a Member to move any amendments thereto which he may have selected, and the Questions thereon shall be put forthwith, and then put the Main Question or the Main Question as amended; or

(b) if the Question last proposed from the Chair is for the amendment of the Motion, put that Question and then proceed as aforesaid; and

the said proceedings may continue after the expiry of the time for opposed business.—(Mr Neil Hamilton.)

16 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Neil Hamilton);

And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Madam Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then four minutes past Three o'clock, till Monday 28th January.

[Adjourned at 3.4 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 25th January 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Draft Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 London Regional Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st January 1991 on borrowing by London Regional Transport [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].


5 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before a copy was laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a copy had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:


[by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Bill, without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the Statutory Sick Pay Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Statutory Sick Pay Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Statutory Sick Pay Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 68].

5 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That the Lords Message [24th January] relating to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills be now considered.
   Lords Message considered accordingly.
   Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.
   Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

6 Football Spectators Bill.—The Order for reading the Football Spectators Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.
   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 8th February.

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

9 Ports Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ports 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 Nicholas Baker, Mr David Davis: 260.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Ken Eastham: 204.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

10 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 Neil Hamilton.)

11 Ports Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Ports Bill [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Ports 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 the provisions of the Act.—(Mr Neil Hamilton.)

13 Ports Bill [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Ports Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) a levy on disposals of—
   (a) securities; or
   (b) rights to require the issue of securities;

of any company to which the undertaking of a harbour authority is transferred under the Act;

(2) a levy in respect of gains accruing to such a company on disposals of land which is the subject of such a transfer or of interests in such land or in land in which an interest transferred by such a transfer subsists;

(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of all payments of levy under the Act, interest on unpaid levy and penalties in respect of levy.—(Mr Neil Hamilton.)

14 Financial Services.—Resolved, That the draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Delegation) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved.—(Mr John Redwood.)

15 Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Construction of Dwellings and Land) Order 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2553), dated 13th December 1990, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th December, be approved—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

16 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Road Traffic (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 18th December, be approved.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John M. Taylor.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.11 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 28th January 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Income Tax.—Draft Income Tax (Building Societies) (Annual Payments) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Community Charges.—Community Charges and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 118), dated 17th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

3 Community Charges (Scotland).—Community Charges (Registration) (Scotland) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 51), dated 14th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


5 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Pilot Boats) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 65), dated 14th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

6 Pensions.—Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 78), dated 18th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7 Rating and Valuation.—Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 114), dated 24th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:


10 Superannuation,—Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1991 (No. 1) [by Act] [Mrs Gillian Shephard].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated seventeen members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr John Bowis, Mr Chris Butler, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr David Evans, Mr Barry Field, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Ted Garrett, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Kate Hoey, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Graham Riddick, Mr Neville Trotter, Mr Keith Vaz and Joan Walley.

2 Standing Committee C,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr David Mudd (nominated in respect of the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Sir Trevor Skeet.

3 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Antony Buck (nominated in respect of the Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1990); and had appointed in substitution Mr Donald Thompson.

[No. 44.]

Tuesday 29th January 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Aire and Calder Navigation Bill,—Ordered, That the Aire and Calder Navigation Bill be read a second time on Thursday.

2 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—Ordered, That the Cattewater Reclamation Bill be read a second time on Thursday.

3 Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That the Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill be read a second time on Thursday.

4 Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill,—Ordered, That the Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill be read a second time on Thursday.

5 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill,—Ordered, That the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill be read a second time on Thursday.

6 London Underground (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That the London Underground (No. 2) Bill be read a second time on Thursday.

7 Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill,—Ordered, That the Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill be read a second time on Thursday.

8 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords] be read a second time on Thursday.

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

10 Select Committees,—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).
11 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 6459/90, relating to obstacles to takeovers and other general bids, and of the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 8th March 1990 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 4th June 1990 for a fifth directive, relating to public limited companies; and, while endorsing the Commission’s decision to bring forward proposals to eliminate barriers to takeovers as an important step in the completion of the internal market, regrets that the overall effect of the fifth directive in its present form would be to create significant and undesirable burdens for business.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 192].

12 Standing Orders (Public Business),—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), as amended on 22nd January, be printed [No. 175].

13 Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the practice of warrant sales and to replace it with a debt arbitration service; and to control the employment and conduct of sheriff officers—(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. 19 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at the commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Dave Nellist: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Robin Squire: 109.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr John McFall, Mr Harry Ewing, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Dave Nellist, Mr Michael Martin, Maria Fyfe, Mr William McKelvey, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Gordon McMaster and Mr David Marshall do prepare and bring in the Bill.

14 Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Dennis Canavan accordingly presented a Bill to abolish the practice of warrant sales and to replace it with a debt arbitration Service; and to control the employment and conduct of sheriff officers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 69].

15 Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Revenue Support Grant Report (England) 1991-92 (House of Commons Paper No. 93), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Heseltine);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Ken Eastham: 220.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Revenue Support Grant Report (England) 1991-92 (House of Commons Paper No. 93), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st January, be approved.

And it being after Ten o’clock, Mr Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [25th January], to put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the other Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Heseltine relating to Local Government Finance.

Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Population Report (England) (No. 2) (House of Commons Paper No. 94), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Heseltine):—It was agreed to.

Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Revenue Support Grant Distribution (Amendment) Report (England) (House of Commons Paper No. 95), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Heseltine):—It was agreed to.
Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Special Grant Report (No. 2) (House of Commons Paper No. 96), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Heseltine):—It was agreed to.

Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) 1989-90 (House of Commons Paper No. 12), a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Heseltine):—It was agreed to.

16 Local Government Finance (Wales).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Welsh Revenue Support Grant Report 1991-92 (House of Commons Paper No. 78), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Hunt);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Madam Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [25th January], to put the Questions necessary to dispose of the Motion and of the other Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Hunt relating to Local Government Finance (Wales).

The Question being put, That the Welsh Revenue Support Grant Report 1991-92 (House of Commons Paper No. 78), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st January, be approved;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 282.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie: 202.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Welsh Revenue Support Grant Report 1991-92 (House of Commons Paper No. 78), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st January, be approved.

Local Government Finance (Wales).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Welsh Revenue Support Grant Distribution Report (No. 2) (House of Commons Paper No. 79), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Hunt):—It was agreed to.

Local Government Finance (Wales).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Distribution of Non-Domestic Rates (Relevant Population) Report for Wales (No. 2) (House of Commons Paper No. 80), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Hunt):—It was agreed to.

17 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Sowerby Bridge against the closure of Sowerby Bridge fire station was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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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-six minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.26 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 29th January 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 European Communities.—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Fourth ACP-EEC Convention of Lome) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

2 Industrial Training.—Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].
Other Papers:

3 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Thirty-seventh to Forty-second Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1989-90 [by Command] [Cm. 1405] [Mr Francis Maude].

4 Race Relations.—Account of the Commission for Racial Equality for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 187] [Clerk of the House].

5 Sex Discrimination.—Account of the Equal Opportunities Commission for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 188] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

Statutory Instruments.—Eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-viii] [Mr Bob Cryer].

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

Birmingham City Council Bill.—Ordered, That the Birmingham City Council Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill.—Ordered, That the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill.—Ordered, That the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill.—Ordered, That the London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill.—Ordered, That the Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Redbridge London Borough Council Bill.—Ordered, That the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

Select Committees.—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

Health.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Services Committee on 13th June, 4th July and 17th October, in the last Session of Parliament, and reported to the House, together with so much of the Minutes of Evidence and Memoranda submitted to the Social Services Committee in the last Session of Parliament and reported to the House pursuant to the Instruction [19th October 1990] as relates to health and personal social services, be referred to the Health Committee.—(Mr Nicholas Winterton.)

Licensing Reform Bill.—The Order for reading the Licensing Reform Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 22nd March.
Protection of Badgers Bill,--Sir Nicholas Bonsor, supported by Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Nicholas Soames and Mr Barry Field, presented a Bill to amend the Badgers Act 1973 to extend protection to badger setts against acts likely to cause bodily harm to badgers; to restrict further the entry of dogs into badger setts; to increase the penalties for offences under the Act; and to amend further the Protection of Animals Act 1911 to allow courts to disqualify those convicted of certain offences under the Badgers Act 1973 from keeping a dog. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th February and to be printed [Bill 70].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. —(Mr Tim Boswell);—It was agreed to.

Nurse Prescribing,--Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Medicines Act 1968, the National Health Service Act 1977 and the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 in respect of pharmaceutical services; to make provision for registered nurses to prescribe medicinal products in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Jack Ashley, Sir David Price, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Emma Nicholson, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Jerry Hayes, Hilary Armstrong and Mr Roger Sims do prepare and bring it in.

Nurse Prescribing Bill,—Mr Dudley Fishburn accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Medicines Act 1968, the National Health Service Act 1977 and the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 in respect of pharmaceutical services; to make provision for registered nurses to prescribe medicinal products in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 71].

Opposition day [4th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Recession in Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is concerned about the deepening recession which is bringing rising bankruptcies and closures, falling output and investment and fast rising unemployment hitting all regions and all industries; notes that Britain has the biggest trade gap, the highest interest rates and worst inflation of its major European competitors; condemns the Government for the economic mismanagement that has created a recession that is happening nowhere else in Western Europe; and calls for an immediate reduction in interest rates, a Budget for investment in industry, and a modern industrial policy to improve Britain’s training and technological capabilities and to promote regional economic development—(Mr Gordon Brown);

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 policies which have transformed economic performance and, over the last decade, achieved a faster rate of output and investment growth than in Germany, France and Italy, the largest increase in manufacturing productivity of any major industrial country, record levels of exports, a record number of businesses, the highest ever number of people in work and an unemployment rate below the average of the European Community; welcomes the threefold increase in shareholders since 1979; and commends the resolve of Her Majesty’s Government to bear down on inflation and to continue with the supply side policies which have contributed to these achievements’, instead thereof. —(Mr Secretary Lilley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Frank Haynes: 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Neil Hamilton: 272.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates Her Majesty’s Government on policies which have transformed economic performance and, over the last decade, achieved a faster rate of output and investment growth than in Germany, France and Italy, the largest increase in manufacturing productivity of any major industrial country, record levels of exports,
a record number of businesses, the highest ever number of people in work and an unemployment rate below the average of the European Community; welcomes the threefold increase in shareholders since 1979; and commends the resolve of Her Majesty's Government to bear down on inflation and to continue with the supply side policies which have contributed to these achievements.

Famine in Sub-Saharan Africa.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the Government's famine relief efforts are totally inadequate to meet the plight of 20 million people threatened with starvation in sub-Saharan Africa; demands that the Government allocate forthwith additional resources for emergency relief; and calls on the Government to initiate a concerted international initiative to avert a devastating human disaster and to build the foundations for reconstruction and development throughout Africa—(Mrs Ann Clwyd);

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 speed and effectiveness with which Her Majesty's Government has responded to the threat of famine in sub-Saharan Africa through the provision of food and emergency aid; and endorses its diplomatic action to bring an end to the armed conflicts which have contributed to food shortages', instead thereof. (Mr Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

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 Martyn Jones: 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 264.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 speed and effectiveness with which Her Majesty's Government has responded to the threat of famine in sub-Saharan Africa through the provision of food and emergency aid; and endorses its diplomatic action to bring an end to the armed conflicts which have contributed to food shortages.

18 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 22nd January, be approved—(Mr Jeremy Hanley);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Madam Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Tim Boswell: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Trimble, Mr William Ross: 107.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 22nd January, be approved.

19 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 22nd January, be approved—(Mr Jeremy Hanley);

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the draft Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 22nd January, be approved.

20 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from traders of Archway Road, London N.6., for a review of Red Routes and increased investment in public transport was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

21 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Neil Hamilton.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes to Two o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.50 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 30th January 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government (Scotland), — Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1991, dated 28th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

5 Local Government Finance (Scotland), — Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1991 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 185] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 Monopolies and Mergers, — Reports by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on—

(1) the acquisition by Caldaire Holdings Ltd. of Bluebird Securities Ltd., and
(2) the proposed merger between British Aerospace plc and Thomson-CSF SA [by Command] [Cm. 1403 and 1416] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

7 Telecommunications, — Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Sheffield Cable Media Limited under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 Welsh Affairs, — Government Response to the Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 1989-90, on Rechem International Limited: incineration plant, Pontypool [by Command] [Cm. 1391] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C, — Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated seventeen members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Pig Husbandry Bill, viz.: Sir Richard Body, Mr Andrew Bowden, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Ron Davies, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Peter Hardy, Mr Ken Hargreaves, Mr Christopher Hawkins, Kate Hoey, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr David Maclean, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Teddy Taylor and Mr Bill Walker.

2 Standing Committee D, — Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Ports Bill, viz.: Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr George J. Buckley, Mr Michael Carttiss, Mr Barry Field, Mr Robert Hughes, Mr Michael Irvine, Mr Eddie Loyden, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Roger Moate, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr John Prescott, Mr David Shaw, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Peter Viggers, Mr James Wallace, Joan Walley and Mr Timothy Wood.

3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., — Sir 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 Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1991, the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Limits of Basic and Special Awards) Order 1991 and the draft Employment Protection
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th February.

9 London Underground (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th February.

10 Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th February.

11 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th February.

12 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 on Thursday 7th February.

13 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 on Thursday 7th February.

14 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th February.

15 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th February.

16 London Underground (King's Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th February.

17 Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th February.

18 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th February.

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


Minutes of Proceeding of the Committee to be printed [No. 200].

21 Oversea Superannuation Bill,—The Order [16th January]. That the Oversea Superannuation Bill be committed to a Select Committee, was discharged, pursuant to the said Order, no Petition against the Bill having been presented; and the Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

22 Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Bill,—The Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee to-morrow.
23 Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Bill [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Bill, it is expedient to authorise the charging on and payment out of the Consolidated Fund or the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums required to be so charged or paid under that Act; and
(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums so charged or payable under any other Act. (Mr Timothy Wood.)

24 Southampton Rapid Transit Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Promoters of the Southampton Rapid Transit Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present 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 last Session;

That as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first time and shall be ordered to be read a second time;

That the Petitions against the Bill presented in the last Session which stand referred to the Committee on the Bill shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill in the present 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 last 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; and

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 last Session—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Dennis Skinner: 49.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Tim Janman: 138.

So the Question was negatived.

25 Parliamentary Pensions,—Resolved, That this House endorses the proposals for improvements in Members' Pensions and Scheme Benefits to be contained in regulations under the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1987. (Mr John MacGregor.)

26 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Keith Davies against late abortion was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

27 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr John M. Taylor.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.12 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Thursday 31st January 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Employment Protection,—Draft Revised Code of Practice on time off for trade union duties and activities [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks),—Agreement between the Secretary of State for Transport and G. P. Elliott Co. Ltd. and others relating to the reinsurance of certain British aircraft operated by Magec Aviation Ltd. and/or their subsidiary companies and certain other aircraft against war risks [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


Other Papers:

4 Agriculture,—Accounts of the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce for the period 1st October 1988 to 30th September 1989; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 197] [Mr Francis Maude].

5 Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Class II for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 163-II] [Mr Francis Maude].

6 Armed Forces Pay,—Twentieth Report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay [by Command] [Cm. 1414] [The Prime Minister].

7 Aviation Security,,—Report by the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to section 23 of the Aviation Security Act 1982, as amended by the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990, for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

8 Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—Twenty-first Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration [by Command] [Cm. 1412] [The Prime Minister].

9 Export Credits Guarantee Department,—Trading Account and associated financial statements of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 198] [Mr Francis Maude].

10 Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions Allied to Medicine,—Eighth Report 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] [Cm. 1410 and 1411] [The Prime Minister].

11 Parliamentary Commissioner (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Northern Ireland Ombudsman for 1990, being the Annual Reports of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration for Northern Ireland and the Commissioner for Complaints [by Act]; to be printed [No. 182] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

12 Police (Northern Ireland),—Statement of Accounts of the Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 199] [Clerk of the House].

13 Teachers’ Pay and Conditions,—Fourth Report of the Interim Advisory Committee on School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions [by Command] [Cm. 1415] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

14 Top Salaries,—Thirtieth Report of the Review Body on Top Salaries, entitled Fourteenth Report on Top Salaries [by Command] [Cm. 1413] [The Prime Minister].

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 31st January 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Hyperbolic Systems) Order 1990, in place of Mr James Hill.
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix I).

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

3 Select Committees,—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Memoranda were reported and ordered to lie upon the Table (see Appendix III).

4 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Order [30th January], That the draft Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.

5 National Health Service (Compensation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Service (Compensation) Bill;

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

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Ann Winterton, Mr Tom Clarke: 81.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Andrew Mitchell: 193.

   So the Question was negatived.

6 Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors' Reports) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors’ Reports) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th February.

7 Aircraft (Noise Restriction) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Aircraft (Noise Restriction) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 1st March.

8 Road Traffic (Random Breath Testing) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic (Random Breath Testing) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th February.

9 Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th February.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 4th February.

APPENDIX I

Friday 1st February 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 Agriculture,—Draft Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

2 Fees and Charges,—Draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
3 Road Traffic.—Draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Education.—Education (Grants) (Travellers and Displaced Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 131), dated 28th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

6 Rating and Valuation.—(1) Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Central Lists) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 142), and

   (2) Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Local Lists) (Amendment and Miscellaneous Provision) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 141),

   dated 31st January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


Other Papers:

8 Financial Reporting to Parliament.—Paper, entitled The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1991-92 to 1993-94: Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 1514] [Mr Secretary Newton].

9 Indemnities.—Office of the Minister of the Civil Service Minute, dated 1st February 1991, concerning contingent liabilities in respect of indemnities for civil servants serving as non-executive directors [by Command] [Mr Tim Renton].

10 Public Expenditure.—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure Analyses to 1993-94: statistical supplement to the 1990 Autumn Statement [by Command] [Cm. 1520] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Paper withdrawn:

11 Agriculture.—Draft Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991 [laid 25th January].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr Patrick Nicholls (nominated in respect of the Ports Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Tim Janman.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Home Affairs.—(1) Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Policing Football Hooliganism], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1-I]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee

   [Sir John Wheeler].

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Select Committees.—Minutes of Evidence were reported from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

3 War Pensions (Disregard) Bill.—Alice Mahon, supported by Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mildred Gordon, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Bernie Grant and Mr John Battle, presented a Bill to provide that income from war pensions shall be disregarded for the purpose of assessing entitlement to any benefit payable out of the Social Security Fund or the National Insurance Fund: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 73].

4 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

5 Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords],—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (90 (Second Reading Committees)), That the Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

6 Family Policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising the fundamental importance of the well-being of the family as the basis for a stable, responsible and free society, believes that Government policies should be concentrated not on supplanting the role of families but in continuing to support and increase their confidence and competence by extending choice in employment, education, health, housing, pensions and personal social services, while pursuing sound economic policies which raise living standards, encourage savings and provide reliable and effective public services—(Mr David Martin); And it being Seven o'clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business).

7 Coal Mining Subsidence Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mining Subsidence 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.

8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Coal Mining Subsidence Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

10 Public Health,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 20), dated 10th January 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved—(Mr Nicholas Baker):—It was agreed to.

11 Public Health,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) (England) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 6), dated 10th January 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved—(Mr Nicholas Baker):—It was agreed to.
12 Public Health.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) (Wales) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 5), dated 10th January 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved.—(Mr Nicholas Baker).—It was agreed to.

13 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill.—Ordered, That it be an Instruction to Standing Committee B that it have power to amend the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill so as to make, in relation to the whole of the United Kingdom, provision for and in connection with the exercise of investigative powers by persons other than constables.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

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

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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 Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.24 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 4th February 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Community Charges,—(1) Community Charges and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (City of London) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 149), and


dated 1st February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:

2 Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission on landlord and tenant: distress for rent [by Act]; to be printed [No. 138] [Clerk of the House].

3 Special Procedure Orders,—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 Caledonian MacBrayne Limited (Gott Bay Pier) Harbour Revision Order 1990 [by Act] [Chairman of Ways and Means].

4 Treaty Series (No. 57, 1990),—Agreement, done at London on 3rd April 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Czechoslovak Federative Republic on co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture [by Command] [Cm. 1198] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 4th February; to be printed [No. 202-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

MEMORANDA

Monday 4th February 1991

1 Chairmen's Panel,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen's Panel), Mr Speaker nominated Mr Roy Hughes to be a member of the Chairmen's Panel during the present Session.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Dame Janet Fookes Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of the un-numbered explanatory
memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 18th January 1991, relating to the levy in the milk and milk products sector.

[No. 49.]

Tuesday 5th February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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).

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

3 Select Committees,—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

4 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill,—Sir Giles Shaw reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 76].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 205].

5 School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill,—Mr David Knox reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 74].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 204].

6 Representation of the People Bill,—Mr Geraint Howells reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Representation of the People 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. 206].

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

   Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to give effect to the Convention on jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, including the Protocols annexed thereto, opened for signature at Lugano on 16th September 1988; and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

   Crime of Vagrancy (Abolition) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to repeal the Vagrancy Act 1824, except for the provisions of that Act relating to insulting behaviour towards females; to repeal the Vagrancy Act 1935; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords].—The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 77].

9 Football (Offences) Bill,—Sir John Wheeler, supported by Mr David Ashby, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Gerald Bemingham, Dame Janet Fookes, Mr Roger Gale, Mr John Greenway, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Keith Vaz, Dr Mike Woodcock and Mr Tom Pendry, presented a Bill to define offences and prescribe penalties in respect of certain conduct at football matches; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 72].

10 Domestic Lettings,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law to relax certain requirements upon a private householder taking in not more than two lodgers in respect of taxation, the uniform business rate and the provisions of the Rent Acts; and for connected purposes—(Mrs Teresa Gorman);
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. 19 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business)—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr David Shaw, Sir Marcus Fox, Maureen Hicks, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr James Pawsey, Mr John Greenway, Mr Barry Field and Mrs Rosie Barnes do prepare and bring in the Bill.

11 Domestic Lettings Bill.—Mrs Teresa Gorman accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law to relax certain requirements upon a private householder taking in not more than two lodgers in respect of taxation, the uniform business rate and the provisions of the Rent Acts; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 40].

12 Statutory Sick Pay Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Statutory Sick Pay Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 3.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr Secretary Newton);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 316.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jack Thompson, Mr Ken Eastham: 236.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 6 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 7.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 7, to leave out from the word 'day' to the end of line 35 and insert the words—

'which forms part of a period of incapacity for work qualifies for small employers' relief if—

(a) on that day the employer is a small employer who has been liable to pay statutory sick pay in respect of that employee for earlier days forming part of that period of incapacity for work; and

(b) the aggregate amount of those payments exceeds the entitlement threshold, that is to say an amount equal to \( W \times R \), where—

\( W \) is a prescribed number of weeks; and

\( R \) is the appropriate weekly rate set out in section 7 above;

and regulations may make provision for calculating the entitlement threshold in any case where the employee's entitlement to statutory sick pay is calculated by reference to different weekly rates in the same period of incapacity for work.

(1C) If the Secretary of State by order so provides for any tax year, the following subsections shall have effect for that tax year in substitution for subsection (1B) above—

"(1BB) For the purposes of this section, a payment of statutory sick pay which an employer is liable to make to an employee for any day in a tax year qualifies for small employers' relief if—

(a) on that day the employer is a small employer who has been liable to make payments of statutory sick pay for earlier days in that tax year in respect of any employees of his; and

(b) the aggregate of any such payments for those earlier days exceeds a prescribed sum.

(1BC) In any case where—

(a) an employer is liable to make two or more payments of statutory sick pay for the same day in a tax year, and

(b) by virtue of the condition in subsection (1BB)(b) above, none of those payments would qualify for small employers' relief, but

(c) that condition would have been fulfilled in relation to a proportion of the aggregate amount of those payments, had he been liable—
(i) to pay as statutory sick pay for an earlier day in that tax year, instead of for the day in question, the smallest part of that aggregate that would enable that condition to be fulfilled, and
(ii) to pay the remainder as statutory sick pay for the day in question, he shall be treated for the purposes of subsection (1BB) above as if he had been liable to make payments of statutory sick pay as mentioned in paragraph (c) above instead of as mentioned in paragraph (a) above.

(1BD) If, in a case not falling within subsection (1BC) above—

(a) an employer is liable to make a single payment of statutory sick pay for a day in a tax year, and
(b) by virtue of the condition in subsection (1BB)(b) above, that payment would not qualify for small employers’ relief, but
(c) that condition would have been fulfilled in relation to a proportion of that payment, had he been liable—

(i) to pay as statutory sick pay for an earlier day in that tax year, instead of for the day in question, the smallest part of that payment that would enable that condition to be fulfilled, and
(ii) to pay the remainder as statutory sick pay for the day in question,

he shall be treated for the purposes of subsection (1BB) above as if he had been liable to make payments of statutory sick pay as mentioned in paragraph (c) above instead of the payment mentioned in paragraph (a) above;

and, without prejudice to section 45(1) below, the Secretary of State may by regulations make such transitional or consequential provision or savings as he considers necessary or expedient in connection with the coming into force of an order under this subsection or the expiry or revocation of any such order and the consequent revival of subsection (1B) above.

(1D) For the purposes of this section, “small employer” shall have the meaning assigned to it by regulations, and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any such regulations—

(a) may define that expression by reference to the amount of an employer’s contributions payments for any prescribed period, and
(b) if they do so, may in that connection make provision for the amount of those payments for that prescribed period—

(i) to be determined without regard to any deductions that may be made from them under this section or under any other enactment or instrument;
(ii) in prescribed circumstances, to be adjusted, estimated or otherwise attributed to him by reference to their amount in any other prescribed period.

(1E) If and so long as regulations under subsection (1D) above prescribe an amount which an employer’s contributions payment must not exceed if he is to be a small employer for the purposes of this section, the Secretary of State shall in each tax year consider whether that amount should be increased, having regard to any increase in the aggregate amount of all primary and secondary Class 1 contributions payable in Great Britain and such other matters as he considers appropriate.’—(Mr Secretary Newton.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment, The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 318.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jack Thompson, Mr Ken Eastham: 233.
So the Question was agreed to.

Other Amendments ((b) to (e)) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 8 and 9 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. 3.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

Ordered, That Mr Allen McKay, Mr Alfred Morris, Mr Secretary Newton, Mr Irvine Patnick and Mr Nicholas Scott be members of the Committee.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 207].

9 European Standing Committee A.—Dame Janet Fookes reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 6701/90, relating to emissions of gaseous pollutants from diesel engines for use in motor vehicles over 3.5 tonnes; and supports the Government in its efforts to secure an agreement on emissions from motor vehicles, taking into account the environmental benefits, the cost to vehicle operators and the need to set a stable standard for industry; supports in particular Her Majesty's Government's endeavours to delay the 1992 date as industrially impracticable; and in this connection expresses concern that the Commission has proposed that the Directive be based on Article 100A, rather than the more relevant Environment Article, which is subject to unanimity.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 209].

10 European Standing Committee A.—Dame Janet Fookes reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 18th January 1991, relating to rules for the application of levy in the milk and milk products sector; regrets the precipitate action taken by the Commission to alter quota legislation; and supports the steps taken by the Government in opposing this proposal.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 210].

11 Manchester Ship Canal Harbour Revision Order 1990 (Petition for Amendment),—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 for Amendment of the Manchester Ship Canal Harbour Revision Order 1990 stands referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945.

12 Disability Discrimination,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to render unlawful certain kinds of discrimination on grounds of disability; and for connected purposes: And that Mr John Hughes, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Martin Redmond, Mr Dave Nellist, Audrey Wise, Alice Mahon, Dawn Primarolo, Mildred Gordon, Mr Frank Cook, Mr Harry Barnes and Mr Dennis Skinner do prepare and bring it in.

13 Disability Discrimination Bill,—Mr John Hughes accordingly presented a Bill to render unlawful certain kinds of discrimination on grounds of disability; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 78].

14 Opposition day [5th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Training.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the fact that at a time of deepening recession, with thousands more each day facing unemployment, the Government is cutting back on investment in training; believes this sends entirely the wrong signal to industry; and condemns the Government's failure to deliver the training policy Britain needs to boost skills and provide for the country's industrial future—(Mr Tony Blair);

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 'welcomes the Government's creation of a climate and strategic framework which is encouraging employers to improve their already substantial role in the national training effort, in which participation in training and the attainment of skills is rising, and which is set fair to meet the United Kingdom's skill needs in the 1990s and beyond', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Howard.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 227.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Timothy Wood: 283.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 welcomes the Government’s creation of a climate and strategic framework which is encouraging employers to improve their already substantial role in the national training effort, in which participation in training and the attainment of skills is rising, and which is set fair to meet the United Kingdom’s skill needs in the 1990s and beyond.

British Science and Science Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the decision by Her Majesty’s Government to make real cuts in the science budget which will terminate vital areas of research and postpone urgent new programmes; is outraged at the decision of the Secretary of State for Education and Science to suppress the advice of the Advisory Board for the Research Councils, made public in previous years; is deeply concerned at the continued crisis in the supply of science teachers and equipment in schools; and calls for a new strategy for science to restore industrial competitiveness, to raise investment in research and development to the level of the United Kingdom’s foreign competitors, to raise standards in science education, and to ensure Britain’s scientists are able to co-operate fully with their European partners—(Mr Jack Straw);

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 steps being taken by the Government to sustain and improve still further the strengths and quality of science and science education in the United Kingdom; and notes in particular the successful implementation of the science, mathematics and technology components of the National Curriculum, efforts being made to increase the number of qualified science teachers, the increase in the age participation rate in higher education over the last decade from one in eight to one in five, the significant increase in the science budget since 1979, and the allocation of funds to improve understanding of the global environment, which provide a sound base for British scientists to play a full role with their European partners, to improve the quality of life, and to underpin the technological competitiveness of British industry’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Clarke.)

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

Mr Derek Foster 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 Thomas McAvoy: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Timothy Wood: 254.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 steps being taken by the Government to sustain and improve still further the strengths and quality of science and science education in the United Kingdom; and notes in particular the successful implementation of the science, mathematics and technology components of the National Curriculum, efforts being made to increase the number of qualified science teachers, the increase in the age participation rate in higher education over the last decade from one in eight to one in five, the significant increase in the science budget since 1979, and the allocation of funds to improve understanding of the global environment, which provide a sound base for British scientists to play a full role with their European partners, to improve the quality of life, and to underpin the technological competitiveness of British industry.

15 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Ann Widdecombe and Mr David Martin be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the Lords as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments and Mr Humfrey Malins and Sir Gerrard Neale be added to the Committee.—(Mr John M. Taylor.)

16 Obstacles to Takeovers and Company Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 6459/90, relating to obstacles to takeovers and other general bids, and of the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and
Industry on 8th March 1990 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 4th June 1990, for a Fifth Directive on public limited companies; and, while endorsing the Commission’s decision to bring forward proposals to eliminate barriers to takeovers as an important step in the completion of the internal market, regrets that the overall effect of the Fifth Directive in its present form would be to create significant and undesirable burdens for business—(Mr John M. Taylor)—It was agreed to.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John M. Taylor.)

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 6th February 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Road Traffic,—Draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
3 Rating and Valuation,—Rates and Precepts (Final Adjustments) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 185), dated 5th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:
5 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger between Tate & Lyle plc and British Sugar plc [by Command] [Cm. 1435] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
6 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Ministry of Defence: initiatives in defence procurement,
(2) NHS outpatient services, and
(3) the Social Fund
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 189, 191 and 190] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection
1 Chairmen’s Panel (Parliament Act 1911),—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of section 1(3) of the Parliament Act 1911, it had appointed Mr James Lamond to be one of the two Members whom Mr Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill.
2 Standing Committee A,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Coal Mining Subsidence Bill, viz.: Mr David Ashby, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr Peter Hardy, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Robert Hayward, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Eric Illesley, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr Lewis Stevens and Mr Andy Stewart.
3 Standing Committee B,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Oversea Superannuation Bill, viz.: Mr Donald Anderson, Mr David Ashby, Sir Peter Blaker, Sir Nicholas Bonser, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Sir Peter Emery, Mr George Foulkes, Mr George Galloway, Sir George Gardiner, Mr Ted Garrett, Mr Neil Hamilton, Sir Russell Johnston, Mr Robert Litherland, Mr John McFall, Mr Norman Miscampbell, Mr David Mudd, Mr David Nicholson and Mr Peter Temple-Morris.
4 Standing Committee C.—Sir 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 Bowden, Mr John Bowis, Mr Ron Davies, Mr John Greenway, Mr Ian Grist, Mr Peter Hardy, Mr David Harris, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Robert B. Jones, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Richard Page, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Hugo Summerson, Mr Donald Thompson and Mr Alan W. Williams.

5 Second Reading Committee.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee on the Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr John Hughes, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr Iain Mills, Sir Gerrard Neale, Mr Anthony Nelson, Mr Irvine Patnick, Sir David Price, Mr Tim Rathbone, Mr Jeff Rooker, Sir William Shelton, Mr Tony Speller and Audrey Wise.

6 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir 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 Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr John Biffen, Mr Gerald Bowden, Sir Antony Buck, Mr David Clelland, Mr Julian Critchley, Mr Stephen Day, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Jeremy Hanley, Dame Jill Knight, Mr Andrew MacKay, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Bill Michie, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Robert Parry, Dawn Primarolo and Mr William Ross.

7 Manchester Ship Canal Harbour Revision Order 1990 (Petition for Amendment).—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, 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 for Amendment of the Manchester Ship Canal Harbour Revision Order 1990 stands referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, viz.: Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Richard Caborn and Mr Simon Coombs.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 6th February; to be printed [No. 66-ii] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Armed Forces Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 6th February; to be printed [No. 179-iii] [Mr John Wilkinson].

3 Defence.—(1) First Report from the Defence Committee [Royal Navy short-term savings: HMS Challenger and Decommissioning of Nuclear Fleet Submarines], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; and

(2) Second Report from the Defence Committee [The Procurement of the Multiple Launch Rocket System and the Phoenix Remotely Piloted Vehicle], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee;

to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports [Nos. 69 and 49] [Mr Michael Mates].

4 Energy.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 6th February; to be printed [No. 208-i] [Dr Michael Clark].

5 European Legislation.—Ninth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-ix] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 6th February; to be printed [No. 146-iii] [Sir John Wheeler].

7 Public Accounts.—(1) Fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Excess Votes]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 214];

(2) Sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Excess Vote (Northern Ireland)]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 215]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 6th February; to be printed [No. 216-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].
8 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 6th February; to be printed [No. 162-iii] [Mr David Marshall].

9 Treasury and Civil Service,—(1) First Special Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [Government’s Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 1990-91: The 1990 Autumn Statement]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 6th February;

to be printed [Nos. 212 and 213-i] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

10 Welsh Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Cardiff-Wales Airport], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 166]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Welsh Affairs Committee

[Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 6th February 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the Coal Mining Subsidence Bill to Standing Committee A; 

(2) the Oversea Superannuation Bill to Standing Committee B; and

(3) the draft Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Coal Mining Subsidence Bill;

(2) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Oversea Superannuation Bill;

(3) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords];

(4) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991; and

(5) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1990, in place of Mr James Hill.

3 European Community Documents,—The Select Committee on European Legislation has withdrawn its recommendation [14th November] that the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 14th November 1990, relating to the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, be further considered.

[No. 51.]

Thursday 7th February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 12th February at Seven o’clock.

2 Midland Metro Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Midland Metro Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 14th February.
3 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;  
Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 14th February.

4 Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 11th February.

5 Aire and Calder Navigation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Aire and Calder Navigation Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

6 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cattewater Reclamation Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

7 Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

8 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

9 London Underground (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (No. 2) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

10 Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

11 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

12 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 on Thursday 14th February.

13 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 on Thursday 14th February.

14 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

15 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

16 London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

17 Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

18 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

19 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th February.

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

21 Criminal Justice Bill,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Criminal Justice Bill, 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 81].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 219].

22 Road Traffic Bill,—Mr Ted Leadbitter reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Road Traffic Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 82].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 220].

23 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1991, the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Limits of Basic and Special Awards) Order 1991 and the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 28th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 217].

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Statutory Sick Pay Bill to which this House has disagreed; and they have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to another of their Amendments.

Manchester Ship Canal Harbour Revision Order 1990 (Petition for Amendment),—The Lords have appointed a Committee of three Lords to join with a Committee of this House as the Joint Committee to which the Petition for Amendment of the Manchester Ship Canal Harbour Revision Order 1990 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 Committee of this House in the appointment of a Chairman.

25 Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered in the following Order, namely: new Clauses; new Schedules; Clauses Nos. 1 to 4; Schedules Nos. 1 and 2; Clauses Nos. 5 to 7; Schedule No. 3; Clauses Nos. 8 to 10; Schedule No. 4; and Clauses Nos. 11 to 15. (Mr Nicholas Scott.)

A Clause (Payments from the Independent Living Fund)—(Mr John Hannam)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Authorised representative)—(Mr Tom Clarke)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, to leave out from the first word 'component' to the end and insert the words 'a mobility component and an additional costs component', instead thereof.—(Mr Alfred Morris.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Martyn Jones: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Irvine Patnick: 231.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 34, after the word 'physical' to insert the words 'or mental'.—(Mr Dafydd Wigley.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, to leave out lines 32 to 46.—(Mr Michael Meacher.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 18) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 30, to leave out the words 'at the highest or middle rate'.—(Mr Alfred Morris.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 21) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 38, to leave out the word 'or'.—(Mr Michael Meacher.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 48, after the word 'percentage' to insert the words '(which shall not exceed 40 per cent.)'.—(Mr Allen McKay.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 22 and 23) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

26 Milk Quotas,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 18th January 1991, relating to rules for the application of levy in the milk and milk products sector; regrets the precipitate action taken by the Commission to alter quota legislation; and supports the steps taken by the Government in opposing this proposal—(Mr Irvine Patnick):It was agreed to.

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

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

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

And the Motion having been made 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
Thursday 7th February 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Libraries,—Draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Tim Renton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Occupational Pension Schemes (Preservation of Benefit) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 167), and

dated 1st February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].


6 Telecommunications.—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (British Cable Services Limited) (Cardiff) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 172), and


Other Papers:

7 Duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster,—Revenue and Capital Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for the period 30th September 1989 to 29th September 1990 [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

8 European Communities (No. 9, 1991),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 12th June 1990 relating to the 1981 Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Hungary on trade in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector, with an exchange of letters relating thereto [by Command] [Cm. 1417] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Papers, entitled—

(1) Department of Transport Report 1991: The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1991–92 to 1993–94 [by Command] [Cm. 1507] [Mr Secretary Rifkind];

(2) The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1991–92 to 1993–94: Cabinet Office, Privy Council Office and Parliament [by Command] [Cm. 1519] [Mr Tim Renton];

(3) The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1991–92 to 1993–94: Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Departments and Net Payments to European Community Institutions [by Command] [Cm. 1518] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer]; and

(4) The Government’s Expenditure Plans within the Energy Sector 1991–92 to 1993–94 [by Command] [Cm. 1505] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].


11 Miscellaneous (No. 2, 1991),—Draft Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development [by Command] [Cm. 1440] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

12 Pensions,—Reports by the Occupational Pensions Board, preceded by statements by the Secretary of State for Social Security, on—

(1) the Contracting-Out (Protection of Pensions) Regulations 1991,

(2) the Occupational Pension Schemes (Preservation of Benefit) Regulations 1991, and

(3) the Occupational Pension Schemes (Revaluation) Regulations 1991 [by Command] [Cm. 1407, 1409 and 1408] [Mr Secretary Newton].

13 Sessional Returns, 1989–90,—Returns to Orders [15th November] for Returns relating to—

(i) Business of the House,

(ii) Closure of Debate and Allocation of Time,

(iii) Delegated Legislation,

(iv) Private Bills and Private Business,

(v) Public Bills,

(vi) Sittings of the House,

(vii) Special Procedure Orders,

(viii) Standing Committees, and

(ix) Select Committees

in Session 1989-90; to be printed [No. 218] [Clerk of the House].

14 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) British Cable Services Limited in respect of the Cardiff cable television franchise, and
Friday 8th February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2. Public Safety Information Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Safety Information 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. 11 (Friday sittings).
   And the Question being again proposed;
   Mr John Bowis 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 Bottomley, Mr Gerald Bermingham: 50.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr Steve Norris: 0.
   Whereupon Madam Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 36 (Majority for closure or for proposal of question).
   And it being after half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 15th February.

3. Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill,—The Registered Homes Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4. Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 22nd March.

5. Greyhound Betting Levy Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greyhound Betting Levy Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th February.

6. British Racing Commission Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Racing Commission Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th February.

7. Football Spectators Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Football Spectators Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th February.

8. Protection of Badgers Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Badgers Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th February.

9 Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors' Reports) Bill.—The Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors' Reports) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

10 Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th February.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 11th February.

[Adjourned at 3.10 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Friday 8th February 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 British Nationality,—British Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 183), dated 4th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

2 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 198), dated 5th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 Community Charges,—Personal Community Charge (Relief) (Wales) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 212), dated 5th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

4 Copyright,—Copyright Tribunal (Amendment) Rules 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 201), dated 5th February 1991 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

5 Environmental Protection,—Financial Assistance (Sewerage Improvements) (Scotland) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 146), dated 26th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 Road Traffic,—(1) Community Drivers' Hours (Passenger and Goods Vehicles) (Temporary Exception) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 214), and


dated 8th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 Town and Country Planning (Scotland),—Town and Country Planning (General Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 147), dated 31st January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


PRAYERS.

1 Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven o'clock.

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

3 Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] [Money]:

   Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

   (a) any administrative or other expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the provisions of that Act; and

   (b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act.—(Mr David Davis.)

5 Education, Science and Arts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr Gerald Bowden be discharged from the Education, Science and Arts Committee and Mr Patrick Thompson be added to the Committee—(Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

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

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

   And the Motion having been made 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

Monday 11th February 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Telecommunications.—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Cable Communications (St Helens and Knowsley) Limited) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 202), and


   dated 5th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

3 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute made by the University of Oxford, on 6th November 1990, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

Other Papers:

4 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [15th January] from residents of Nottingham of Lithuanian birth or parentage for Soviet withdrawal from the Baltic states and the withholding of aid from the Soviet Union [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

5 Telecommunications.—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
(1) Cable Communications (St Helens and Knowsley Limited), and
(2) Cablevision North Bedfordshire Limited
under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

6 Trade,—Return in part to an Order [27th November 1989] for a Return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1990, for December [Mr John Maples].

[No. 54.]
Tuesday 12th February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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:
   Development Board for Rural Wales Act 1991
   Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Act 1991

2 Smith Kline & French Laboratories, Australia, and Menley & James, Australia Bill [Lords],—
The Smith Kline & French Laboratories, Australia, and Menley & James, Australia Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

3 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).

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

5 Select Committees,—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr James Hill reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2), referred to a Committee on 30th January.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 223].

7 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to roads so as to enable new roads to be provided by new means; to make new provision with respect to street works and, in Scotland, road works; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
   Manchester Ship Canal Harbour Revision Order 1990 (Petition for Amendment),—The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on the Manchester Ship Canal Harbour Revision Order 1990 (Petition for Amendment) do meet in Committee Room 3A on Tuesday 5th March, at Eleven o'clock.

8 New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords],—The New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 85].

9 Misuse of Drugs (Anabolic Steroids) Bill,—Mr Menzies Campbell presented a Bill to extend the coverage of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 to include certain drugs which have been misused for the purpose of improving performance in sport; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 22nd March and to be printed [Bill 83].

10 Coal Imports,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the import of coal into the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Allen McKay, Mr George J. Buckley, Mr William O'Brien, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Peter Hardy, Mr Alex Eadie, Mr Eric Illesley, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Don Dixon and Mr Joe Benton do prepare and bring it in.

11 Coal Imports Bill,—Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the import of coal into the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes: And the same was
read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 84].

12 British Technology Group Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Technology Group 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 Timothy Kirkhope, Mr David Davis: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Frank Haynes: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

13 British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the British Railways (No. 2) Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

14 Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill.—The Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

15 British Technology Group Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to British Technology Group Bill [Money];

Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the British Technology Group Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(i) any expenses incurred by the Treasury or the Secretary of State in acquiring securities of the successor company (within the meaning of that Act) or rights to subscribe for any such securities; and

(ii) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State or the Treasury in consequence of the provisions of that Act;

(b) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of any sums required by the Secretary of State for making loans to the successor Company; and

(c) payments into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund.—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

16 Namibia Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Namibia Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Tim Boswell 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.

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

Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Oversea Superannuation Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(i) any expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown in consequence of any provision of the Act or of any scheme made or having effect as if made under section 2 of the Overseas Pensions Act 1973 by virtue of the Act;

(ii) any administrative expenses incurred by a Government department in consequence of the Act; and

(iii) any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums payable out of such money under any other Act; and

(b) the making of payments into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)
18 Merchant Shipping.—A Motion was made, and Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Hyperbolic Systems) Order 1990, which was laid before this House on 20th December, be approved—(Mr Tim Boswell)—It was agreed to.

19 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved—(Mr Tim Boswell)—It was agreed to.

20 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Limits of Basic and Special Awards) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved—(Mr Tim Boswell)—It was agreed to.

21 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved—(Mr Tim Boswell)—It was agreed to.

22 House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That Mr Graham Bright and Mr David Lightbown be discharged from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) and Mr Anthony Steen and Mr Greg Knight be added to the Committee.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

23 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tim Boswell);

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

24 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Tuesday 12th February 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

2 Road Traffic,—Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1991, dated 12th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 12th February 1991, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

5 Defence (Votes A) 1990-91,—Supplementary estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for 1990-91 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 169] [Mr Secretary King].

6 Defence (Votes A) 1991-92,—Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for 1991-92 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 172] [Mr Secretary King].

7 European Communities (No. 10, 1991),—Agreement, done at Brussels on 19th September 1989, between the European Economic Community and the Polish People’s Republic on trade and commercial and economic co-operation, with exchange of letters and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 1421] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
8 European Communities (No. 13, 1991).—Convention, done at Brussels on 4th June 1987, 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] [Cm. 1423] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 European Communities (No. 14, 1991).—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 5th June 1989 between the European Economic Community and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria on the import into the Community of tomato concentrates originating in Algeria [by Command] [Cm. 1424] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 European Communities (No. 15, 1991).—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 11th May 1990 relating to the 1987 Agreement between the European Economic Community and the German Democratic Republic on trade in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector [by Command] [Cm. 1423] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

11 European Communities (No. 16, 1991).—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 8th May 1990 relating to the 1982 Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on trade in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector [by Command] [Cm. 1422] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

12 Financial Reporting to Parliament.—Papers, entitled—

(1) The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1991-92 to 1993-94: Department of Education and Science [by Command] [Cm. 1511] [Mr Secretary Clarke];

(2) The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1991-92 to 1993-94: Department of Trade and Industry; Export Credits Guarantee Department; Office of Fair Trading; Office of Telecommunications [by Command] [Cm. 1504] [Mr Secretary Lilley]; and

(3) The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1991-92 to 1993-94: Foreign and Commonwealth Office, including Overseas Development Administration [by Command] [Cm. 1502] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

13 Gas.—Report of the Director General of Gas Supply for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 158] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

14 Supply Estimates, 1989-90.—Statement of the sums required to be voted in order to make good excesses on certain grants for 1989-90 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 168] [Mr Francis Maude].

15 Supply Estimates, 1990-91.—Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1990-91 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 170] [Mr Francis Maude].

16 Supply Estimates, 1991-92.—Estimates Classes VIII, XV and XVI for 1991-92, Supplementary Vote on Account [by Command]; to be printed [No. 171] [Mr Francis Maude].

Paper withdrawn:


APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Reading Committee on the Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords] Mr Iain Mills; and had appointed in substitution Mr Andrew Hargreaves.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Statutory Instruments.—Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-x] [Mr Bob Cryer].

2 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 12th February; to be printed [No. 221-i] [Mr David Marshall].

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 12th February 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Michael J. Martin an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Ports Bill;
(2) Mr James Hill an additional Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the
Atomic Weapons Establishment Bill; and
(3) Mr Roy Hughes Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the
Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords], in place of Mr Geraint Howells.

[No. 55.]

Wednesday 13th February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Ribble Valley Writ,—Ordered, That Mr Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the
Crown to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present
Parliament for the County Constituency of Ribble Valley, in the room of the Right
honourable David Charles Waddington, QC, called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr
Richard Ryder.)

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

3 Midland Metro (Penalty Fares) Bill [Lords].—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained
in the Preamble to the Midland Metro (Penalty Fares) Bill [Lords] and found the same
to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without
Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders
and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Bill to be read the third time.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

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

5 Select Committees,—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be
printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix
III).

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geraint Howells reported
from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Traffic Areas
(Reorganisation) Order 1990, referred to a Committee on 17th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 224].

7 Manchester Ship Canal Harbour Revision Order 1990 (Petition for Amendment),—Ordered,
That so much of the Lords Message [yesterday] as relates to the Manchester Ship Canal
Harbour Revision Order 1990 (Petition for Amendment) be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Members appointed to serve on the Joint Committee on the
Manchester Ship Canal Harbour Revision Order 1990 (Petition for Amendment) do meet
the Lords appointed to serve thereon as proposed by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

8 National Audit Office (Extension of Powers),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill
to extend the powers of the National Audit Office so as to permit the Office, on an
application by a national political party, to cost that party's election commitments: And
that Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Andrew Mitchell and Mr Ian Taylor do prepare and
bring it in.

9 National Audit Office (Extension of Powers) Bill,—Mr Robert G. Hughes accordingly
presented a Bill to extend the powers of the National Audit Office so as to permit the
Office, on an application by a national political party, to cost that party's election
commitments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time
on Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 86].

10 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 8th November 1990; commends the Government on its determination to maintain
downward pressure on inflation and to build on the great improvements in economic
performance over the last eleven years; and welcomes the Government's continued tight
control of public expenditure coupled with improved value for money and its provision of additional resources for key areas—(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 'declines to approve the Autumn Statement; deplores the continued mismanagement of the economy which has plunged all parts of the nation into severe economic recession, causing an unprecedented and avoidable level of business failures and rapidly rising unemployment; condemns the failure of the Government to invest in the economic infrastructure and in vital public services; and calls upon the Government to adopt an economic strategy which lowers the interest rate burden on industry, commerce and millions of mortgage payers and which promotes the recovery of a wealth-creating economy, particularly in the manufacturing sector, by encouraging sustained investment in new technology, in regional development, and in the skills of people', instead thereof.—(Mr John Smith.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Allen McKay: 216.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 321.
So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House approves the Autumn Statement presented by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8th November 1990; commends the Government on its determination to maintain downward pressure on inflation and to build on the great improvements in economic performance over the last eleven years; and welcomes the Government's continued tight control of public expenditure coupled with improved value for money and its provision of additional resources for key areas.

11 Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1991, dated 28th January 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved—(Mr Allan Stewart);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 292.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Jack Thompson: 193.
So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1991, dated 28th January 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.

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

Thursday 14th February 1991

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.27 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 13th February 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture.—Draft Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

2 Social Security.—(1) Draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1991,
   (2) draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1991,
   (3) draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1991, and
   (4) draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Order 1991
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

3 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft Statutory Sick Pay (Rate of Payment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].
**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**


**Other Papers:**

8 Census of Production,—Report on the Census of Production, 1989. on cotton and silk industries [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

9 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Papers, entitled—

   (1) Department of the Environment Annual Report 1991: The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1991–92 to 1993–94 [by Command] [Cm. 1508] [Mr Secretary Heseltine];

   (2) The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1991–92 to 1993–94: Departmental Report by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Intervention Board and Forestry Commission [by Command] [Cm. 1303] [Mr John Selwyn Gummed];

   (3) The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1991–92 to 1993–94: Departments of the Secretary of State for Scotland [by Command] [Cm. 1515] [Mr Secretary Lang]; and


10 Social Security,—Report by the Government Actuary on the drafts of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1991 and the Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Order 1991 [by Command] [Cm. 1366] [Mr Secretary Newton].

**APPENDIX II**

**Committee of Selection**

1 Standing Committee C,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mrs Rosie Barnes, Mr David Gilroy Bevan, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr David Evans, Mr Barry Field, Mr Frank Field, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Mr David Hinchcliffe, Dame Jill Knight, Sir Robert McCrindle, Alice Mahon, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Jeff Rooker and Mr David Sumberg.

2 Standing Committee E,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors’ Reports) Bill, viz.: Mr David Bellotti, Mr David Blankett, Mr John Cartwright, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Bruce George, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Jerry Hayes, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Robert Key, Mr John McFall, Mr Michael Mates, Alun Michael, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Mr William Powell and Mr Jonathan Sayeed.

3 Standing Committee E,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated twenty-one Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Tam Dalyell, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr Michael Forsyth, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr John McFall, Mr William McKelvey, Mrs Ray Michie, Sir Hector Monro, Mr James Paice, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Bill Walker, Mr Charles Wardle, Mr Andrew Welsh and Mr Brian Wilson.

4 Standing Committee G,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the British Technology Group Bill, viz.: Mr David Atkinson, Mr Roy Beggs, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr William Cash, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr David Davis, Mr Den Dover, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Douglas French, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mr Richard Holt, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Bill Michie, Dr Lewis Moonie, Mr Merlyn Rees, Sir Trevor Skeet, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr Mike Watson.
APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 13th February; to be printed [No. 179-iv] [Mr John Wilkinson].

2 Education, Science and Arts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education, Science and Arts Committee on 13th February; to be printed [No. 155-iv] [Mr Malcolm Thornton].

3 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 13th February; to be printed [No. 228-i] [Mr Simon Coombs].

4 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 13th February; to be printed [No. 208-ii] [Dr Michael Clark].

5 European Legislation,—Tenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-x] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 13th February; to be printed [No. 143-iv] [Mr David Howell].

7 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 13th February; to be printed [No. 229-i] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

8 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 13th February; to be printed [No. 146-iv] [Sir John Wheeler].

9 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 13th February; to be printed [No. 130-iv] [Sir Antony Buck].

10 Trade and Industry,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 13th February; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee;
to be printed [Nos. 226-ii and 226-i] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

MEMORANDA
Wednesday 13th February 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—
(1) the Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee C;
(2) the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors' Reports) Bill to Standing Committee E; and
(3) the British Technology Group Bill to Standing Committee G.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—
(1) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; and
(2) Sir John Hunt Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the British Technology Group Bill.

[No. 56.]
Thursday 14th February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Midland Metro Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Midland Metro Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 21st February at Seven o'clock.

2 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;
Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Monday 18th February at Seven o’clock.

3 Aire and Calder Navigation Bill.—The Aire and Calder Navigation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

4 Cattewater Reclamation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cattewater Reclamation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st February.

5 Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st February.

6 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st February.

7 London Underground (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st February.

8 Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st February.

9 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st February.

10 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 on Thursday 21st February.

11 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 on Thursday 21st February.

12 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st February.

13 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st February.

14 London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st February.

15 Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st February.

16 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st February.

17 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st February.

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

19 Private Bills (Absence of a Member).—Mr Bernie Grant reported from the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords]. That Dr Mike Woodcock, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present at the sitting of the Committee this day.

20 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr Bernie Grant reported from the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords]. That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 19th February at half-past Ten o’clock.
21 Selection.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

22 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

23 Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords].—Mr Roy Hughes reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords]. That it had come to the following Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: That the Committee recommends that the Census (Confidentiality) 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. 230].

24 Cold Climate Allowance Bill.—Mrs Margaret Ewing, supported by Dr Dafydd Elis Thomas, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones, Mr Alex Salmond, Mr Andrew Welsh, Mr Dafydd Wigley, Mr James Molyneaux, Mr Seamus Mallon, Mr Jim Sillars and Mr Dick Douglas, presented a Bill to provide for more equitable heating allowances to reflect the 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 to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 87].

25 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

26 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

27 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

28 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

29 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Income Tax (Building Societies) (Annual Payments) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

30 Opposition day [6th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

   Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns Her Majesty's Government for presiding over a crisis in agriculture which has seen 6,000 farmers leave the industry in 1990, real farm incomes fall to their lowest level since the Second World War and farmers' debt increase by £400 million in two years; believes that this crisis already threatens the social and economic structure of rural areas and the livelihoods of many farmers; regrets proposed changes in the Common Agricultural Policy; and calls on Her Majesty's Government to bring forward proposals to protect the agricultural industry by moving support from over-production to direct support aimed at social and environmental goals by the introduction of countryside management agreements across the country, by enhanced payments for achieving environmental aims, in particular extensification of food production, by marketing initiatives, and by reformed systems of direct support targeted in particular on family farms.—(Mr Geraint Howells);

   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 'welcomes Her Majesty's Government's intention to negotiate in Brussels so as to secure changes to the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Community which make it more market-oriented, thereby giving an incentive to efficiency, reduce surpluses, thereby lessening tensions in international trade; keep spending within the agricultural guideline; avoid discrimination...
against United Kingdom interests; and integrate environmental considerations more firmly into the Policy; and recognises that such a stance is necessary to take proper account of the interests of taxpayers and consumers while offering a realistic prospect of a successful future for British farming.' instead thereof—(Mr John Selwyn Gummer.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Ronnie Fearn: 46.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 141.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 welcomes Her Majesty's Government's intention to negotiate in Brussels so as to secure changes to the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Community which make it more market-oriented, thereby giving an incentive to efficiency; reduce surpluses, thereby lessening tensions in international trade; keep spending within the agricultural guideline, avoid discrimination against United Kingdom interests; and integrate environmental considerations more firmly into the Policy; and recognises that such a stance is necessary to take proper account of the interests of taxpayers and consumers while offering a realistic prospect of a successful future for British farming.

Fishing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns Her Majesty's Government for presiding over a crisis in the fishing industry which threatens the economic and social fabric of fishing communities throughout the United Kingdom; condemns in particular the compulsory tie-up scheme and the Government's continuing refusal to promote structural support through the implementation of a well-targeted decommissioning scheme; and calls upon the Government to pursue with greater vigour measures to combat industrial fishing and technical conservation measures including the adoption of square-mesh panels, and to enter into discussions with representatives of the fishing industry for the purpose of devising a decommissioning scheme which will lead to a managed reduction in fleet capacity—(Mr James Wallace);

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 'while recognising the difficulties which may face fishermen as a result of the decisions for fish conservation reached at the latest EC Council of Fisheries Ministers, endorses the need for such measures to safeguard the long-term interests of fishermen themselves by reducing the over-exploitation of certain fish stocks, welcomes the Government's continuing efforts to secure improved conservation measures and congratulates the Government on securing at the last Fisheries Council a package of measures which included the maintenance of the principle of relative stability, continued recognition of the United Kingdom's claims under the Hague Preference and improved flexibility to take the United Kingdom's western mackerel quota east of 4° West', instead thereof.—(Mr David Curry.)

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

Mr Archy Kirkwood 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 Archy Kirkwood: 37.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Neil Hamilton: 99.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House, while recognising the difficulties which may face fishermen as a result of the decisions for fish conservation reached at the latest EC Council of Fisheries Ministers, endorses the need for such measures to safeguard the long-term interests of fishermen themselves by reducing the over-exploitation of certain fish stocks, welcomes the Government's continuing efforts to secure improved conservation measures and congratulates the Government on securing at the last Fisheries Council a package of measures which included the maintenance of the principle of relative stability,
continued recognition of the United Kingdom’s claims under the Hague Preference and improved flexibility to take the United Kingdom’s western mackerel quota east of 4° West.

31 Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with as if it had been certified by Mr Speaker as relating exclusively to Scotland.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

32 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Crawley for improved facilities for asylum seekers and refugees was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

33 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

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 1

Thursday 14th February 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Statutory Sick Pay (Small Employers’ Relief) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


Other Papers:

5 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland on the sale of Short Brothers plc [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 201] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

6 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 1989 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

7 European Communities (No. 11, 1991),—Agreement, done at Brussels on 7th May 1990, between the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, of the other part, on trade and commercial and economic co-operation [by Command] [Cm. 1432] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 European Communities (No. 12, 1991),—Agreement, done at Brussels on 8th May 1990, between the European Economic Community and the People’s Republic of Bulgaria on trade and commercial and economic co-operation, with Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 1431] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 European Communities (No. 17, 1991),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 27th April 1990 relating to the 1981 Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Poland on trade in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector, with an exchange of letters relating thereto [by Command] [Cm. 1430] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 European Communities (No. 18, 1991),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 27th April 1990 relating to the 1982 Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People’s Republic of Bulgaria on trade in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector, with an exchange of letters relating thereto [by Command] [Cm. 1429] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
11 European Communities (No. 19, 1991),—Joint Declaration, done at Luxembourg on 25th June 1988, on the establishment of official relations between the European Economic Community and the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance [by Command] [Cm. 1428] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

12 European Communities (No. 20, 1991),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th October 1987 concerning the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Seychelles on fishing off Seychelles [by Command] [Cm. 1426] [Mr Secretary Hurd].


14 Piers and Harbours,—Report by the Secretary of State for Transport of the proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Act 1861 for the period 1st February 1990 to 31st January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

15 Ultimus Haeres (Scotland),—Abstract Account of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the administration of estates and treasure trove in Scotland on behalf of the Crown, for 1989 [by Command] [Mr John Maples].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee E).

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [UK Policy towards South Africa and the other states of the region], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 53]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Foreign Affairs Committee
[Mr David Howell].

2 House of Commons (Services),—(1) First Report from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) [Jubilee Line Extension: Revised Proposals for Westminster Station]; to be printed, with the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 128]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the New Building Sub-Committee on 5th February; to be printed [Nos. 222-i]
[Mr John MacGregor].

3 Trade and Industry,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 14th February; to be printed [No. 63-iv] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

MEMORANDA
Thursday 14th February 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees) and the Order [yesterday], Mr Speaker allocated the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee (transferred from Standing Committee E).

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr John McWilliam Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors' Reports) Bill;

(2) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] (transferred from Standing Committee E); and

(3) Sir Anthony Meyer an additional Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Export and Investment Guarantees Bill.
Friday 15th February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Badgers Bill.—The Badgers Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

3 Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill.—The Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Bill.—The Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

5 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill;
   And it being half-past Two o’clock, Mr Speaker interrupted the business.
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 1st March.

6 Public Service Contract Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Service Contract Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

7 War Pensions (Disregard) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Pensions (Disregard) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 22nd February.

8 Football (Offences) Bill.—The Football (Offences) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

9 Domestic Lettings Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Domestic Lettings Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th March.

10 Public Safety Information Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 8th February, That the Public Safety Information Bill be now read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 22nd February.

11 Greyhound Betting Levy Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greyhound Betting Levy Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 1st March.

12 British Racing Commission Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Racing Commission Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 1st March.

13 Football Spectators Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Football Spectators Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 1st March.

14 Protection of Badgers Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Badgers Bill;
   Mr Deputy Speaker called the attention of the House to the fact that the provisions of the Bill were covered by the provisions of the Badgers Bill, which was read a second time this day, and declined to propose the Question thereupon.

15 Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 22nd February.

16 Cold Climate Allowance Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cold Climate (Allowance) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 22nd February.
17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 18th February.

[Adjourned at 3.16 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Friday 15th February 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Community Charges,—(1) Community Charges and Non-Domestic Rating (Miscellaneous Provisions) (England) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 242), and
dated 15th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


3 Community Charges (Scotland),—Community Charges (Information Concerning Social Security) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 224), dated 7th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].


Other Papers:

6 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—
(1) domestic-type electric appliances,
(2) footwear,
(3) grain milling, and
(4) mechanical power transmission equipment
[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

7 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the residential care of handicapped persons under the age of 65 in Scotland for 1989 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 193] [Mr Secretary Lang].

8 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Papers, entitled—
(1) Northern Ireland Expenditure Plans and Priorities: The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1991-92 to 1993-94 [by Command] [Cm. 1517] [Mr Secretary Brooke]; and
(2) The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1991-92 to 1993-94: Departmental Report by the Welsh Office [by Command] [Cm. 1516] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

9 Government Trading Funds,—Paper, entitled Vehicle Inspectorate Trading Fund: Consultation Report [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Transport: oil and chemical pollution at sea [by Act]; to be printed [No. 225] [Clerk of the House].

11 Northern Ireland,—Northern Ireland Trading and other Accounts for 1989-90, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 186] [Mr Secretary Brooke].
Monday 18th February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Selection,—Ordered, That Mr Don Dixon be added to the Committee of Selection.—(Mr John M. Taylor.)

2 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).

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

4 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

5 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

6 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Standard Community Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 41) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Community Charges (Registration) (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 51) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2564) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

10 Welsh Affairs,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 98 (Welsh Grand Committee), That the Matter of Rural Wales, being a Matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

11 Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords].—The Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

12 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now considered:

Mr Alun Michael 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 Gwilym Jones, Mr Paul Flynn: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan W. Williams, Mr Rhodri Morgan: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.
Ordered. That the Bill be further considered on Thursday.

13 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

14 Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Exchequer contributions to Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 4, line 42, to leave out from the word 'to' to the word 'and' in line 43 and insert the words 'affirmative Resolution of the House of Commons'.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 7 to 9 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Nicholas Baker 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.

15 Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords];

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

16 Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), that the Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2), dated 8th January 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved—(Mr Nicholas Baker):—It was agreed to.

17 Road Traffic,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), that the Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1990, dated 19th December 1990, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved—(Mr Nicholas Baker):—It was agreed to.

18 Air Pollution from Diesel Engined Vehicles,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), that this House takes note of European Community Document No. 6701/90, relating to emissions of gaseous pollutants from diesel engines for use in motor vehicles over 3.5 tonnes; supports the Government in its efforts to secure an agreement on emissions from motor vehicles, taking into account the environmental benefits, the cost to vehicle operators and the need to set a stable standard for industry; supports in particular Her Majesty's Government's endeavours to delay the 1992 date as industrially impracticable; and in this connection expresses concern that the Commission has proposed that the Directive be based on Article 100A, rather than the more relevant Environment Article, which is subject to unanimity—(Mr Nicholas Baker):—It was agreed to.

19 Employment Protection,—Ordered, That the provisions of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 86 (Nomination of standing committees) and Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.) shall apply to the draft revised Code of Practice on time off for trade union duties and activities as if it were a draft statutory instrument; and that the said draft revised Code be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

20 Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the Matter of Rural 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. 88 (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 Nicholas Baker.)

21 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Ronald French for a review of the use of confiscation orders under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Madam Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-six minutes past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.26 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Monday 18th February 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds,—Draft Vehicle Inspectorate Trading Fund Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

2 Pensions,—Draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Amendment Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

(2) Building (Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 159), and
(3) Building Standards (Relaxation by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 158), dated 28th January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


5 Race Relations,—Race Relations Code of Practice (Rented Housing) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 227), dated 5th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


Other Papers:

7 Local Government Finance,—Community Charge Reduction Scheme (England) Report [by Act]; to be printed [No. 233] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

8 Population Censuses and Surveys,—Paper, entitled 1991 Census of Population: Confidentiality and Computing [by Command] [Cm. 1447] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

9 Social Security,—Reports by the Government Actuary and the Secretary of State for Social Security on the draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Amendment Regulations 1991 [by Command] [Cm. 1455] [Mr Secretary Newton].

10 Statutory Instruments,—Report to the Lord Chancellor and Mr Speaker from the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee—

That it has been notified in accordance with Regulation 11(3) of the Statutory Instruments Regulations 1947 that the Department of Transport 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 Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1990 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 Committee is satisfied that the certificate is justified and has taken no further action in the matter [Mr Speaker].

11 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Cablevision (Scotland) plc under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Paper withdrawn:

12 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Statutory Sick Pay (Small Employers' Relief) Regulations 1991 [laid 14th February].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee G,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee G Sir Trevor Skeet (nominated in respect of the British Technology Group Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr John Redwood.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Dame Jill Knight (nominated in respect of the draft Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr John Wilkinson.

3 Manchester Ship Canal Harbour Revision Order 1990 (Petition for Amendment),—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged Mr James Arbuthnot from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee to which the Petition for Amendment of the Manchester Ship Canal Harbour Revision Order 1990 stands referred; and had appointed in substitution Mr David Wilshire.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 18th February; to be printed [No. 234-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 18th February 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Ted Leadbitter an additional Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Atomic Weapons Establishment Bill; and

(2) Mr Roy Hughes Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the Matter of Rural Wales.

[No. 59.]

Tuesday 19th February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees,—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

3 Oversea Superannuation Bill,—Mr Geraint Howells reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Oversea Superannuation Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 89].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 235].

4 Disability Discrimination Bill,—The Order for reading the Disability Discrimination Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 22nd March.

5 Prescription Charges (Exempt Medical Conditions),—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide an exemption from payment of prescription charges in respect of any permanent medical condition or ailment: And that Mr Gary Waller, Mr Jack Ashley, Sir David Price, Mr Ivan Lawrence, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Peter Viggers, Mr Roger Sims and Mr John Hannam do prepare and bring it in.

6 Prescription Charges (Exempt Medical Conditions) Bill,—Mr Gary Waller accordingly presented a Bill to provide an exemption from payment of prescription charges in respect of any permanent medical condition or ailment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th March and to be printed [Bill 88].

7 Opposition day [7th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Poll Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to bring forward legislation to abolish the poll tax—(Mr Bryan Gould);

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 ‘welcomes the Government’s thorough review of the functions, structure and finance of local government; notes that the Government has provided for a substantial increase in Aggregate External Finance for 1991-92; and welcomes the introduction of the Community Charge Reduction Scheme which will provide £1.7 billion extra help in England for those former rate payers, the elderly and the disabled who have faced the biggest increases in their contributions to the cost of local services’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Heseltine.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Ken Eastham: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 325.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 thorough review of the functions, structure and finance of local government; notes that the Government has provided for a substantial increase in Aggregate External Finance for 1991-92; and welcomes the introduction of the Community Charge Reduction Scheme which will provide £1.7 billion extra help in England for those former rate payers, the elderly and the disabled who have faced the biggest increases in their contributions to the cost of local services.

Manufacturing Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns Her Majesty’s Government for creating a recession which has led to falling output, falling investment and rising unemployment; deplores the damage that the recession is inflicting on Britain’s manufacturing base and all regions of the country; and calls on the Government to prepare a budget for industry and adopt the policies for training, technology and the regions that will build a stronger industrial base—(Mr Gordon Brown);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘congratulates Her Majesty’s Government on the policies which have transformed the performance of manufacturing industry across the country over the past decade, which remain flexible and responsive to the needs of manufacturing, which have made manufacturing better able to withstand the present downturn, and which have enhanced its prospects for the 1990s; calls on Her Majesty’s Government to remain steadfast in the pursuit of these policies and in its determination to defeat inflation, which imposes a serious and damaging burden on manufacturing industry; and believes that any return to the discredited policies of subsidy, intervention, state control, public ownership and bolstering of union power would undermine manufacturing industry’s achievements of the past decade’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Lilley.)—
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 Thomas McAvoy: 221.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 334.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 the policies which have transformed the performance of manufacturing industry across the country over the past decade, which remain flexible and responsive to the needs of manufacturing, which have made manufacturing better able to withstand the present downturn, and which have enhanced its prospects for the 1990s; calls on Her Majesty’s Government to remain steadfast in the pursuit of these policies and in its determination to defeat inflation, which imposes a serious and damaging burden on manufacturing industry; and believes that any return to the discredited policies of subsidy, intervention, state control, public ownership and bolstering of union power would undermine manufacturing industry’s achievements of the past decade.

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Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

2 Social Security,—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Landlord and Tenant,—Assured and Protected Tenancies (Lettings to Students) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 233), dated 14th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:

5 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—

   (1) cement, lime and plaster,
   (2) coke ovens,
   (3) extraction of mineral oil and natural gas,
(4) foundries,
(5) metal doors, windows etc., and
(6) steel tubes

[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

6 European Communities (No. 21, 1991), — Convention, done at Donostia-San Sebastián on 26th May 1989, on the Accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters and to the Protocol on its Interpretation by the Court of Justice with the Adjustments made to them by the Convention on the Accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, of Ireland and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Adjustments made to them by the Convention on the Accession of the Hellenic Republic, with Joint Declaration [by Command] [Cm. 1438] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 Treaty Series (No. 10, 1991), — European Convention, done at Strasbourg on 24th November 1983, on the Compensation of Victims of Violent Crimes [by Command] [Cm. 1427] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 Treaty Series (No. 11, 1991), — Agreement, done at London on 13th September 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Burundi for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 1420] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 Universal Postal Union, — (1) Fourth Additional Protocol to the Constitution, done at Washington on 14th December 1989 (together with Declarations, General Regulations, and Rules of Procedure of Congresses),
(2) Giro Agreement, done at Washington on 14th December 1989 (together with Detailed Regulations),
(3) Money Orders Agreement, done at Washington on 14th December 1989 (together with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations),
(4) Postal Parcels Agreement, done at Washington on 14th December 1989 (together with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations), and
(5) Universal Postal Convention, done at Washington on 14th December 1989 (together with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations)

[by Command] [Cm. 1374, 1373, 1370, 1371 and 1369] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Paper withdrawn:

10 Terms and Conditions of Employment, — Draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1991 [laid 11th February].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 19th February; to be printed [No. 240] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Statutory Instruments, — Eleventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26–xi] [Mr Bob Cryer].

3 Trade and Industry, — Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 19th February; to be printed [No. 239–i] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 19th February 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees, — In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Patrick Cormack Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 7057/90, relating to a research programme in agriculture and agro-industry 1990–94; and
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(2) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 10149/90, relating to the promotion of energy efficiency in the Community.

[No. 60.]

Wednesday 20th February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—A Motion being made, That the British Railways (No. 2) Bill be now read the third time;

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

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

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

2 Midland Metro (Penalty Fares) Bill [Lords],—The Midland Metro (Penalty Fares) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

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

4 Private Bills (Absence of a Member),—Mr Bernie Grant reported from the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords], That Dr Mike Woodcock, one of the members of the said Committee, was not present at the sitting of the Committee this day.

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

6 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

7 Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to increase the penalties for the sale of tobacco to persons under the age of 16 years; to make other amendments of section 7 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and section 18 of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937; to make provision with respect to enforcement action by local authorities in England and Wales in relation to offences under section 7 of that Act of 1933; to prohibit the sale of unpackaged cigarettes; to prohibit the advertising of tobacco or tobacco sponsored events from retail premises; to require the publication of warning statements in retail premises and on vending machines; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 22nd March; and to be printed [Bill 91].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 244].

8 Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors' Reports) Bill,—Mr John McWilliam reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors' Reports) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 22nd March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 241].

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.
National Audit (Scotland)—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the National Audit Act 1983 to give the National Audit Office additional duties in respect of public expenditure in Scotland, including the provision of assistance to the Select Committee on Scottish Affairs of the House of Commons; and for connected purposes: And that Mr William McKelvey, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, Mr Martin Redmond, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr John McAllion, Mr Jimmy Wray, Mr David Lambie, Mr Harry Ewing, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mrs Irene Adams and Mr John McFall do prepare and bring it in.

National Audit (Scotland) Bill.—Mr William McKelvey accordingly presented a Bill to amend the National Audit Act 1983 to give the National Audit Office additional duties in respect of public expenditure in Scotland, including the provision of assistance to the Select Committee on Scottish Affairs of the House of Commons; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 22nd March and to be printed [Bill 90].

Criminal Justice Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Justice Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Sexual offenders)—(Mr John Patten)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Variation and discharge of supervision orders)—(Mr John Patten)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Assault on a police officer)—(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 (Imprisonment of fine defaulters)—(Mr Barry Sheerman)—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 Ken Eastham: 204.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 300.

Another Clause (Racial discrimination)—(Mr Roy Hattersley)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Periodic reviews of detention)—(Mr Barry Sheerman)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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 Criminal Justice Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

Criminal Justice Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Criminal Justice Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.
Question again proposed, That the Clause (Amendment of Criminal Justice Act 1967) be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Life sentence for murder)—(Mr Peter Archer)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Sentencing an offender with a mental disorder)—(Mr Barry Sheerman)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 86) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, at the end, to insert the words 'and the court passes a custodial sentence on the offender for a term of more than two years'.—(Mr Stuart Randall.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 93) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 22, at the end, to insert the words—

'(c) and, in the case of a sexual offence, in addition to subsection (2)(a) or (b) above, that the offence involved persons under the age of 16, or the offence took place without the consent of one or more of the persons involved'.—(Mr Harry Cohen.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 4 to 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 87) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 42, after the word 'offence', to insert the words 'where the offender has been previously convicted of one or more such offences'.—(Mr Stuart Randall.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 68) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 21, at the end, to insert the words—

'(d) take into account any reparation made by the offender'.—(Mr Stuart Randall.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 70) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 48, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2A) A court shall not make a combination order unless it would have imposed a custodial sentence if it had not made such an order'.—(Mr Stuart Randall.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 88) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 10, to leave out the word 'sixteen' and insert the word 'eighteen', instead thereof.—(Mr Barry Sheerman.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 89) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 9, after the word 'above', to insert the words 'unless the court is satisfied that this would be unreasonable having regard to the circumstances of the offender'.—(Mr Stuart Randall.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 and 11) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 96) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—
'(a) provision that, before making an application, the court shall have first obtained the agreement of the offender to the application, unless default has been made in payment.'—(Mr Barry Sheerman.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 12 to 16) made to the Bill.

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

Bill to be further considered this day.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.20 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 20th February 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 County Courts,—Draft High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1991 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

2 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Statutory Sick Pay (Small Employers' Relief) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Housing,—Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 235), dated 13th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].


(2) Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Oxfordshire and Surrey (County Boundaries) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 264), dated 18th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


6 Social Security,—(1) Community Charge Benefits (General) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 234), and

(2) Income Support (General) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 236), dated 13th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Other Papers:

7 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—(1) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings Service Gratuities and Attributable Disablement and Death Awards) Order 1991, and


8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Home Secretary on the Petition [29th January] from residents of Sowerby Bridge against the closure of Sowerby Bridge fire station [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated a further Member to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Coal Mining Subsidence Bill, viz.: Mr Jimmy Hood.

2 Standing Committee B.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr John Hughes, Mr Robert Maclellan, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Sir Gerrard Neale, Mr Anthony Nelson, Mr Irvine Patnick, Sir David Price, Mr Tim Rathbone, Mr Jeff Rooker, Sir William Shelton, Mr Tony Speller, Sir John Stanley and Audrey Wise.

3 Standing Committee B.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords], viz.: Mrs Rosie Barnes, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr John Cummings, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr David Evans, Maria Fyfe, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr John Greenway, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Greg Knight, Joan Lestor, Alice Mahon, Mr David Martin, Mr John Patten, Mr Stuart Randall and Mr Ray Whitney.

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir 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 Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1991, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Jack Aspinwall, Mr Tony Banks, Mr David Gilroy Bevan, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr David Davis, Mr David Evennett, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Sir Ian Gilmour, Mr Greville Janner, Mrs Alison Keen, Mr Ken Livingstone, Joan Ruddock, Mr Neil Thorne, Mr Richard Tracey and Mr Gary Waller.

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir 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 Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr David Curry, Mr Ron Davies, Mr Ted Garrett, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr William Hague, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Calum Macdonald, Sir Michael Marshall, Mr Elliot Morley, Emma Nicholson, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr Patrick Thompson, Mr John Townend, Mr Neville Trotter and Mr John Ward.

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir 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 Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Graham Bright, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Ron Brown, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr James Cran, Mr Harry Ewing, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr John Maxton, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Bill Walker, Mr Charles Wardle and Mr George Younger.

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir 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 Income Tax (Building Societies) (Annual Payments) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Chris Butler, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Philip Goodhart, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr Francis Maude, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Graham Riddick, Mr Hugo Summerson, Dr Ian Twinn and Mr George Walden.

8 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir 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 Housing Benefit (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990, viz.: Mr Jonathan Aitken, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Vivian Bendall, Sir Norman Fowler, Mildred Gordon, Mr Ken Hargreaves, Mr John Hughes, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Ian McCartney, Alice Mahon, Mr Irvine Patnick, Sir Timothy Raison, Clare Short, Mr Peter Thornham, Mr Bowen Wells, Ann Widdecombe and Mrs Ann Winterton.
9 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Standard Community Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 and the Community Charges (Registration) (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 1991, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Alex Eadie, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr David Madel, Mr Paul Marland, Mr David Martin, Mr John Maxton, Mrs Ray Michie, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Keith Raffan, Sir Dudley Smith, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Bill Walker and Mr Charles Wardle.

10 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 revised Code of Practice on time off for trade union duties and activities, viz.: Mr Robert Boscawen, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Andrew Bowden, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr David Clelland, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr A. E. P. Duffy, Mr John Evans, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Doug Hoyle, Mr Ivan Lawrence, Mr Tony Lloyd, Sir Robert McCrindle, Mr Teddy Taylor, Mr Cyril D. Townsend, Sir Gerard Vaughan and Mr James Wallace.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 20th February; to be printed [No. 45-iv] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 20th February; to be printed [No. 179-v] [Mr John Wilkinson].

3 Defence,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 20th February; to be printed [No. 243] [Mr Michael Mates].

4 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 20th February; to be printed [No. 208-iii] [Dr Michael Clark].

5 European Legislation,—Eleventh Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29 -xi] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Foreign Affairs,—(1) First Special Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Recent Developments in the Horn of Africa]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 242]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 20th February; to be printed [No. 143-v]
[Mr David Howell].

7 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 20th February; to be printed [No. 229-ii] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

8 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 20th February; to be printed [No. 146-v] [Sir John Wheeler].

9 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 20th February; to be printed [No. 246-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

10 Trade and Industry,—(1) Second Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [British Steel: Ravenscraig and Clydesdale]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 20th February; to be printed [No. 226-iii]
[Mr Kenneth Warren].

11 Transport,—(1) Third Report from the Transport Committee [British Rail's Withdrawal of the Speedlink Network Service]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 141]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 20th February; to be printed [No. 162-iv]
[Mr David Marshall].
1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the Census Confidentiality Bill [Lords] and the Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B;
(2) the Badgers Bill, the Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Bill and the Football (Offences) Bill to Standing Committee C;
(3) the Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill to the Second Scottish Standing Committee;
(4) the Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(5) the Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(6) the Scottish Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(7) the Income Tax (Building Societies) (Annual Payments) Regulations 1991 and the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(8) the Standard Community Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 and the Community Charges (Registration) (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 1991 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
(9) the draft revised Code of Practice on time off for trade union duties and activities to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Census Confidentiality Bill [Lords];
(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill;
(3) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1991;
(4) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991;
(5) Mr Michael Morris Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Scottish Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991;
(6) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Income Tax (Building Societies) (Annual Payments) Regulations 1991;
(7) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990;
(8) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Standard Community Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 and the Community Charges (Registration) (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 1991; and
(9) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft revised Code of Practice on time off for trade union duties and activities.
3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referrals have been made:

(1) European Community Document No. 10837/90, relating to the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Document No. 10146/90, relating to the labelling of tobacco products, to European Standing Committee B.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Thursday 28th February.

2 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 27th February at Seven o'clock.

3 London Underground (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 26th February.

4 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cattewater Reclamation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

5 Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

6 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

7 Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

8 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 on Thursday 28th February.

9 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 on Thursday 28th February.

10 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

11 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.
12 London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

13 Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

14 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

15 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

16 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).

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

18 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Sir Michael Neubert reported from the Committee on the London Underground Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 26th February at half-past Ten o’clock.

19 Gaming (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Gaming (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th March and to be printed [Bill 92].

20 Opposition day [8th allotted day: first part],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the second largest opposition party, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

*Gulf War Aims and Restoration of Peace,*—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, having given continuous overwhelming support to British forces in the Gulf and therefore mindful of its responsibility to them and to the status and integrity of the United Nations, calls on the Government to ensure that war aims, and efforts to create peace and security in the area, are restricted to the terms set out in the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions; and declares that no diplomatic opportunity should be lost to bring the present conflict to an end in terms compatible with United Nations Security Council Resolution 660—*(Mr Jim Sillars)*;

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 ‘having overwhelmingly supported the despatch of British forces to the Gulf, welcomes the affirmation by the Government that the aims of British military action are to secure the implementation of the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions’, instead thereof—*(Mr Douglas Hogg).*

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dick Douglas, Mr Andrew Welsh: 16.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 320.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Dennis Skinner: 25.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

*Resolved*, That this House, having overwhelmingly supported the despatch of British forces to the Gulf, welcomes the affirmation by the Government that the aims of British military action are to secure the implementation of the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions.
21 Midland Metro Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Midland Metro Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now considered;

Mr David Gilroy Bevan rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger King, Mr Bruce George: 88.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Bob Cryer: 9.

Whereupon Mr Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 36 (Majority for closure or for proposal of question).

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 28th February.

22 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 Timothy Kirkhope.)

23 Representation of the People Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Representation of the People Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Audit of payments to returning officers (No. 2))—(Dr John Marek)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, at the end to add the words ‘but subject to the condition that any fees paid to any returning officer or acting returning officer for conducting a combined poll will be no higher than what would have been the higher of the individual fees paid had the elections not been combined’.—(Dr John Marek.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, at the end to insert the words

‘(3A) For subsection (6) there shall be substituted—

“(6) No superannuation contributions will be required to be paid by a local authority in respect of any person under this section as part of a returning officer’s charges at a parliamentary election and no amount shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund to any local authority for this purpose.”’—(Dr John Marek.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

24 Liaison,—Ordered, That Mr Nicholas Winterton be added to the Liaison Committee.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

25 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.16 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 21st February 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Continuance) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Fees and Charges.—Department of Agriculture (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R. (N.I.), 1991, No. 40), dated 12th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].


5 Road Traffic.—(1) Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 252), and
dated 13th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Other Papers:

6 Census of Production.—(1) Report on the Census of Production, 1989: Introductory notes, and
(2) Report on the Census of Production, 1989, on photographic and cinematographic processing laboratories
[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

7 Commonwealth Scholarship Commission,—Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom for the period 1st October 1989 to 30th September 1990 [by Act] [Mrs Lynda Chalker].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [31st January] from Keith Davies against late abortion [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Transport,—Statement concerning the appointments and salaries, as at 1st January 1991, of all members of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Treaty Series (No. 12, 1991),—Convention, done at Luxembourg on 25th October 1982, on the Accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Convention on Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters and to the Protocol on its Interpretation by the Court of Justice with the Adjustments made to them by the Convention on the Accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, of Ireland and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cm. 1437] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

11 Treaty Series (No. 13, 1991),—Agreement, done at Nassau on 28th June 1988, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Bahamas concerning the investigation of drug trafficking and confiscation of the proceeds of drug trafficking [by Command] [Cm. 1448] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Paper withdrawn:

12 Social Security,—Draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1991 [laid 13th February].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee B,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr Keith Mans (nominated in respect of the Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr Peter Rost.

2 Standing Committee E,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Welfare of Animals at Slaughter Bill, viz.: Sir Richard Body, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr Andrew Bowden, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Ron Davies, Dame Janet Fookes, Mr Peter Hardy, Mr Christopher Hawkins, Kate Hoey, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Michael Lord, Mr David Maclean, Mr Chris Mullin, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Bill Walker, Sir Dennis Walters and Mr Jerry Wiggin.
3 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr James Cran (nominated in respect of the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 and had appointed in substitution Mr Richard Shepherd.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 21st February 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated the Welfare of Animals at Slaughter Bill to Standing Committee E (transferred from Standing Committee C).

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Sir Giles Shaw Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Welfare of Animals at Slaughter Bill; and

(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 8162/90, relating to application of Community rules on procurement procedures of water, energy, transport and telecommunications undertakings.

Friday 22nd February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Courts (Research) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts (Research) 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. 11 (Friday sittings).

And the Question being again proposed;

Dr Mike Woodcock 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, Dr Mike Woodcock, Mr Humfrey Malins: 22.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Michael Brown: 0.

And it appearing on the report of the Division that fewer than forty Members had taken part in the Division, Madam Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

3 Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill,—The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 22nd March.

5 Education Provision Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Provision Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 22nd March.

6 Public Safety Information Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 8th February, That the Public Safety Information Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 1st March.

7 Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 1st March.

8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 27th February—

(1) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), if proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Newton relating to Pensions, Social Security and Terms and Conditions of Employment have not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at Seven o’clock put successively the Questions thereon; and

(2) if proceedings on the said Motions have not been completed before Seven o’clock, the Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means for consideration at that hour shall stand over until the conclusion of such proceedings, and the said Private Business may be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours after it has been entered upon.—(Mr David Davis.)

9 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 4th March, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), if proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Baker relating to Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism have not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at Seven o’clock put the Question thereon.—(Mr David Davis.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 25th February.

[Adjourned at 3.9 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 22nd February 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Local Government,—(1) Gloucestershire (District Boundaries) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 281), dated 21st February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine]; and


3 Road Traffic,—(1) Community Drivers’ Hours (Passenger and Goods Vehicles) (Temporary Exception) (Revocation) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 300), and

(2) Drivers’ Hours (Passenger and Goods Vehicles) (Exemption) (Revocation) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 299),

dated 22nd February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Other Papers:

4 Universal Postal Union,—Cash-On-Delivery Agreement, done at Washington on 14th December 1989 (with Detailed Regulations) [by Command] [Cm. 1372] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
PRAYERS.

1 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.:

Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill.

Bill committed.

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

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

4 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

5 Courts (Research) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts (Research) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday.

6 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

7 European Community Documents,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That European Community Document No. 10880/90, relating to the extension of food assistance to the Soviet Union, Romania and Bulgaria, and a credit facility to the Soviet Union, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee B—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

8 European Community Documents,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That European Community Document No. 4120/91, relating to the revision of the financial perspective to finance technical assistance for the Soviet Union, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee B—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

9 Criminal Justice Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Criminal Justice Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 17 to 20, 108 to 111, 113 and 112) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 82) proposed to the Bill, in page 31, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) After subsection (2) of that section there shall be inserted the following subsection—

“(2A) In taking the decisions required by subsections (1) and (1A) above, the court shall have regard to such of the following considerations as appear to it to be relevant, that is to say—

(a) whether the parents have neglected to exercise due care and control of the child or young person and whether any such neglect has caused or contributed to the commission of the offence;

(b) whether it is desirable that the child or young person himself should assume responsibility for payment of the sum;

(c) the relationship of the child or young person with his parents and the likely effect on that relationship of ordering the sum to be paid by the parent or guardian;

(d) the respective means of the child or young person and the parent or guardian; as well as to any others which appear to be relevant”’.—(Mr Alun Michael.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 114 and 115) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 90) proposed to the Bill, in page 32, line 41, at the end, to insert the words—

' (1A) In exercising the powers conferred by this section, the court shall have regard to such of the following considerations as appear to it to be relevant, that is to say—

(a) whether the parents have neglected to exercise due care and control of the child or young person and whether any such neglect has caused or contributed to the commission of the offence;
(b) whether exercising the powers conferred by this section would reduce the likelihood that the child or young person himself will accept personal responsibility for his actions;
(c) the relationship of the child or young person with his parents and the likely effect on that relationship of exercising the powers conferred by this section;

as well as to any others which appear to be relevant'.—(Mr Barry Sheerman.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Ken Eastham: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 263.

Another Amendment (No. 40) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 84) proposed to the Bill, in page 42, line 34, after the word ‘wellbeing’, to insert the words ‘to protect them as far as possible from public scrutiny and insult, and in any such conveyances as are used to transport them to provide them with adequate ventilation, light and standards of physical comfort’.—(Mr Stuart Randall.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 116) proposed to the Bill, in page 43, to leave out lines 13 and 14.—(Mr John Greenway.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Tim Boswell: 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 174.

Another Amendment (No. 117) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 91) proposed to the Bill, in page 43, line 19, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) The Secretary of State shall prescribe in any contract entered into under subsection (2) above standards which shall include standards with respect to—

(a) space per person, air volume, ventilation, heating, floor space, window space and time per day spent in cells;
(b) bathing facilities and frequency of opportunities for bathing;
(c) sanitary facilities and inmates’ access to sanitation;
(d) supply of clothing;
(e) provision of meals;
(f) medical care;
(g) inmates’ access to work, training, education, association, exercise and physical education;
(h) facilities for visits and inmates’ contact with families;
(i) inmates’ access to lawyers;
(j) provision of information concerning bail and legal aid;
(k) inmates’ access to advice and assistance from probation officers and social workers; and
(l) facilities for religious observance,

to which the contracted-out prison shall conform’.—(Mr Barry Sheerman.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 124) proposed to the Bill, in page 43, line 19, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2A) The Secretary of State shall enter into contracts with persons under subsection (2) above only if he is satisfied that persons employed by them are adequately trained and vetted.

(2AA) The Secretary of State shall issue guidelines setting out the standards and qualifications of applicants for contracts under this section'.—(Mr Bruce George.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Robert N. Wareing: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Tim Boswell: 263.

Another Amendment (No. 118) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 104) proposed to the Bill, in page 43, line 35, at the end, to insert the words ; and

(c) a monitor, who shall be a crown servant, appointed by the Secretary of State'.—(Mr Stuart Randall.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 119) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 92) proposed to the Bill, in page 50, line 16, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr Alun Michael.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

10 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Criminal Justice Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

11 Criminal Justice Bill,—The House again proceeded further to consider the Criminal Justice Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 92) be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 100, 101, 22 and 21) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Provisions Substituted for Section 15 of 1965 Act)—(Mr John Patten)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 23 to 32, 41, 33, 34, 42 to 47, 120, 48, 121, 50, 122, 51 to 56, 123, 35, 57 to 64 and 102) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to make further provision with respect to the treatment of offenders and the position of children and young persons and persons having responsibility for them; to make provision with respect to certain services provided or proposed to be provided for purposes connected with the administration of justice or the treatment of offenders; to make financial and other provision with respect to that administration; and for connected purposes.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

12 Industrial Training,—Resolved, That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved.—(Mr Robert Jackson.)

13 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Sydney Chapman);

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And the Motion having been made 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 fifteen minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.15 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Monday 25th February 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Immunities and Privileges.—Draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Local Government.—(1) Dorset and Somerset (County Boundaries) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 286), and
   (2) Durham and North Yorkshire (County Boundaries) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 287),
   dated 19th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


5 Telecommunications.—Public Telecommunication System Designation (Cablevision Communications Company of Hertfordshire Limited) (East Hertfordshire) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 279), dated 18th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers

6 Prison Disturbances.—Report of an Inquiry by the Right honourable Lord Justice Woolf and His Honour Judge Stephen Tumim on prison disturbances in April 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1456] [Mr Secretary Baker].

7 Sea Fisheries.—(1) Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the proceedings under sections 1-5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967, for 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer];
   (2) Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the proceedings under sections 1-5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967, for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang]; and
   (3) Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on the proceedings under sections 1-5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967, for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

8 Telecommunications.—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Cablevision Communications Company of Hertfordshire Limited in respect of the Hertford, Cheshunt and Ware (Lea Valley) cable franchise under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B Sir Gerrard Neale, Sir David Price and Mr Tony Speller (nominated in respect of the Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr Hugh Dykes, Sir Marcus Fox and Mr Ian Taylor.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 25th February; to be printed [No. 143-vi] [Mr David Howell].

2 House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 25th February; to be printed [No. 251-i] [Mr John MacGregor].

3 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 25th February; to be printed [No. 253-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].
Tuesday 26th February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

   Bill to be read the third time.

2 London Underground (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (No. 2) Bill;

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

3 Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords] have leave to visit and inspect the sites of the proposed works and areas affected by the proposed works, 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, agent or other representative.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

5 Private Bills (Absence of a Member).—Mr Bernie Grant reported from the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords], That Dr Mike Woodcock, one of the members of the said Committee, was not present at the sitting of the Committee this day.

6 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr Bernie Grant reported from the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords], That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday at a quarter-past Two o'clock.

7 Liaison.—Mr Terence L. Higgins reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee), That the Liaison Committee had directed him to report the following recommendation for the allocation of time for the consideration of Estimates on an allotted day (being the first allotted day (second part) in the present Session):

   That a half day not later than 18th March be allotted for the consideration of the following Supplementary Estimate for the financial year 1990–91:

   Class VII, Vote 3, Transport Industries, so far as it relates to London Regional Transport.

   Report to lie upon the Table.

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

9 Select Committees.—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

10 Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords].—Mr Geraint Howells reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 255].

11 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Income Tax (Building Societies) (Annual Payments) Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 14th February.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 254].

12 Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill.—The Order for considering the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, on Friday 22nd March was read and discharged.

   Bill to be considered on Friday 12th April.

13 Liaison.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee on 26th February be printed [No. 257].

14 Veterans.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Department of Veterans' Affairs with responsibility for resettlement of veterans, care and rehabilitation...
of disabled veterans, support for veterans’ families, and related matters; and for
connected purposes: And that Mr George Howarth, Mr Rupert Allason, Sir Rhodes
Boyson, Mr Don Dixon, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Michael Foot, Sir Marcus Fox, Mrs
Llin Golding, Mr James Molyneaux, Mr Merlyn Rees, Sir David Steel and Mr Brian
Wilson do prepare and bring it in.

15 Veterans Bill.—Mr George Howarth accordingly presented a Bill to establish a Department
of Veterans’ Affairs with responsibility for resettlement of veterans, care and
rehabilitation of disabled veterans, support for veterans’ families, and related matters;
and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read
a second time on Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 94].

16 Road Traffic Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Road Traffic
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Supply of unroadworthy vehicles etc.)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought
up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Disapplication of RTA sections 1 to 3 for authorised motoring
events)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added
to the Bill.

Another Clause (Variable speed limits)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought up, read
the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Designation of principal routes)—(Mr Richard Tracey)—brought up, and
read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Random breath testing at roadside checkpoints)—(Joan Ruddock)—
brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Maria Fyfe, Dr Lewis Moonie: 157.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Nicholas Baker: 265.

Another Clause (Designation of Parking Control Authority)—(Joan Ruddock)—
brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Prosecution and punishment of offenders)—(Mr Roger Gale)—
brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Prohibition of motor vehicles on byways)—(Mr Chris Smith)—
brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 27 to 31, 73, 74, 32, 75 to 87, 33, 88 and 89) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 54) proposed to the Bill, in page 36, line 40, at the end, to insert the
words—

'(2) A highway authority may, in consultation with the Secretary of State for
Transport from time to time require specified types of public service vehicles
operating in its area to be fitted with equipment detectable by the said highway
authority'.—(Mr Robert Adley.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 38, line 9, to leave out the
word ‘traffic’ and insert the words ‘people and goods’, instead thereof.—(Joan Ruddock.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

17 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Road Traffic Bill may be
proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

18 Road Traffic Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Road Traffic Bill, as amended
in the Standing Committee.
Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 12) be made to the Bill.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Jack Thompson: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr David Davis: 219.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 38, line 15, after the word 'Commissioners', to insert the words—

'(bb) such organisations of road users as he thinks appropriate'.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 45) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 40, line 41, at the end, to add the words—

'(c) the needs of frontagers for road access and short term parking;
(d) the safety, convenience and amenity of residents on and adjacent to any proposed priority route'.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 17 to 22) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 45, to leave out lines 1 to 3 and insert the words 'The Secretary of State may, by order subject to negative resolution of either House of Parliament, require any reasonable expenses incurred by him in the exercise of his powers under subsection (7) above to be paid to him by the London authority', instead thereof.—(Mr Jeremy Corbyn.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 46 to 51) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 42) proposed to the Bill, in page 55, line 46, to leave out the words 'this part' and insert the words 'sections 54-65', instead thereof.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 23, 24, 15, 34 to 36, 92, 93, 37, 96 to 100, 25, 26, 52, 38 and 101) made to the Bill.

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The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

19 European Communities,—Resolved, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Fourth ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved.—(Mrs Lynda Chalker.)

20 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Bargeddie for action to improve road safety in the area around Bargeddie Primary School was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

21 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alastair Goodlad.)

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

[Adjourned at 2 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 26th February 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds,—Draft Central Office of Information Trading Fund Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Employment,—Draft revised Code of Practice on trade union ballots for industrial action [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

4 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Telecable of Macclesfield Limited) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 297), and


dated 20th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

5 British Library,—Accounts of the British Library Board for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 256] [Clerk of the House].

6 European Communities (No. 66, 1990),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 5th June 1989 between the European Economic Community and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil, originating in Algeria, for the period 1st November 1987 to 31st December 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1202] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger between Sligos SA and Signet Ltd [by Command] [Cm. 1450] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) the management of information technology security in Government Departments, and

(2) Ministry of Defence: collaborative projects

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 248 and 247] [Clerk of the House].

9 Solicitors,—Report of the Lay Observer for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 227] [Clerk of the House].

10 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) Telecable of Macclesfield Limited in respect of the Macclesfield and Wilmslow franchise, and

(2) Telecable of Stockport Limited in respect of the Stockport franchise under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

11 Treaty Series (No. 14, 1991),—Notes exchanged at Bonn on 25th September 1990 between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Governments of the French Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America concerning the presence in Berlin of armed forces of the French Republic, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the United States of America [by Command] [Cm. 1442] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

12 Treaty Series (No. 15, 1991),—Notes exchanged at Bonn on 25th September 1990 between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Governments of the Kingdom of Belgium, Canada, the French Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America concerning the Agreement of 19th June 1951 between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the status of their forces, the Agreement of 3rd August 1959 to supplement that Agreement with respect to foreign forces stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany and the Agreements related thereto [by Command][Cm. 1444][Mr Secretary Hurd].

13 Treaty Series (No. 16, 1991),—Notes exchanged at Bonn on 25th September 1990 between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Governments of the Kingdom of Belgium, Canada, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America concerning the Convention on the Presence of Foreign Forces in the Federal Republic of Germany of 23rd October 1954 [by Command] [Cm. 1443] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
14 Welsh Affairs.—Government Response to the Third Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 1989-90, on the breach of the sea defences of 26th-27th February (1990) along the North Wales coast [by Command] [Cm. 1451] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Joan Walley (nominated in respect of the Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Peter Snape.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Statutory Instruments,—Twelfth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xii] [Mr Bob Cryer].

[No. 65.]

Wednesday 27th February 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Underground (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (No. 2) Bill;

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

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

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

4 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

5 Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

    Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 19th April.

    Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 259].

6 Welfare of Animals at Slaughter Bill,—Sir Giles Shaw reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Welfare of Animals at Slaughter Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

    Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday; and to be printed [Bill 97].

    Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 265].

7 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Michael Morris reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 14th February.

    Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 264].

8 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Patrick Cormack reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

    That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 7057/90, relating to agricultural and agro-industrial research (1990-94); and endorses the Government’s view that Community support for research in these areas should be given a high priority.
Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

9 European Standing Committee B.—Mr Ted Leadbitter reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 10149/90, relating to the promotion of energy efficiency in the Community (SAVE programme); and supports the Government's intention of ensuring that it results in effective and properly co-ordinated measures in those areas where they are appropriate.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

10 Coal Imports Bill.—The Order for reading the Coal Imports Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 22nd March.

11 Deaf Persons (Access to Further and Higher Education and Training) Bill.—The Order for reading the Deaf Persons (Access to Further and Higher Education and Training) Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 8th March.

12 European Standing Committees.—The Orders [29th January and 6th February], That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committees be printed, were read and discharged.

13 Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill.—Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, supported by Sir David Steel, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Bill Walker and Mr Brian Wilson, presented a Bill to make provision in the law of Scotland as to the legal capacity of persons under the age of 18 years to enter into transactions, as to the setting aside and ratification by the court of transactions entered into by such persons and as to guardians of persons under the age of 16 years; to make provision in the law of Scotland relating to the time and date at which a person shall be taken to attain a particular age; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th March and to be printed [Bill 95].

14 Hare Coursing Bill.—Mr Harry Cohen, supported by Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mrs Rosie Barnes, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Andrew Bowden, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mr Doug Hoyle, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Robin Squire and Mr Andrew Welsh, presented a Bill to make hare coursing illegal: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th March and to be printed [Bill 96].

15 Zoo Animal Welfare.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the welfare of zoo animals—(Mr Phillip Oppenheim);

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. 19 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Mr Gerald Bowden, Mr David Sumberg, Dame Janet Fookes, Mr Cecil Franks, Mr James Pawsey, Mr Andrew MacKay, Mr Kenneth Hind, Mr David Evennett, Mr Lewis Stevens, Mr Michael Brown and Mr Simon Burns do prepare and bring in the Bill.

16 Zoo Animal Welfare Bill.—Mr Phillip Oppenheim accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for the welfare of zoo animals: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th March and to be printed [Bill 93].

17 Pensions.—Resolved, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 11th December, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Newton.)

18 Pensions.—Resolved, That the draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Amendment Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 18th February, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Newton.)

19 Social Security.—Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Newton.)

20 Social Security.—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Newton.)
21 Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Newton.)

22 Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 21st February, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Newton.)

And it being after Seven o'clock, Mr Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [22nd February], to put successively the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Newton relating to Terms and Conditions of Employment.

Terms and Conditions of Employment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the draft Statutory Sick Pay (Rate of Payment) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Mr Secretary Newton);

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 288.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Jack Thompson: 191.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Statutory Sick Pay (Rate of Payment) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.

Terms and Conditions of Employment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Statutory Sick Pay (Small Employers' Relief) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 20th February, be approved—(Mr Secretary Newton)—It was agreed to.

23 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];

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

Mr Roger Knapman 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 Malcolm Moss, Mr Michael Brown: 154.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Martin Redmond: 50.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

24 Agriculture,—Resolved, That the draft Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.—(Mr David Curry.)

25 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Stephen Dorrell);

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

[Adjourned at 12.25 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 27th February 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds,—(1) Draft Buying Agency Trading Fund Order 1991, and
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Armorial Bearings, Ensigns and Flags,—Lyon Court and Office Fees (Variation) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 274), dated 12th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


5 Employment and Training,—Industrial Training (Offshore Petroleum Board) (Revocation) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 263), dated 14th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

6 Environmental Protection,—Control of Pollution (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 324), dated 22nd February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


8 National Health Service,—Community Health Councils (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 275), dated 12th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].


10 Public Health (Scotland),—Control of Pollution (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 346), dated 26th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


13 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Heartland Cablevision II (UK) Limited) (Rugby) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 294), and


Other Papers:

14 Biological Standards,—Account of the National Biological Standards Board for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 260] [Clerk of the House].

15 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—

(1) drawing, cold rolling and cold forming of steel,

(2) forging, pressing and stamping,

(3) leather goods,

(4) leather (tanning and dressing) and fellmongery,

(5) mining machinery, construction and mechanical handling equipment,

(6) miscellaneous textiles,

(7) miscellaneous vehicles,
(8) non-ferrous metals industry,
(9) processing of fruit and vegetables,
(10) production of man-made fibres,
(11) refractory and ceramic goods,
(12) soft drinks,
(13) structural clay products,
(14) sugar and sugar by-products, and
(15) woollen and worsted industry

[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

16 European Communities (No. 23, 1991),—Paper, entitled Developments in the European Community, July-December 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1457] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

17 Piers and Harbours,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of the proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861-1915, for the period 1st February 1990 to 31st January 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

18 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petitions from—
(i) residents of the constituency of Witney [8th November],
(ii) residents of the constituency of North West Surrey [13th November],
(iii) residents of the constituency of Halifax [14th November],
(iv) L. M. Brown [15th November],
(v) residents of the constituency of Bath [20th November],
(vi) residents of the constituency of Chertsey and Walton [20th November],
(vii) Maria Catiff [6th December], and
(viii) residents of Canterbury and surrounding areas [13th December]
for support for international efforts to declare Antarctica a World Park [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

19 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
(1) Heartland Cablevision II (UK) Limited in respect of the Rugby cable franchise, and
(2) Heartland Cablevision (UK) Limited in respect of Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, Royal Leamington Spa and Kenilworth
under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

20 Transport Series (No. 12, 1991),—Amendment to Annex 2 of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP) 1970 [by Command] [Cm. 1433] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Badgers Bill, viz.: Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Tony Banks, Mr John Bowis, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Peter Hardy, Mr Roy Hughes, Mr Andrew MacKay, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Elliot Morley, Sir Charles Morrison, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Mr Teddy Taylor, Mr Gary Waller and Mr Dafydd Wigley.

2 Standing Committee C,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Football (Offences) Bill, viz.: Mr David Ashby, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Alistair Burt, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Matthew Carrington, Dame Janet Fookes, Mr Roger Gale, Mr John Greenway, Kate Hoey, Mr Eric Ilasley, Mr Michael Irvine, Mr Jim Lester, Mr Peter Lloyd, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Tom Pendry, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Richard Tracey, Mr Keith Vaz and Sir John Wheeler.

3 Standing Committee C,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill, viz.: Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Menzies
Campbell, Mr William Cash, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Den Dover, Mr A. E. P. Duffy, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Bruce George, Mr Humphrey Malins, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Mr Tom Pendry, Mr Dennis Turner and Mr Bill Walker.

4 Standing Committee D,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr George J. Buckley (nominated in respect of the Ports Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Allen McKay.

5 Standing Committee E,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Bill, viz.: Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr A. E. P. Duffy, Dame Peggy Fenner, Mr Ted Garrett, Mr William Hague, Mr Robert Hicks, Mr Michael Jopling, Mr Eric Martlew, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Tom Pendry, Sir Michael Shaw, Mr Michael Shersby, Sir Trevor Skeet, Mr Patrick Thompson and Mr Michael Welsh.

6 Standing Committee G,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr John Redwood (nominated in respect of the British Technology Group Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr James Arbuthnot.

7 Second Scottish Standing Committee,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr Michael Forsyth, Mr George Foulkes, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Calum Macdonald, Sir Hector Monro, Dr Lewis Moonie, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Bill Walker, Mr Brian Wilson and Mr George Younger.

8 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Rupert Allason, Mr Robert Banks, Dr John G. Blackburn, Mr Gerald Bowden, Mr John Browne, Mr James Couchman, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Eddie Loyden, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Tim Renton, Mr Michael Spicer, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr David Wilshire, Dr Mike Woodcock and Mr David Young.

9 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1991, viz.: Mr David Bellotti, Sir Rhodes Boyson, Mr James Cran, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr Eric Forth, Dame Jill Knight, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Max Madden, Mr Terry Patchett, Mr Ivor Stanbrook, Mr Peter Thornham, Mr John Watts and Mr Timothy Wood.

10 Severn Bridges Bill,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated three Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Severn Bridges Bill, viz.: Mr Den Dover, Mr Dave Nellist and Mr Richard Shepherd.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 27th February; to be printed [No. 179-vi] [Mr John Wilkinson].

2 Defence,—Third Report from the Defence Committee [Options for Change: Royal Navy], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 266] [Mr Michael Mates].

3 Education, Science and Arts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education, Science and Arts Committee on 27th February; to be printed [Nos. 268-i and -ii] [Mr Malcolm Thornton].

4 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 27th February; to be printed [No. 267] [Mr Ron Leighton].

5 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 27th February; to be printed [No. 263-i] [Sir Hugh Rossi].
MEMORANDA

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1 Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill to Standing Committee C;

(2) the Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Bill to Standing Committee E (transferred from Standing Committee C);

(3) the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(4) the draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1991 to the Sixth Standing Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse an additional Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the British Technology Group Bill;

(3) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991;

(4) Mr Roy Hughes Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1991; and

(5) Mr David Knox Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 9025/90, relating to nuclear fusion research.

3 European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referrals have been made:

(1) European Community Documents Nos. 4084/91, relating to action to protect the environment in certain coastal areas and coastal waters (NORSPA), 4549/91, relating to the development and future of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), 10749/90, relating to certificates of specific character for foodstuffs, and 4496/91, relating to common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Documents Nos. 8597/90 and COR1, relating to unfair terms in consumer contracts, 4112/91, relating to protection at work of pregnant women and women who have recently given birth, 4187/91, relating to the liability of suppliers of...
services, 4173/91, relating to copyright and neighbouring rights, 4174/91, relating to the accession of the Member States to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works as revised and the Rome Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations, 4175/91, relating to rental right, lending right and certain rights related to copyright, and 4433/91, relating to the Annual Economic Report for 1990–91, to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 66.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;
Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Thursday 7th March.

2 Midland Metro Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 21st February, That the Midland Metro Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 7th March.

3 London Underground (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 5th March.

4 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cattewater Reclamation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th March.

5 Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th March.

6 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th March.

7 Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th March.

8 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 on Thursday 7th March.

9 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 on Thursday 7th March.

10 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th March.

11 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th March.

12 London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th March.

13 Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th March.

14 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th March.

15 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th March.

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

17 Private Bills (Absence of a Member),—Mr Bernie Grant reported from the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords], That Mrs Irene Adams, one of the members of the said Committee, was not present at the sitting of the Committee this day.

18 Private Bills (Absence of a Member),—Sir Michael Neubert reported from the Committee on the London Underground Bill, That Mr Ronnie Campbell, one of the members of the said Committee, was not present at the sitting of the Committee this day.

19 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Mr Bernie Grant reported from the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords], That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 5th March at half-past Ten o’clock.

20 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Sir Michael Neubert reported from the Committee on the London Underground Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 5th March at half-past Ten o’clock.

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

22 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

23 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Ted Leadbitter reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 4th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 192].

24 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft revised Code of Practice on time off for trade union duties and activities, referred to a Committee on 18th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 271].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Bill, without Amendment.

Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to town and country planning to extend the powers to acquire by agreement land which may be affected by carrying out public works; to amend the law relating to compulsory acquisition of land and to compensation where persons are displaced from land or the value of land or its enjoyment may be affected by public works; to provide, in the case of compensation payable in respect of things done in the exercise of statutory powers, for advance payments and payments in interest; and to repeal Part X of the Highways Act 1980; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

26 Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords].—The Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 98].

27 Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill.—The Order for reading the Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

28 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill.—The Order for reading the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12th April.

29 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:
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Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Dangerous Vessels (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Education,—Education (Grant-maintained Schools) (Finance) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 353), dated 27th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

5 Food,—Imported Food (Peruvian Foodstuffs) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 370), dated 28th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].


7 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service Trusts (Consultation before Establishment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 358), dated 27th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


9 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Jones Cable Group of Leeds Limited) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 295), and


dated 20th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

10 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 28th February 1991, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Revised Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

11 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—

   (1) household textiles and other made-up textiles,

   (2) iron and steel industry,
(3) machinery for printing paper, wood, leather, rubber, glass and related industries; 
laundry and dry cleaning machinery,
(4) miscellaneous manufacturing industries, and
(5) throwing, texturing, etc. of continuous filament yarn
[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

12 Industrial Injuries.—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council on respiratory 
diseases in welders [by Command] [Cm. 1402] [Mr Secretary Newton].

13 Merseyside Museums and Galleries.—Account of the National Museums and Galleries on 
Merseyside for 1989-90, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General 
thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 272] [Clerk of the House].

14 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on telephone services in 
the National Health Service [by Act]; to be printed [No. 258] [Clerk of the House].

15 Supply Estimates, 1990-91.—Revised Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1990-91 [by 
Command]; to be printed [No. 232] [Mr Francis Maude].

16 Telecommunications, —Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
(1) Jones Cable Group of Leeds Limited in respect of the Leeds cable franchise, and
(2) Telecable of Calderdale Limited in respect of the Calderdale cable franchise
under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from 
the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on 
Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Hector Monro, Mr Keith Raffan and Sir Dudley Smith (nominated in respect of the Standard Community Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 and the Community Charges (Registration) (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Tony Marlow, Mrs Ann Winterton and Mr Mark Wolfson.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 27th 
February, to be printed [No. 178-ii] [Sir Peter Emery].

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of 
standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the 
Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 67.]

Friday 1st March 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 House of Commons (Services),— Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select 
Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 13th February be printed [No. 209-ii].

3 Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill,—The Estate Agents (Property 
Misdescriptions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed 
to a Standing Committee.

4 Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill,—The Criminal Procedure 
(Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and 
stood committed to a Standing Committee.
5 Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th May.

6 Aircraft (Noise Restriction) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Aircraft (Noise Restriction) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th March.

7 Greyhound Betting Levy Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greyhound Betting Levy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th March.

8 British Racing Commission Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Racing Commission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th March.

9 Football Spectators Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Football Spectators Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th March.

10 Public Safety Information Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 8th February, That the Public Safety Information Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 8th March.

11 Welfare of Animals at Slaughter Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Welfare of Animals at Slaughter Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

12 Estimates,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee), That this House agrees with the Report [26th February] from the Liaison Committee—(Mr Nicholas Baker):—It was agreed to.

13 Estimates,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 11th March, Standing Order No. 53 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.) shall apply as if—

(1) the words ‘(aa) supplementary votes on account for the coming financial year’ were inserted after line 22; and

(2) the words ‘for the coming financial year’ in lines 5 and 21 were omitted.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 4th March.

[Adjourned at 3.1 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 1st March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Local Government (Scotland),—Local Government (Non-Domestic District Rates and District Community Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 382), dated 28th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


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

PRAYERS.

1 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).

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

3 Select Committees,—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

4 Courts (Research) Bill,—Ordered, That the Courts (Research) Bill be read a second time on Friday.

5 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Order [28th February], That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.

6 Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees), That the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill be referred to a Second Reading Committee—(Mr Irvine Patnick)—It was agreed to.

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick)—It was agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick)—It was agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Vehicle Inspectorate Trading Fund Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick)—It was agreed to.

10 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Central Office of Information Trading Fund Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick)—It was agreed to.

11 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Continuance) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Mr Secretary Baker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie: 138.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Continuance) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 21st February, be approved.

12 Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Census (Confidentiality) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

13 Oversea Superannuation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Oversea Superannuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

14 Assistance to Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 10880/90 + COR1 and the supplementary explanatory memoranda submitted by H.M. Treasury on 22nd February and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 26th February, relating to extension of food assistance to the Soviet Union, Romania and Bulgaria and a credit facility for the Soviet Union, and 4120/91, relating to revision of the financial perspective to finance technical assistance for the Soviet Union; and agrees with the Government that food aid to Romania and Bulgaria should be considered a priority; that any Community food aid given to the Soviet Union should be provided for humanitarian purposes; and that consideration of any other forms of Community help should take full account of developments in the Soviet Union and the Baltic States. (Mr Douglas Hogg.)

15 Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Income Tax (Building Societies) (Annual Payments) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 28th January, be approved—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

16 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

17 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

18 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

19 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

20 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

21 Employment Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.) and the Order [18th February], That the draft revised Code of Practice on time off for trade union duties and activities, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

22 Energy Efficiency.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 10149/90, relating to the promotion of energy efficiency in the Community (SAVE programme); and supports the Government’s intention of ensuring that it results in effective and properly co-ordinated measures in those areas where they are appropriate—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

23 Community Research and Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 7057/90, relating to agricultural and agro-industrial research (1990–94); and endorses the Government’s view that Community support for research in these areas should be given a high priority—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

24 Pig Husbandry Bill,—Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Pig Husbandry Bill that it have power to make amendments to the Bill to extend the prohibitions contained in the Bill to all pigs and to tethering by any means.—(Mr David Davis.)
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Dean L. Honey for the restoration of his lost personal effects was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

Monday 4th March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Education.—Draft Education Reform Act 1988 (Application of Section 122 to Institutions in Wales) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

2. Social Security.—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5. Food.—Fresh Meat Export (Hygiene and Inspection) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 289), dated 18th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


(2) National Health Service (District Health Authorities) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 325),

(3) National Health Service Training Authority (Abolition) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 327),

(4) National Health Service Training Authority and Disablement Services Authority Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 328), and

(5) Regional and District Health Authorities (Membership and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 329),

dated 25th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].


10. Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 290), dated 19th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

11. Census of Production.—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—

(1) extraction of miscellaneous minerals (including salt),

(2) extraction of stone, clay, sand and gravel,

(3) glass and glassware,

(4) metal-working machine tools and engineers' tools,

(5) starch and miscellaneous foods,

(6) textile finishing, and

(7) working of stone and other non-metallic minerals
[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

12 Countryside (Scotland),—Account of the Countryside Commission for Scotland for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 273] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Library of Scotland,—Accounts of the National Library of Scotland for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 210] [Clerk of the House].

Paper withdrawn:

14 Social Security,—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 [laid 19th February].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr Christopher Hawkins (nominated in respect of the Pig Husbandry Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr John Selwyn Gummer.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—(1) Seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Monitoring and Control of Charities in England and Wales], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 85]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 4th March; to be printed [No. 275-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 69.]

Tuesday 5th March 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords].—The Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

2 London Underground (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (No. 2) Bill;

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

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

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

5 Select Committees,—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geraint Howells reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Standard Community Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 41) and the Community Charges (Registration) (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 51), referred to a Committee on 18th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 279].

7 Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill,—The Order for reading the Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill a second time on Thursday was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.
8 Homeworkers Bill.—Mr Keith Vaz, supported by Clare Short, Alice Mahon, Maria Fyfe, Mildred Gordon, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Ken Livingstone and Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, presented a Bill to extend the rights of homeworkers so that they will receive the same protection from employment, health and safety at work and financial legislation currently afforded to employees undertaking similar work on the employer’s premises; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday 27th March and to be printed [Bill 100].

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick): It was agreed to.

10 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick): It was agreed to.

11 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick): It was agreed to.

12 Shops.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to relax certain restrictions on the opening hours of shops and other places where a retail trade or business is carried on; to make provision for licensing Sunday trading at such places; to make transitional provision as to the rights of persons employed as shopworkers; and for connected purposes—(Mr John Marshall);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Madam Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 19 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Barry Field, Mr Robert G. Hughes: 75.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr David Marshall: 144.

So the Question was negatived.

13 New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords].—The New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

14 New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords] [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown in consequence of the Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Timothy Wood);

And it being Ten o’clock, Mr Speaker interrupted the proceedings.

15 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 Timothy Wood.)

16 New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords] [Money].—The Question being again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown in consequence of the Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment;

And the Question being put:— It was agreed to.
17 New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords] [Ways and Means],—Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the charging of tolls for the use of a new special road in respect of which an order is made under the Act,
(b) the charging of fees for occupation of the highway (in Scotland, the road), and
(c) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums received under the Act by a Minister of the Crown.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

18 Sea Fisheries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Sea Fishing (Days in Port) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 335), dated 26th February 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th February, be annulled—(Mr Elliot Morley);

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative procedure));

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Calum Macdonald: 51.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Neil Hamilton: 75.

So the Question was negatived.

19 Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill [Money],

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

20 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Greg Knight);

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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 eleven minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.11 a.m.]

APPENDIX I
Tuesday 5th March 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Road Traffic,—(1) Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Sums and Charges etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 336), and


5 Telecommunications,—Public Telecommunication System Designation (Tayside Cable Systems Limited) (Dundee) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 374), dated 22nd February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
Other Papers:

6 Miscellaneous (No. 3, 1991).—Third Additional Protocol, done at Strasbourg on 20th April 1989, to the Protocol to the European Agreement on the Protection of Television Broadcasts [by Command] [Cm. 1446] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 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 Order for which a Petition, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and the General Orders thereunder, was presented to one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State on or before 27th November 1990, namely the Lothian Regional Council (Port Edgar) Order, and are of the opinion that the Order should be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

8 Sports Council for Wales.—Report and Accounts of the Sports Council for Wales for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

9 Telecommunications.—(1) Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Tayside Cable Systems Limited in respect of the Dundee cable television franchise under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act]; and

(2) Paper, entitled Competition and Choice: Telecommunications Policy for the 1990s [by Command] [Cm. 1461]

[Mr Secretary Lilley].

10 Treaty Series (No. 18, 1991).—Notes exchanged at Bonn on 9th October 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany concerning air services to and from Berlin [by Command] [Cm. 1445] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr Steve Norris (nominated in respect of the Badgers Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr David Amess.

2 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Dr Mike Woodcock (nominated in respect of the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Andrew Rowe.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Norman Fowler (nominated in respect of the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990); and had appointed in substitution Mr Jim Lester.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 5th March; to be printed [No. 277-i] [Mr Frank Field].

2 Statutory Instruments.—Thirteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xiii] [Mr Bob Cryer].

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 5th March 1991

1 Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Pig Husbandry Bill.
Public Bills (Scotland).—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 93 (Public bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 70.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Mr Bernie Grant reported from the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords], That, for the convenience of Members, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 12th March at half-past Ten o'clock.

3 Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Sir Richard Body reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to which the draft Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 was referred, That it had gone through the draft Order; 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 March.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 293-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 293-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 293-II].

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

5 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

6 Pig Husbandry Bill,—Mr Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Pig Husbandry Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to prohibit the tethering of pigs; and to prohibit the keeping of pigs in circumstances in which their movement is unduly restricted.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday; and to be printed [Bill 104].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 283].

7 Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Bill,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 22nd March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 280].

8 Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Ted Leadbitter reported from the Second Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 281].

9 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 18th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 291].

10 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Roy Hughes reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 25th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 282].
11 European Standing Committee B,—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 8162/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by H.M. Treasury on 26th February, relating to compliance with the Community rules on procedures for the award of supplies, works and certain services contracts by operators in the energy, telecommunications, transport and water sectors; and supports the Government's intention to press for an effective means of encouraging compliance by providing appropriate remedies for suppliers and contractors harmed by a breach of those rules and which places appropriate responsibility on Member States.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

12 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 Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

13 Railway Re-Openings (Tribunal) Bill,—Mr Robert Adley, supported by Mr Peter Snape, Mr Paddy Ashdown, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr Robert Sheldon, Mr David Madel, Mr Donald Anderson, Mr Robert Bosca, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Tony Speller and Mr Nigel Spearing, presented a Bill to make provision for the establishment of a tribunal to examine proposals for the re-opening of railway lines; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 102].

14 Forestry Bill,—Sir Hector Monro, supported by Mr Calum Macdonald and Mrs Margaret Ewing, presented a Bill to increase from 9 to 12 the maximum number of members of a regional advisory committee maintained under section 37 of the Forestry Act 1967: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 101].

15 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

16 Employment Protection (Government Communications Headquarters).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for persons employed at the Government Communications Headquarters to have the right to belong to an independent trade union of their choice; and for connected purposes—(Mr David Winnick);

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. 19 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr David Winnick, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Harry Ewing, Mr Michael Foot, Maria Fyfe, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse, Alice Mahon, Mr Ray Powell, Mr Ernie Ross and Mr Gavin Strang do prepare and bring in the Bill.

17 Employment Protection (Government Communications Headquarters) Bill,—Mr David Winnick accordingly presented a Bill to provide for persons employed at the Government Communications Headquarters to have the right to belong to an independent trade union of their choice; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th May and to be printed [Bill 103].

18 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Ways and Means],—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise or require payments into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr Secretary Brooke.)

19 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding that such provisions could not have been proposed in Committee without an Instruction from the House, amendments may be proposed on consideration of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill to provide for the enforcement of orders and the punishment of offences outside Northern Ireland.—(Mr Secretary Brooke.)

20 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
A Clause (Confiscation orders)—(Mr Secretary Brooke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Provisions supplementary to section (Confiscation orders))—(Mr Secretary Brooke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Relevant offences)—(Mr Secretary Brooke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Realisable property, value and gifts)—(Mr Secretary Brooke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Assumptions as to benefit and value of proceeds)—(Mr Secretary Brooke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Statements, etc., relevant to making confiscation orders)—(Mr Secretary Brooke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Assisting another to retain proceeds of terrorist-related activities)—(Mr Secretary Brooke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Concealing or transferring proceeds of terrorist-related activities)—(Mr Secretary Brooke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Enforcement and supplementary provisions)—(Mr Secretary Brooke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Interpretation of confiscation provisions)—(Mr Secretary Brooke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Identity cards)—(Mr David Trimble)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Miscarriages of justice)—(Mr Kevin McNamara)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Army ombudsman)—(Mr Jim Marshall)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Organisations in receipt of public funds)—(Mr Jim Marshall)—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.

21 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Neil Hamilton.)


Question again proposed, That the Clause (Organisations in receipt of public funds) be read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jack Thompson, Mr Ken Eastham: 76.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Tim Boswell: 150.

Another Clause (Lethal force)—(Mr Kevin McNamara)—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 Thomas McAvoy, Mr Harry Barnes: 24.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Neil Hamilton: 131.

Amendments (Nos. 16 and 17) made to the Bill.
Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, to leave out lines 31 to 48.—(Mr Jim Marshall.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Don Dixon: 22.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Neil Hamilton: 126.

Other Amendments (Nos. 40 and 41) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, to leave out lines 10 to 13.—(Mr Kevin McNamara.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 18.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Neil Hamilton: 123.

Other Amendments (Nos. 18 to 31) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 47, line 36, to leave out from the beginning to the word 'require' and insert the words 'A circuit judge may, on an application made by an authorised investigator', instead thereof.—(Mr Seamus Mallon.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 32 to 35) 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 Irvine Patnick, Mr Neil Hamilton: 103.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 3.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

23 Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 22nd February, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Brooke.)

24 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.51 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 6th March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—Draft Houses in Multiple Occupation (Charges for Registration Schemes) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

2 Local Government (Scotland),—Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, dated 4th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

3 Rating and Valuation,—Draft Electricity Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


8 High Court of Justiciary (Scotland),—High Court of Justiciary Fees Amendment Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 331), dated 20th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

9 Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Sheriff Court Fees Amendment Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 333), dated 20th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Britannia Cablesystems Wirral Limited) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 372), and

11 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statutes made by—
   (1) the Governing Body of All Souls College, Oxford, on 6th December 1990, amending the Statutes of the College,
   (2) the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on 5th December 1990, amending the Statutes of the College, and
   (3) the University of Oxford, on 17th December 1990, amending the Statutes of the University
   [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].


Other Papers:

13 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—
   (1) hosiery and other knitted goods,
   (2) jute and polypropylene yarns and fabrics,
   (3) public gas supply, and
   (4) spinning and weaving of flax, hemp and ramie
   [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

14 English Industrial Estates Corporation,—Report and Accounts of English Estates for 1989–90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

15 Housing (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for 1989-90; with the Reports of the Local Government Auditor and the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cm. 1453] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

16 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 274] [Mr Secretary Lang].

17 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the existence or possible existence of a monopoly situation in relation to the supply within the United Kingdom of structural warranty services in relation to new homes [by Command] [Cm. 1439] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

18 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
   (1) Britannia Cablesystems Wirral Limited, and
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C,--Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr John Bowis, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Douglas French, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr Ian Grist, Mr Robert Hughes, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Edward Leigh, Sir Robert McCrindle, Mr Andrew MacKay, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Lewis Stevens, Mr Hugo Summerson and Mr Alan Williams.

2 Standing Committee E,--Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr John Bowis, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr David Evennett, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Michael Forsyth, Mr Roger Freeman, Mr Peter Fry, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr Gordon Oakes, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Graham Riddick, Joan Ruddock and Joan Walley.

3 Second Reading Committee,--Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee on the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr Jonathan Aitken, Mr Jack Aspinwall, Sir Antony Buck, Mr Derek Conway, Mr David Curry, Mr Cecil Franks, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr John Hannam, Mr Ralph Howell, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr David Madel, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr James Paice, Mr Peter L. Pike and Mr Alan W. Williams.

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,--Sir 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 Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1991 and the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1991, viz.: Mr John Battle, Mr Sydney Bidwell, Mr John Browne, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr David Davis, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr Robert B. Jones, Sir Robert McCrindle, Mr Iain Mills, Mr Gordon Oakes, Mr James Pawsey, Mr Barry Porter, Joan Ruddock, Mr Roger Sims, Mr Tim Smith and Mr Gerry Steinberg.

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,--Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Ron Davies (nominated in respect of the draft Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Peter L. Pike.

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,--Sir 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 (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, viz.: Sir Thomas Arnold, Mr John Bowis, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Ted Garrett, Mr Jerry Hayes, Mr Gerald Howarth, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Roger King, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Michael Knowsley, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Michael Lord, Mr Alan Meale, Sir Hal Miller, Mr Martin Redmond, Mr Peter Thurnham, Mr James Wallace and Mr Michael Welsh.

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,--Sir 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 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Denzil Davies, Sir Anthony Durant, Mr Patrick Ground, Mr David Harris, Maureen Hicks, Sir Russell Johnston, Mr Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr Humphrey Malins, Mr John Marshall, Emma Nicholson, Mr Richard Page, Mr Giles Radice, Mr George Robertson, Mr Ernie Ross and Mr Brian Sedgemore.

8 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,--Sir 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 Vehicle Inspectorate Trading Fund Order 1991, viz.: Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mr Jim Callaghan, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Tony Favell, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr John Garrett, Mr Ian Grist, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Alan Haselhurst, Mr Robert Hicks, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Peter Morrison, Mr Edward O’Hara, Joan Ruddock and Nicholas Soames.
9 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Peter Archer, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Churchill, Sir George Gardiner, Mr Bruce George, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Ken Hargreaves, Mr Kenneth Hind, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr Max Madden, Dr Brian Mawhinney, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr William Ross, Mr Ivor Stanbrook and Mr Roger Stott.

10 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir 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 Central Office of Information Trading Fund Order 1991, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Conal Gregory, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr John Lee, Mr John Maps, Dr John Marek, Mr Norman Miscampbell, Sir Michael Neubert, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr Robin Squire, Mr Jimmy Wray and Mr David Young.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 45-v] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—(1) First Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Reply to the Thirteenth Report from the Committee, Session 1989-90, on Improved United Kingdom Air Defence Ground Environment]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 288]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 6th March; to be printed [Nos. 286 and 287] [Mr Michael Mates].

3 Education, Science and Arts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education, Science and Arts Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 268-iii] [Mr Malcolm Thornton].

4 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 285-i] [Mr Ron Leighton].

5 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 208-iv] [Dr Michael Clark].

6 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 6th March; to be printed [Nos. 263-ii and 292-i] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

7 European Legislation,—Thirteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xiii] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

8 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 229-iii] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

9 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Second Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Report of the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration for 1989], together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 167] [Sir Antony Buck].

10 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 6th March; to be printed [No. 294-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

11 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 226-iv] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

12 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 162-v] [Mr David Marshall].

13 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 6th March; to be printed [Nos. 289-i and 290-i] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].
MEMORANDA

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1 Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill and the Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill to Standing Committee C;

(2) the New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee E;

(3) the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1991 and the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(4) the draft Pneumoconiosis (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(5) the draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1991 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(6) the draft Vehicle Inspectorate Trading Fund Order 1991 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(7) the draft Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 and the draft Central Office of Information Trading Fund Order 1991 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Patrick Cormack and Mr James Hill Chairmen of Standing Committee C in respect of the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill;

(2) Mr Michael Morris Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords];

(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill;

(4) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1991 and the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1991;

(5) Mr James Lamond Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pneumoconiosis (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1991;

(6) Mr Roy Hughes Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., on the draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1991;

(7) Mr Michael Latham Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Vehicle Inspectorate Trading Fund Order 1991;

(8) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1991; and

(9) Mr Michael Shersby Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 9228/88 and 10333/91, relating to compulsory use of safety belts in vehicles of less than 3.5 tonnes.

3 European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referrals have been made:

(1) European Community Documents Nos. 9228/88, relating to the compulsory use of seat belts, and 10541/90, relating to the common fisheries policy, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Documents Nos. 9791/90, relating to efficiency requirements for new hot-water boilers fired with liquid or gaseous fuels, and 4345/91, relating to relief of ACP debt to the Community, and the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors of the European Communities for 1989, to European Standing Committee B.
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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 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:
   Census (Confidentiality) Act 1991

2 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Thursday 14th March.

3 Midland Metro Bill,—The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 21st February, That the Midland Metro Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered;
   And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.
   Bill to be read the third time.

4 London Underground (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (No. 2) Bill;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 12th March.

5 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cattewater Reclamation Bill;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th March.

6 Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th March.

7 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th March.

8 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 on Thursday 14th March.

9 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 on Thursday 14th March.

10 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th March.

11 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th March.

12 London Underground (King's Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King's Cross) Bill;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th March.

13 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th March.

14 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th March.

15 Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th March.

16 Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix I).

17 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Sir Michael Neubert reported from the Committee on the London Underground Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 12th March, at half-past Ten o'clock.

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

19 Export and Investment Guarantees Bill.—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from Standing Committee H, That it had gone through the Export and Investment Guarantees Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 106].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 296].

20 Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill.—The Order for considering the Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be considered on Friday 22nd March.

21 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Order [5th March], That the draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.

22 War Crimes Bill.—Mr Secretary Baker, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Hurd, Mr Secretary King, Mr Secretary Brooke, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Secretary Lang and Mr John Patten, presented a Bill to confer jurisdiction on United Kingdom courts in respect of certain grave violations of the laws and customs of war committed in German-held territory during the Second World War; 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 105].

23 Offshore Installations (General Provisions) Bill.—Mr Tony Benn, supported by Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Dennis Skinner, Alice Mahon, Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Ron Brown, Audrey Wise and Mr Dave Nellist, presented a Bill to provide for the trade union representation, security of employment, health and safety and training of personnel serving on offshore installations and in vessels and other craft working in conjunction with such installations: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th March and to be printed [Bill 99].

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

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

25 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 David Davis.)

26 Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

27 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Fraserburgh Harbour traders and others for amendment to restrictions on fishing was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

28 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) employees and others associated with Cobalt U.K. in Lanarkshire for adequate provision of training places in Lanarkshire, and

(2) Philip May for examination of his treatment in prison

were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

29 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Timothy Wood);
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And the Question being put;  
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.  

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

[Adjourned at 12.1 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 7th March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

(2) draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].  

2 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Draft British Alcan Primary and Recycling Ltd. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991,  
(2) draft British Gas plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991,  
(3) draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991,  
(4) draft British Telecommunications plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991,  
(5) draft Caravan Sites and Pitches (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991,  
(6) draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991,  
(7) draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991,  
(8) draft Industrial and Freight Transport (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991,  
(9) draft Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991,  
(10) draft Mercury Telecommunications Ltd. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991,  
(11) draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991,  
(12) draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991,  
(13) draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991,  
(14) draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, and  
(15) draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Court of Session (Scotland),—Court of Session etc. Fees Amendment Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 332), dated 20th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Education,—(1) Education (London Residuary Body) (Property Transfer) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 497), dated 6th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke]; and  

5 Fire Services,—Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 369), dated 27th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

6 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Montrose (Pilotage) Harbour Revision Order 1990, dated 4th April 1990; with a statement by the Secretary of State for Transport under sections 2(5) and 10(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 Medical Profession,—(1) Abortion Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 499), dated 4th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave]; and  
(2) Abortion (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 460), dated 4th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


10 Rates, — Rates (Regional Rate) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R. (N.I.), 1991, No. 57), dated 26th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


Other Papers:

13 Argentina (No. 1, 1991), — Agreement, done at London on 11th December 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Argentina for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 1449] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

14 European Communities (No. 22, 1991), — Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 15th December 1989, relating to Community patents [by Command] [Cm. 1452] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

15 Statutory Instruments (Notification), — Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before a copy was laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a copy had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:
   [by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

Paper withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C, — Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Sir Robert McCrindle (nominated in respect of the Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Simon Burns.

2 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., — Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr James Couchman and Mr Robert Banks (nominated in respect of the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Sir Ian Lloyd and Mr Ian Taylor.
3 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr John Garrett (nominated in respect of the draft Vehicle Inspectorate Trading Fund Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Max Madden.

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Geoffrey Pattie (nominated in respect of the draft Central Office of Information Trading Fund Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr John Wilkinson.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Leasehold Reform,—Resolved, That this House believes that the law of leasehold as a method of providing residential tenure in flats or houses is in need of widespread reform.—(Mr Dudley Fishburn.)

3 Parliamentary Boundary Commission,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls for a review of the proposed work of the Parliamentary Boundary Commission, the time between its required reports, the number of Members to be elected to the House of Commons, the size and boundaries of constituencies, the required numbers of honourable Members for Scotland and Wales, and other matters—(Sir Peter Emery);

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

4 Gaming (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Gaming (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

5 Deaf Persons (Access to Further and Higher Education and Training) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deaf Persons (Access to Further and Higher Education and Training) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th March.

6 Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill,—The Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

7 Hare Coursing Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hare Coursing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th March.

8 Public Safety Information Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 8th February, That the Public Safety Information Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 15th March.

9 Forestry Bill,—The Forestry Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

10 Sittings of the House,—Resolved, That—

(1) this House do meet on Thursday 28th March at half-past Nine o'clock;
(2) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 17 (Time for taking questions), no Questions shall be taken, provided that at Eleven o'clock Mr Speaker may interrupt the proceedings in order to permit questions to be asked which are in his opinion of an urgent character and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of business, statements to be made by Ministers, or personal explanations to be made by Members; and
(3) at Three o'clock Mr Speaker do adjourn the House without putting any Question, provided that this House shall not adjourn until Mr Speaker shall have
reported the Royal Assent to any Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr David Davis.)

11 Severn Bridges Bill.—Ordered, That Mr Steve Norris, Mr Michael Knowles, Mr Joe Benton and Mr Edward O’Hara be members of the Select Committee on the Severn Bridges Bill.—(Mr David Davis.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 11th March.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Friday 8th March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Community Charges,—Community Charges and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 434), dated 28th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].


11 Local Government,—(1) Local Authorities (Capital Finance) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 500), and

12 Local Government (Scotland).—Local Authority Stocks and Bonds (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 385), dated 25th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


(2) National Health Service (Vocational Training) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 406), and

dated 4th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].


18 Road Traffic. — (1) Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Large Goods and Passenger-Carrying Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 515), and

dated 7th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


Other Papers:

21 Health and Safety. — Accounts of the Health and Safety Commission and the Health and Safety Executive for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 298] [Clerk of the House].

22 Industrial and Provident Societies. — (1) Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 520), and

(2) Industrial and Provident Societies (Credit Unions) (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 521),
dated 7th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

23 International Monetary Arrangements. — Indemnity given by the Treasury to the Bank of England covering its commitment to the Bank for International Settlements in respect of a loan to Romania [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

24 Monopolies and Mergers. — Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the supply of soluble coffee for retail sale within the United Kingdom [by Command] [Cm. 1459] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

25 National Audit. — Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on National Health Service administrative and clerical manpower [by Act]; to be printed [No. 276] [Clerk of the House].

26 National Heritage (Scotland). — Accounts of the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 297] [Clerk of the House].

27 Transport. — Statement of determination of salary of a part-time member of the British Waterways Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].
PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix I).

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

3 Select Committees,—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Memoranda were reported and ordered to lie upon the Table (see Appendix III).

4 Courts (Research) Bill,—Ordered, That the Courts (Research) Bill be read a second time on Friday.

5 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Buying Agency Trading Fund Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

6 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Property Services Agency Supplies Trading Fund Order 1976 (Revocation) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

9 European Standing Committees,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors of the European Communities for 1989 shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee B — (Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

10 Estimates [1st allotted day] [2nd part].—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Resolution [1st March], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee).

Supplementary Estimates, 1990-91 (Class VII, Vote 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further supplementary sum, not exceeding £124,318,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray charges that will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1991 for expenditure by the Department of Transport on support to nationalised transport industries and to ports; rebate of fuel duty to bus operators; and costs of drivers' testing and training—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin);

The Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates).

11 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 12th February, be approved—(Dr Brian Mawhinney);

And it being Ten o'clock, Mr Speaker interrupted the proceedings.

12 Estimates [1st allotted day] [2nd part].—Mr Speaker proceeded, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), to put the deferred Question on Supplementary Estimates, 1990–91 (Class VII, Vote 3).
Resolved, That a further supplementary sum, not exceeding £124,318,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray charges that will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1991 for expenditure by the Department of Transport on support to nationalised transport industries and to ports; rebate of fuel duty to bus operators; and costs of drivers' testing and training.

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £145,902,122.00, 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 ending on 31st March 1990, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 168.

Resolved, That a further supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,544,032,000, 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 1991, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 170 and 232.

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £520,002,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Civil Services for the year ending on 31st March 1992, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 171.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the four Resolutions this day relating to Supplementary Estimates, 1990–91, Estimates, Excesses, 1989–90, and Estimates, 1991–92 (Vote on Account): And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr David Mellor, Mr Francis Maude, Mrs Gillian Shephard and Mr John Maples do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Francis Maude accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 1990, 1991 and 1992: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 79].

Northern Ireland,—The Question being again proposed, That the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 12th February, be approved;

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. 14 (Exempted business):—It was agreed to.

Road Traffic,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) Order 1991, dated 12th February 1991, a copy of which
was laid before this House on 12th February, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

17 Terms and Conditions of Employment—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

18 Contract Awards (Compliance with Community Procedures).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That the draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

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

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And the Motion having been made 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 two minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.2 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 11th March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Rating and Valuation,—Draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances,—(1) Radioactive Substances (Smoke Detectors) Exemption (Amendment) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 477), dated 6th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine]; and

(2) Radioactive Substances (Smoke Detectors) Exemption (Scotland) Amendment Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 563), dated 8th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Channel Tunnel,—Channel Tunnel (Emergency Medical Services) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 577), dated 8th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

5 Charities,—Draft Charities (John Lyon Road Trust) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].


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[by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


11 Environmental Protection,—(1) Litter (Designated Educational Institutions) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 561), dated 8th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke]; and


12 Fire Services,—Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 343), dated 22nd February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


14 Health and Safety,—Large Combustion Plant (Control of Emissions) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 562), dated 8th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

16 Housing,—Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Amendment) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 426), dated 1st March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

17 Housing (Scotland),—Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 533), dated 7th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

18 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Civil Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 524),

(2) Legal Advice and Assistance at Police Stations (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 527),

(3) Legal Advice and Assistance (Duty Solicitor) (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 528), and

(4) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 529),

dated 7th March 1991 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

19 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—(1) Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 567),

(2) Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 565),

(3) Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 566), and

(4) Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees in Civil Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 568),

dated 8th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


22 Local Government (Scotland).—Central and Tayside Regions and Clackmannan and Perth and Kinross Districts (Crook of Devon and Rumbling Bridge) Boundaries Amendment Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 398), dated 28th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


(2) National Health Service (Appellate Functions) (Directions to Authorities) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 553), dated 8th March 1991,

(3) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 579), dated 10th March 1991,

(4) National Health Service (Dental Services) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 581), dated 10th March 1991,


(6) National Health Service Functions (Directions to Authorities and Administration Arrangements) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 554), dated 8th March 1991,


(8) National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 555), dated 8th March 1991,


(13) National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 557), dated 8th March 1991,


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].


(2) Functions of Health Boards (Scotland) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 570), dated 8th March 1991,


(4) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 574), dated 8th March 1991,

(5) National Health Service (Dental Services) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 569), dated 8th March 1991,


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


31 Sugar,—Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 393), dated 26th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].


34 Telegraphs,—(1) Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 542), dated 7th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley]; and


35 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—(1) Statutory Maternity Pay (National Health Service Employees) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 590), and


dated 11th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

36 Wildlife,—(1) Wildlife and Countryside (Registration and Ringing of Certain Captive Birds) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 478), and

(2) Wildlife and Countryside (Registration to Sell etc. Certain Dead Wild Birds) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 479),

dated 6th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].
Other Papers:


38 Insolvency,—Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 380), dated 27th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

39 Local Government (Scotland),—Report of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland on the review of the Central/Tayside Regional Boundary at Crook of Devon and Rumbling Bridge [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

40 Piers and Harbours,—Report by the Secretary of State for Wales of the proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861-1915, for the year ended 31st January 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

41 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
   (1) Cheshire Cable Limited, and
   (2) Wakefield Cable Limited
under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Paper withdrawn:

42 Rating and Valuation,—Draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991 [laid 7th March].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Emma Nicholson (nominated in respect of the draft Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991); and had appointed in substitution Sir Marcus Fox.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Environment,—(1) Third Report from the Environment Committee [Climatological and Environmental Effects of Rainforest Destruction], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 24]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Committee [Sir Hugh Rossi].

[No. 74.]

Tuesday 12th March 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Neath 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 Neath, in the room of Donald Richard Coleman, Esquire, CBE, deceased. —(Mr Derek Foster.)

2 London Underground (No. 2) Bill,—The London Underground (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
   Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

3 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).
Private Bills (Absence of a Member),—Mr Bernie Grant reported from the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords], That Dr Mike Woodcock, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present at the sitting of the Committee this day.

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

Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords],—Mr Norman Hogg reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 109].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 305].

Ports Bill,—Dame Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Ports Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 108].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 304].

British Technology Group Bill,—Sir John Hunt reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the British Technology Group 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. 303].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Michael Latham reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Vehicle Inspectorate Trading Fund Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 4th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 307].

New Member sworn,—Michael Carr, Esquire, Member for Ribble Valley, was sworn.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Electricity Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

Training and Enterprise Councils,—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for full public disclosure of the financial affairs and administrative decisions of Training and Enterprise Councils; And that Mr Ray Powell, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Jim Callaghan, Mr Donald Anderson, Mr Tom Cox, Mr Paul Murphy, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Doug Hoyle, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Dennis Turner and Kate Hoey do prepare and bring it in.

Training and Enterprise Councils Bill,—Mr Ray Powell accordingly presented a Bill to provide for full public disclosure of the financial affairs and administrative decisions of Training and Enterprise Councils: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 107].

Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords],—The Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords] [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords] ("the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment, and
(b) any sums required by a Minister of the Crown for making payments by virtue of the Act of interest on compensation payable under any enactment or of amounts on account of such compensation or interest, and

(2) extinguishing any right to recover any amount under section 148 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972, or section 133 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, including interest on any such amount.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

17 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion in the name of Mr John MacGregor relating to War Crimes Bill (Procedure) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or the end of a period of one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

18 War Crimes Bill (Procedure).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, if the War Crimes Bill be read a second time, no Order shall be made for the committal of the Bill and it shall be ordered to be read the third time upon a future day; and upon a Motion being made for Third Reading the Question thereon shall be put forthwith and may be decided, though opposed, after the expiration of the time for opposed business—(Mr John MacGregor);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Irvine Patnick: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Hal Miller, Mr Jerry Wiggin: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, if the War Crimes Bill be read a second time, no Order shall be made for the committal of the Bill and it shall be ordered to be read the third time upon a future day; and upon a Motion being made for Third Reading the Question thereon shall be put forthwith and may be decided, though opposed, after the expiration of the time for opposed business.

19 Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Registered Homes (Amendment) 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 enactment in connection with—

(a) the functions of registration authorities under the Registered Homes Act 1984, or

(b) the supply of pharmaceutical services under the National Health Service Act 1977.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

20 Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill,—Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill that it have power to make amendments to the Bill extending the prohibition on the making of false or misleading statements in the course of estate agency business to the making of such statements in the course of related descriptions of business carried on by solicitors and builders.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

21 Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill [Money],

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of such money under any other Act.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

22 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX I
Tuesday 12th March 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

6. Appropriations in Aid, — Treasury Minute, dated 12th March 1991, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Estimates for 1991-92 laid this day [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

7. Cross Media Promotion, — Report of an Enquiry by John Sadler CBE into standards of cross media promotion [by Command] [Cm. 1436] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8. Development of Rural Wales, — Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 7th March 1991 on borrowing by the Development Board for Rural Wales [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

9. Housing, — Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 7th March 1991 on borrowing by the Housing Corporation [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].


11. International Monetary Arrangements, — Indemnity given by the Treasury to the Bank of England covering its loan to Zambia [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

12. Science and Technology, — Government Response to the Third Report from the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1989-90, on definitions of R&D [by Command] [Cm. 1467] [The Prime Minister].


   (2) Estimates for Class XIX, A, Vote 1 (House of Commons: Administration) for 1991-92 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 237] [Mr Speaker];

   (3) Estimates for Class XIX, B, Vote 1 (National Audit Office) for 1991-92 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 238] [Sir Peter Hordern]; and

   (4) Summary and Guide to the Supply Estimates, 1991-92 [by Command] [Cm. 1454] [Mr David Mellor].

14. Telecommunications, — Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to East London Telecommunications Limited in respect of Havering under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E, — Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Gwilym Jones
and Mr Graham Riddick (nominated in respect of the New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Sir Peter Blaker, Mr Conal Gregory and Mr David Sumberg.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Broadcasting, &c.,—First Report from the Select Committee on Broadcasting, &c. [The Arrangements for the Permanent Televising of Proceedings of the House], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 11] [Mr John MacGregor].

2 House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 11th March; to be printed [No. 302-i] [Mr John MacGregor].

3 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 12th March; to be printed [No. 277-ii] [Mr Frank Field].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Fourteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xiv] [Mr Bob Cryer].


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

PRAYERS.

1 Standing Orders (Private Business) (Explanatory Memoranda).—Ordered. That, with effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, Standing Order 38 (Deposit of copies of bill in Vote Office and Private Bill Office) be amended as follows:

Line 5, at the end, add—

'(2) There shall be attached to every copy of a bill—

(a) delivered under this Standing Order,

(b) deposited, delivered or sent under any of the Standing Orders following this Order,

(c) made available for inspection and sale under Standing Order 4A,

a printed memorandum describing the bill generally and, subject to paragraph (3) below, every clause in the bill.

(3) Related clauses may be dealt with together in the memorandum and it shall not be necessary to describe clauses providing only for the short title, commencement, interpretation, extent or costs of promotion of the bill'.—[The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means].

2 Standing Orders (Private Business) (Committees on Opposed Bills),—Ordered, That the following Amendments to Standing Orders be made:

Standing Order 120 (Declaration by members of committee on opposed bill), line 10, after 'group' insert 'that I recognise my obligation to attend every meeting of the committee'.

Standing Order 122 (Absence of chairman or members of committee on opposed bill), line 7, leave out from 'House' to the end.—[The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means].

3 Standing Orders (Private Business) (Opposed business (consideration and third reading)),—Ordered, That, with effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament—

A. The following Standing Order be made:

204A. When an order of the day has been read for the consideration or further consideration, as amended, of a private bill set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means at Seven o'clock, the Question, That the
Bill, as amended, be now considered (or be now further considered) shall not be put: but (unless the Chairman of Ways and Means names a future day for the consideration or further consideration of the bill, or a motion is made to recommit the bill in whole or in part), the House—

(1) shall forthwith proceed to consider any amendments proposed on consideration of the bill which have been selected by Mr Speaker; and

(2) may, if there are no such amendments or when the amendments have been disposed of, proceed to the third reading of the Bill, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 205 (Notice of third reading).

B. Standing Order 205 (Notice of third reading) be amended by inserting, in line 1, at the beginning, 'Subject to the provisions of Standing Order 204A (Opposed business (consideration and third reading)).'—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

4 Standing Orders (Private Business) (Opposed Business (Lords amendments)).—Ordered, That, with effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, the following Standing Order be made:

Standing Order 208A. When an order of the day has been read for consideration or further consideration of Lords amendments to a private bill set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means at Seven o'clock, the Question, That the Lords amendments be now considered (or be now further considered) shall not be put: but (unless the Chairman of Ways and Means names a future day for the consideration or further consideration of the Lords amendments) the House shall forthwith proceed to consider the same.'—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

5 Standing Orders (Private Business) (Quorum of Joint Committee on Confirmation Bill or Special Procedure Order),—Ordered, That the following Amendments to Standing Orders be made:

Standing Order 229 (Constitution of joint committee on confirmation bill), line 7, at the end, add—

'(2) If any member of the committee of this House is prevented from continuing his attendance, the joint committee may, with the consent of all parties, continue its sitting in his absence, provided that the number of the committee of this House be not less than two; but if the consent of any party is withheld, the joint committee shall adjourn and shall not resume its sittings in the absence of such member without leave of this House'.

Standing Order 243 (Joint committees on petitions), line 51, leave out from 'two' to 'but' in line 52.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

6 Table of Fees (Private Business),—Ordered, That the following Table of Fees to be charged at the House of Commons shall apply to Bills for which Petitions are deposited, Provisional Order Confirmation Bills presented, and Special Procedure Orders laid before Parliament, in the next Session of Parliament and thereafter:

I—FEES TO BE PAID BY THE PROMOTERS OF A PRIVATE BILL

On the First Reading of the Bill ..................................................£2500.

Following the Third Reading of the Bill ..........................£2500.

The promoters of Personal Bills brought from the Lords may be charged one-twentieth of the preceding fees.

The promoters of Bills relating to charitable, religious, educational, literary or scientific purposes whereby no private profit or advantage is derived, and of Bills other than Bills promoted by local authorities from which the promoter appears unlikely to derive substantial personal or corporate gain, may be charged one quarter of the preceding fees.

II—FEES TO BE PAID BY PETITIONERS AND MEMORIALISTS

On presentation of any Petition relating to a Private Bill or of any Memorial complaining that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, provided that no Petitioner or Memorialist shall be charged more than once under this head in respect of any one Bill ..............................................................£20.

III—FEES TO BE PAID BY APPLICANTS FOR AND PETITIONERS AGAINST A PROVISIONAL ORDER CONFIRMATION BILL

On the Second Reading of a Bill to confirm one or more Provisional Orders, other than a Bill to confirm an Order or Orders under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, the applicants shall be charged a fee of £2500.
On the deposit of each Petition £20.

IV—FEES TO BE PAID FOR PROCEEDINGS ON A SPECIAL PROCEDURE ORDER

On appearance before a Joint Committee on a Special Procedure Order, an applicant (other than a Minister) shall be charged a fee of £1250.

On the deposit of each Petition or Counter-Petition, or copy of either £10.

V—FEES TO BE PAID ON THE TAXATION OF COSTS ON PRIVATE LEGISLATION

For each £100 of any Bill of Costs allowed by the Taxing Officer £1. —(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

8 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr Bernie Grant reported from the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords], That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday 20th March at half-past Ten o’clock.

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

10 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

11 Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to amend sections 5 and 11 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 so as to make it an offence knowingly to cause or permit to be done certain acts mentioned in those sections.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday; and to be printed [Bill 112].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 308].

12 Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill, That it had come to the following Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: That the Committee recommends that the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 310].

13 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geraint Howells reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1991 and the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 4th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 312].

14 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geraint Howells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 18th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 309].

15 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Michael Shersby reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 9228/88 and 10333/90, relating to compulsory use of seat belts; notes that their provisions are broadly in accord with present and proposed domestic legislation; and endorses the Government’s intention to seek amendment of the proposals so that any adopted Directive neither imposes unacceptable constraints nor limits the scope for further action perceived by Parliament to be necessary, without prejudice to the view of the Government that Article 75 does not cover road safety measures.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

16 European Standing Committee B,—Mr David Knox reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:
That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 9025/90, relating to research into controlled nuclear fusion and amendments to the Statutes of the Joint European Torus joint undertaking; and endorses the Government's view that agreement to the new Community Fusion Programme and to extension of the Joint European Torus programme to 1996 will maximise the scientific value of the latter project and the associated experiments of Member States and that the Community's programme for fusion research should be subject to a rigorous independent assessment of the prospects of fusion in the light of the evidence of progress, before any long-term decisions on a Next Step device are taken.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

17 Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill.—Mr Jimmy Hood, supported by Mr Alan Meale, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Martin Redmond, Mr Jerry Hayes, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr James Wallace, Mr John McAllion, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Thomas Graham and Mr Jimmy Wray, presented a Bill to make provision for an annual report to Parliament on matters relating to myalgic encephalomyelitis, including progress made in investigating the causes, effects and treatment of the disease, diagnostic practice and information derived from national epidemiological surveys: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 110].

18 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Houses in Multiple Occupation (Charges for Registration Schemes) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

19 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Dangerous Vessels (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

20 Education (Publication of Examination Results).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require schools and certain further and higher education establishments to make available for publication in common form all public examination results: And that Mr Andrew Mitchell, Sir Rhodes Boyson, Sir Giles Shaw, Mr Julian Critchley, Mr George Walden, Mr James Pawsey, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr John Bowis, Mr Michael Brown and Mr William Hague do prepare and bring it in.

21 Education (Publication of Examination Results) Bill,—Mr Andrew Mitchell accordingly presented a Bill to require schools and certain further and higher education establishments to make available for publication in common form all public examination results: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 22nd March and to be printed [Bill 111].

22 Opposition day [9th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Abolition of the Poll Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House believes that the poll tax is beyond reform and must be abolished immediately; condemns the Government's dithering and delay in carrying out yet another review and its reluctance to face the fact that the poll tax must go; warns against any attempt to retain the essential elements of the poll tax in another guise, either alone or in combination with another tax; and urges the Government to replace the poll tax with a property-based tax, linked to the ability to pay, along the lines of Labour's Fair Rates proposals—(Mr Bryan Gould);

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 fact that the Government is undertaking a thorough review of local government finance, structure and functions; looks forward to a statement when that review has reached the appropriate stage; and in the meantime notes that, on information published to date, the average community charge actually set by local authorities in England will be £393, and welcomes the generous provision made by the Government, by way of the community charge reduction scheme, community charge benefit and income support, the combined effect of which will be to reduce the average net charge actually payable next year to under £275', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Heseltine.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Martyn Jones: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 331.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 273.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Andrew Welsh: 24.

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 fact that the Government is undertaking a thorough review of local government finance, structure and functions; looks forward to a statement when that review has reached the appropriate stage; and in the meantime notes that, on information published to date, the average community charge actually set by local authorities in England will be £393, and welcomes the generous provision made by the Government, by way of the community charge reduction scheme, community charge benefit and income support, the combined effect of which will be to reduce the average net charge actually payable next year to under £275.

Family Hardship and the Recession,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the increasing financial pressure families are facing due to the Government-created recession; further notes that low-income families are now hit hardest of all by record house repossessions, fast rising unemployment, service cutbacks caused by the poll tax, and widespread benefit deductions; and calls on the Government to adopt a Budget strategy that will tackle poverty rather than penalise it and in particular to increase child benefit to £9.55 per week per child and pensions by an extra £5 per week for a single pensioner and £8 per week for a married couple, to cut interest rates, and to abolish the poll tax.—(Mr Michael Meacher);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes that the policies of the last Labour Government pushed inflation to an all-time peak of 27 per cent., destroying savings and eroding living standards for millions of families and that Her Majesty’s Opposition remains committed to policies which would once again sharply raise taxation and inflation; and commends Her Majesty’s Government’s record in creating new jobs, in widening opportunities for home ownership, in directing additional help to low-income families, and in bringing about an increase of one-third in the real take-home pay of a family on average earnings; and reaffirms its support for the Government’s priority in fighting inflation’, instead thereof.——(Mr Secretary Newton.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Mr Jack Thompson: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 304.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 policies of the last Labour Government pushed inflation to an all-time peak of 27 per cent., destroying savings and eroding living standards for millions of families and that Her Majesty’s Opposition remains committed to policies which would once again sharply raise taxation and inflation; and commends Her Majesty’s Government’s record in creating new jobs, in widening opportunities for home ownership, in directing additional help to low-income families, and in bringing about an increase of one-third in the real take-home pay of a family on average earnings; and reaffirms its support for the Government’s priority in fighting inflation.

23 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion in the name of Mr John MacGregor relating to Statutory Instruments, &c. (draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1991) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until fifteen minutes to Eleven o’clock or the end of a
period of three-quarters of an hour after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr Neil Hamilton.)

24 Court of Auditors.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors of the European Communities for 1989—(Mr Francis Maude);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, at the end, to add the words ‘congratulates the Court for once again producing a detailed and comprehensive account of the appalling waste, mismanagement and incompetence of the institutions of the European Community; and much regrets that there is no effective vehicle within the European Community to ensure that appropriate action is taken on the issues raised in the Report’—(Mr Jonathan Aitken.)

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

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), to put the Questions necessary to dispose of them.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr William Ross, Mr Bob Cryer: 16.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr David Davis: '72.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;


25 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Order [11th March], That the draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.—(Mr Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

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26 International Immunities and Privileges,—Resolved, That the draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 8th March, be approved.—(Mr Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

27 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.41 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 13th March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education.—(1) Education (Publication of Proposals for Reduction in Standard Number) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 411), and

(2) Education (Variation of Standard Numbers for Primary Schools) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 410),

dated 12th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


[by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].
4 Rating and Valuation.—(1) Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 645), dated 12th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang]; and

Other Papers:
5 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—
(1) coal extraction and manufacture of solid fuels,
(2) pharmaceutical products, and
(3) specialised chemical products mainly for industrial and agricultural purposes
[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

6 Industrial Development (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland for 1989–90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cm. 1458] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

7 Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 249] [Clerk of the House].

8 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before a copy had been laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a copy had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:
Control of Gold, Securities, Payments and Credits (Kuwait) (Revocation) Directions 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 629)
[by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection
1 Standing Committee B,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee C).

2 Standing Committee C,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Forestry Bill, viz.: Mr Alan Amos, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Michael Forsyth, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr William Hague, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Roger Knappman, Mr Calum Macdonald, Sir Hector Monro, Dr Lewis Mooney, Mr Bill Walker, Mr Charles Wardle and Mr Brian Wilson.

3 Standing Committee F,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr David Bellotti, Mr Tim Boswell, Mrs Edwina Currie, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr George Howarth, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Robert B. Jones, Mr John McAllion, Mr Thomas McAvooy, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Iain Mills, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Keith Vaz, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Tim Yeo and Sir George Young.

4 Standing Committee H,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee C).

5 Standing Committee H,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee H Mrs Virginia Bottomley (nominated in respect of the Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Stephen Dorrell.

6 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1991, viz.: Mr Attorney General, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr Stuart Bell, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr Alistair Burt, Mr John Fraser, Mr Patrick Ground, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Mr Kenneth Hind, Mr Michael Irvine, Mr Robert
Maclennan, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Edward O'Hara, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Ted Rowlands, Sir Trevor Skeet, Mr Keith Speed and Mr Dennis Turner.

7 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Buying Agency Trading Fund Order 1991 and the draft Property Services Agency Supplies Trading Fund Order 1976 (Revocation) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Alan Amos, Mr Robert Banks, Mr Joe Benton, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Tim Dalyell, Sir Anthony Durant, Mr Roger Gale, Mr John Gorst, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Andrew MacKay, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Roger Moate, Mr William O'Brien, Mr Edward O'Hara, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Clive Soley and Mr Tim Yeo.

8 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Electricity Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Rupert Allason, Sir Richard Body, Mr Bob Clay, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr James Cran, Mr Lawrence Cutcliffe, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr John Evans, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr David Harris, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Robert Key, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Sir Charles Morrison, Mr William O'Brien, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock and Mr Colin Shepherd.

9 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr W. Benyon, Mr Chris Butler, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Paul Channon, Mr Alistair Darling, Mr Quentin Davies, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr John Garrett, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Ivan Lawrence, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Richard Page, Mr Peter Rost, Mrs Angela Rumbold and Mr Keith Vaz.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education, Science and Arts,—(1) Second Report from the Education, Science and Arts Committee [Prison Education], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 311]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Education, Science and Arts Committee

[Mr Malcolm Thornton].

2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 13th March; to be printed [No. 228-ii] [Mr Ron Leighton].

3 Energy,—(1) Third Report from the Energy Committee [Energy Efficiency]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 91]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Energy Committee; some to be printed [No. 91]

[Dr Michael Clark].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 13th March; to be printed [No. 263-iii] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

5 European Legislation,—Fourteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xiv] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 13th March; to be printed [No. 146-vii] [Sir John Wheeler].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 13th March; to be printed [No. 130-v] [Sir Antony Buck].

8 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 13th March; to be printed [No. 313-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

9 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 13th March; to be printed [No. 226-v] [Mr Kenneth Warren].
MEMORANDA
Wednesday 13th March 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

   (1) the Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill to Standing Committee B (transferred from Standing Committee C);

   (2) the Gaming (Amendment) Bill [Lords] and the Forestry Bill to Standing Committee C;

   (3) the Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee F;

   (4) the Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee H (transferred from Standing Committee C);

   (5) the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill to the Second Scottish Standing Committee;

   (6) the draft High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

   (7) the draft Buying Agency Trading Fund Order 1991 and the draft Property Services Agency Supplies Trading Fund Order 1976 (Revocation) Order 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

   (8) the draft Electricity Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1991 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

   (9) the draft Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order 1991 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

   (1) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill;

   (2) Mr Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Badgers Bill;

   (3) Mr David Knox and Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairmen of Standing Committee F in respect of the Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords];

   (4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1991;


   (6) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order 1991;

   (7) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Central Office of Information Trading Fund Order 1991;

   (8) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 10541/90, relating to the common fisheries policy; and

   (9) Sir Giles Shaw Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 8073/90, relating to organisation of working time, 8075/90, relating to safety on temporary work sites, and 8792/90 and 4112/90, relating to protection at work of pregnant women and women who have recently given birth.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the Programme of the Commission of the European Communities for 1991 has been referred to European Standing Committee B.
Thursday 14th March 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

   Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Thursday 21st March.

2 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 on Tuesday 19th March at Seven o’clock.

3 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cattewater Reclamation Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st March.

4 Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st March.

5 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st March.

6 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st March.

7 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st March.

8 London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st March.

9 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st March.

10 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st March.

11 Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill,—The Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

12 Birmingham City Council Bill,—The Birmingham City Council Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

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

14 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Sir Michael Neubert reported from the Committee on the London Underground Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 19th March at half-past Ten o’clock.

15 Coal Mining (Subsidence) Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Coal Mining (Subsidence) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 115].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 319].

16 Atomic Weapons Establishment Bill,—Mr Robert Rhodes James reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Atomic Weapons Establishment 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. 317].

17 Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 114].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 318].

18 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Lamond reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Pneumoconiosis (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 5th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 316].

19 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 5th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 315].

20 Pig Husbandry Bill,—Ordered, That the Pig Husbandry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be considered on Friday 19th April.

21 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Education Reform Act 1988 (Application of Section 122 to Institutions in Wales) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

22 Adjournment (Easter and Monday 6th May).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, at its rising on Thursday 28th March, do adjourn until Monday 15th April and, at its rising on Friday 3rd May, do adjourn until Tuesday 7th May—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic adjournments).

Resolved, That this House, at its rising on Thursday 28th March, do adjourn until Monday 15th April and, at its rising on Friday 3rd May, do adjourn until Tuesday 7th May.

23 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. 54 (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.

24 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 54 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That this House do now adjourn—(Mr David Davis);

Friday 15th March 1991

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

25 Business of the House,—Ordered, That—

(1) the provisions of the Order [8th November] relating to Business of the House shall be further modified, as follows:
(a) in paragraph (1) shall be inserted the words ‘and in paragraph (7) the word “nine” shall be substituted for the word “ten” in line 64’;

(b) for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted: ‘(3) Private Members’ bills shall have precedence over Government business on 22nd March, 19th and 26th April, 3rd and 10th May and 5th July; and

(c) for paragraph (4) there shall be substituted: ‘(4) Private Members’ notices of motions shall have precedence over Government business on 15th March, 17th May and 14th, 21st and 28th June, and ballots for these notices shall be held after Questions on 1st and 15th May and 5th and 12th June’; and

(2) Orders of the day which have been set down for 12th, 19th and 26th April and 3rd May shall be read and discharged; and the said Orders shall be set down for 19th and 26th April and 3rd and 10th May, respectively.—(Mr John M. Taylor.)

Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill,—The Order for considering the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, on Friday 12th April was accordingly read and discharged.

Bill to be considered on Friday 19th April.

Water Requirements (Planning) Bill,—The Order for reading the Water Requirements (Planning) Bill a second time on Friday 12th April was accordingly read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill,—The Order for reading the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill a second time on Friday 12th April was accordingly read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill,—The Order for considering the Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, on Friday 19th April was accordingly read and discharged.

Bill to be considered on Friday 26th April.

Pig Husbandry Bill,—The Order for considering the Pig Husbandry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, on Friday 19th April was accordingly read and discharged.

Bill to be considered on Friday 26th April.

Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill,—The Order for reading the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill a second time on Friday 12th April was accordingly read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill,—The Order for reading the Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill a second time on Friday 19th April was accordingly read and discharged.

Bill to be a second time on Friday 26th April.

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill,—The Order for reading the Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill a second time on Friday 19th April was accordingly read and discharged.

Bill to be a second time on Friday 26th April.

Nurse Prescribing Bill,—The Order for reading the Nurse Prescribing Bill a second time on Friday 26th April was accordingly read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.

Veterans Bill,—The Order for reading the Veterans Bill a second time on Friday 26th April was accordingly read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.

Training and Enterprise Bill Councils,—The Order for reading the Training and Enterprise Councils Bill a second time on Friday 26th April was accordingly read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.
Training and Enterprise Councils Bill.—The Order for reading the Training and Enterprise Councils Bill a second time on Friday 26th April was accordingly read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.

26 Adjournment.—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John M. Taylor.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.30 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 14th March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   (2) Income Support (General) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 544),
   (4) Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Dependency) (Permitted Earnings Limits) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 546), and
   dated 7th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].


Other Papers:

3 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) office automation in Government Departments, and
   (2) use of National Health Service operating theatres in England: a progress report [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 314 and 306] [Clerk of the House].

4 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Second Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1990–91, being the Annual Report for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 299] [Clerk of the House].

5 Public Accounts,—Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1990–91 [by Command] [Cm. 1462] [Mr Secretary Brooke].


7 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Wessex Cable Limited in respect of Salisbury under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 14th March 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

   (1) Mr Ted Leadbitter an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords];
   (2) Mr Geraint Howells an additional Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991;
(3) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Electricity Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1991; and

(4) Mr James Lamond Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 9908/90 and the proposals in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Employment on 19th December 1990, relating to the third Community action programme on equal opportunities for women and men.

MR SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

Mr Speaker has certified that the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 77.]

Friday 15th March 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.:

London Underground (No. 2) Bill.

Bill committed.

2 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.:

King’s Cross Railways Bill.

Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

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

4 Ecological Consequences of the Gulf War.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls on Her Majesty’s Government to display the same effort as they injected into military combat in fighting oil slicks in the Gulf, burning oil fires, and as soon as possible cholera, hepatitis, typhoid and other diseases arising from open sewers and related destruction in Kuwait, Baghdad and other cities; and calls on Her Majesty’s Government to send a task force of environmental experts to the Middle East—(Mr Tam Dalyell);

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

5 Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Friday 22nd March.

6 Prescription Charges (Exempt Medical Conditions) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prescription Charges (Exempt Medical Conditions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th May.

7 Hare Coursing Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hare Coursing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

8 Public Safety Information Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 8th February, That the Public Safety Information Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 22nd March.

9 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 18th March, the Motions in the name of Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection, relating to changes in the membership of Select Committees, may be proceeded with, though opposed, for one and a half hours after the first of them has been entered upon; and, if proceedings thereon have not been disposed of at that hour, Mr Speaker shall then put successively the Questions necessary to dispose of them, including the Questions on any Amendments to the said Motions which he may have selected; and, notwithstanding the practice of the House, the Motion relating to Environment shall be regarded as a single Motion.—(Mr David Davis.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 18th March.

[Adjourned at 2.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Friday 15th March 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 639), and

   (2) Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 640),

dated 11th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].


   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Other Papers:

5 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—

   (1) carpets and other textile floorcoverings,

   (2) fish processing,

   (3) industrial plant and steelwork,

   (4) machinery for the food, chemical and related industries; process engineering contractors, and

   (5) sawmilling, planing, etc. of wood

   [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

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

PRAyERS.

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

2 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from Select Committees and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Community Charges (Substitute Setting) Bill, without Amendment.

4 Courts (Research) Bill.—Ordered, That the Courts (Research) Bill be read a second time on Friday.

5 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):— It was agreed to.

6 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):— It was agreed to.

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):— It was agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):— It was agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Mercury Communications Ltd. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):— It was agreed to.

10 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):— It was agreed to.

11 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Industrial and Freight Transport (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):— It was agreed to.

12 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):— It was agreed to.

13 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):— It was agreed to.
1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

14 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Caravan Sites and Pitches (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

15 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft British Telecommunications plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

16 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

17 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft British Gas plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

18 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft British Alcan Primary and Recycling Ltd. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

19 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

20 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

21 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

22 Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees), That the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

23 War Crimes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Crimes 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 Boswell, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 254.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Browne, Mr Tony Marlow: 88.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow, pursuant to Order [12th March].

24 War Crimes Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to War Crimes Bill [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the War Crimes Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) sums in respect of expenditure by the Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District on the investigation by officers of the Metropolitan Police (with or without other officers) of offences to which that Act applies; and

(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of such money under any other Act.——(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

25 Government Trading Funds.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Vehicle Inspectorate Trading Fund Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 18th February, be approved—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

26 Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Agricultural, Fishery and Aquaculture Products (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 1st February, be approved—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

27 Fees and Charges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

28 Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

29 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 4th March, be approved—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

30 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

31 Nuclear Fusion.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 9025/90, relating to research into controlled nuclear fusion and amendments to the Statutes of the Joint European Torus joint undertaking; and endorses the Government’s view that agreement to the new Community Fusion Programme and to extension of the Joint European Torus programme to 1996 will maximise the scientific value of the latter project and the associated experiments of Member States and that the Community’s programme for fusion research should be subject to a rigorous independent assessment of the prospects of fusion in the light of the evidence of progress before any long-term decisions on a Next Step device are taken—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

32 Education, Science and Arts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr Gerald Bowden be discharged from the Education, Science and Arts Committee and Mr Patrick Thompson be added to the Committee — (Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out the words ‘Mr Patrick Thompson’ and insert the words ‘Mr Archy Kirkwood’, instead thereof.—(Mr Archy Kirkwood.)

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

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

Ordered, That Mr Gerald Bowden be discharged from the Education, Science and Arts Committee and Mr Patrick Thompson be added to the Committee.

33 Energy.—Ordered, That Mr Malcolm Moss be discharged from the Energy Committee and Mr Cecil Franks be added to the Committee.—(Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
34 Environment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Keith Mans and Mr Robin Squire be discharged from the Environment Committee and Mr Ralph Howell, Mr Anthony Steen and Mr Hugo Summerson be added to the Committee—(Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out the words 'Mr Ralph Howell' and insert the words 'Mr Archy Kirkwood', instead thereof.——(Mr Archy Kirkwood.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Wallace, Mr Archy Kirkwood: 44.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Tim Boswell: 123.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Ordered, That Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Keith Mans and Mr Robin Squire be discharged from the Environment Committee and Mr Ralph Howell, Mr Anthony Steen and Mr Hugo Summerson be added to the Committee.

35 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Ivor Stanbrook be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Mr David Sumberg be added to the Committee.——(Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

36 Treasury and Civil Service,—Ordered, That Mr Charles Wardle be discharged from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee and Sir Richard Luce be added to the Committee.—(Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

37 Defence,—Ordered, That Mr Jonathan Sayeed be discharged from the Defence Committee and Mr Michael Knowles be added to the Committee.——(Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

38 Foreign Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr William Powell be discharged from the Foreign Affairs Committee and Mr David Harris be added to the Committee.—(Sir Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.1 a.m.

APPENDIX I
Monday 18th March 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 635), dated 11th March 1991 [by Act],


(6) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 637), dated 11th March 1991 [by Act], and


[Clerk of the House].


4 Pensions,—Personal Injuries (Civilians) Amendment Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 708), dated 18th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

5 Scottish Land Court,—Scottish Land Court (Fees) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 659), dated 11th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:


8 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before a copy had been laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a copy had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:


[by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs,—Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Next Steps Agencies], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 177] [Sir John Wheeler].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Information Requirements for Supporting the Elderly and the Implications of Personal Pensions for the National Insurance Fund], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; and

(2) Ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Sale of the National Bus Company], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee;

to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports [Nos. 124 and 119] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 79.]

Tuesday 19th March 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).
3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 6th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 323].

4 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.

5 Disability Discrimination Bill,—The Order for reading the Disability Discrimination Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

6 Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1991-92,—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.)

7 Ways and Means,—Provisional Collection of Taxes,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50 (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 made by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer:

(a) Spirits (Motion No. 2);
(b) Beer (rate of duty) (Motion No. 3);
(c) Wine and made-wine (Motion No. 5);
(d) Cider (Motion No. 6);
(e) Tobacco products (Motion No. 7);
(f) Hydrocarbon oil (Motion No. 8);
(g) Vehicles excise duty (rates) (Motion No. 9);
(h) Vehicles excise duty (exemptions: 1) (Motion No. 10); and
(i) Value added tax (penalty for serious misdeclaration) (Motion No. 15)—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

8 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but this Resolution does not extend to 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 virtue of goods or services supplied to one person being treated for the purposes of section 14(3) of the Value Added Tax Act 1983 as supplied to another person;
(c) for varying the rate of that tax otherwise than in relation to all supplies and importations; or
(d) for 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 Neil Hamilton.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

9 British Railways Bill,—The British Railways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

10 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Neil Hamilton);

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

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

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
Tuesday 19th March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Building Societies,—(1) Building Societies (Deferred Shares) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 701), and


Other Papers:

7 British Film Fund Agency,—Report and Accounts of the British Film Fund Agency for the period 11th October 1986 to 10th October 1987 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 295] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1991-92,—Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1991-92 [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 300] [Mr Francis Maude].

9 Highlands and Islands Development Board,—Report of the Highlands and Islands Development Board for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the National Wool Textile Export Corporation for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

11 Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on rights of suit in respect of carriage of goods by sea [by Act]; to be printed [No. 250] [Clerk of the House].

12 Population Censuses and Surveys,—Review of the Registrar General on deaths by cause, sex and age in England and Wales, 1989 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

13 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Second to Fourth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1990-91 [by Command] [Cm. 1479] [Mr Francis Maude].

14 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on the Petition [25th January] from residents of Bangor, County Down, for the preservation of Bangor seafront [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

15 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

4 Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill (changed to Property Misdescriptions Bill).—Mr Norman Hogg reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to prohibit the making of false or misleading statements about property matters in the course of estate agency business and property development business.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 3rd May; and to be printed [Bill 117].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 325].

5 Badgers Bill,—Mr Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Badgers Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 10th May; and to be printed [Bill 118].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 329].

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Ted Leadbitter reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2564), referred to a Committee on 18th February.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 327].

7 European Standing Committee A,—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

   That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 10541/90, relating to the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP); supports the Government's aim to participate fully in preparatory discussion for the mid-term review of the CFP; and endorses its approach to continue to make adjustments and improvements to the CFP to deal with existing and future problems within the framework established by the 1983 CFP settlement.

   Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

8 European Standing Committee B,—Sir Giles Shaw reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

   That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 8073/90, relating to organisation of working time, 8792/90 and 4112/91, relating to protection of pregnant women at work, and 8075/90, relating to temporary and mobile work sites; endorses the conclusions of the Madrid and Rome European Councils that measures
taken in the field of social affairs should have full regard to the effects on job creation, to
the principle of subsidiarity and to the diversity of national traditions and practices; and
supports the Government's view that the proposals on temporary and mobile work sites
broadly meet these criteria, that the proposals on the organisation of working time do
not, and that the proposals on the protection of pregnant women at work require to be
more closely focused on health and safety in order to do so.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

9 Education (Publication of Examination Results) Bill,—The Order for reading the Education
(Publication of Examination Results) Bill a second time on Friday was read and
discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

10 Reserve Free Travel Scheme (London)—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to
amend the London Regional Transport Act 1984 and to make other provision in respect
of the reserve free travel scheme for certain categories of London residents: And that Mr
Harry Cohen, Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Tom Cox, Mr
John Fraser, Mildred Gordon, Kate Hoey, Mr Ron Leighton, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr
Peter Shore and Mr Nigel Spearing do prepare and bring it in.

11 Reserve Free Travel Scheme (London) Bill,—Mr Harry Cohen accordingly presented a Bill
to amend the London Regional Transport Act 1984 and to make other provision in
respect of the reserve free travel scheme for certain categories of London residents: And
the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th
April and to be printed [Bill 116].

12 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That it is expedient to amend
the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further
provision in connection with finance; but this Resolution does not extend to 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 virtue of goods or services
supplied to one person being treated for the purposes of section 14(3) of the Value
Added Tax Act 1983 as supplied to another person;
(c) for varying the rate of that tax otherwise than in relation to all supplies and
importations; or
(d) for 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.

13 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do
now adjourn—(Mr Tim Boswell);

And the Motion having been made 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.

[Adjoined at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 20th March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—(1) Draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions)
(Scotland) Regulations 1991,

(2) draft Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Prospective Cost) Regulations 1991, and

(3) draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1991

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—(1) Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Prospective Cost) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 746), dated 14th March 1991, and
   (2) Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 745), dated 18th March 1991
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

8 Charter of Paris,—Charter of Paris for a New Europe, done at Paris on 21st November 1990, with Statement made by the Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 19th November 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1464] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 Civil List Pensions,—List of Pensions granted under the Civil List Act 1972 during 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

10 Criminal Statistics,—Scottish Criminal Statistics 1983-1988 [by Command] [Cm. 1475] [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 Electricity (Northern Ireland),—Paper, entitled Privatisation of Northern Ireland Electricity [by Command] [Cm. 1469] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

12 Law Commissions,—Report by the Scottish Law Commission on the effect of the execution of diligence on the operation of prescription [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

13 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the merger situations between Stora Kopparbergs Bergslags AB and Swedish Match NV, and between Stora Kopparbergs Bergslags AB and the Gillette Company [by Command] [Cm. 1473] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

14 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before a copy had been laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a copy had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:
   [by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

15 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
   (1) Britannia Cablesystems Teesside Limited, and
   (2) Jones Cable Group of Aylesbury and Chiltern Limited
under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

16 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Report by the Council on Tribunals on model rules of procedure for tribunals [by Command] [Cm. 1434] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee G,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill, viz.: Mr David Bellotti, Mr Alistair Burt, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr John Greenway, Mr Ken Hargreaves, Mr Kenneth Hind, Alice Mahon, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr John Patten, Sir David Price, Mr Roger Sims, Mr Andy Stewart, Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Mr Dennis Turner.

2 Second Scottish Standing Committee,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated twenty Members to serve on the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Patrick Cormack, Mr Tim Devlin, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr George Galloway, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Ivan Lawrence, Mr John Maxton, Sir Hector Monro, Dr John Reid, Sir David Steel, Mr Bill Walker, Mr Andrew Welsh, Mr Brian Wilson and Mr Jimmy Wray.

3 Second Reading Committee,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee on the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Peter Archer, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Gerald Berrymingham, Mr Gerald Bowden, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr John Fraser, Mr Bruce George, Mr Patrick Grouge, Mr Patrick Grouge, Mr Kenneth Hind, Mr Michael Irvine, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Robert Maclean, Mr Humfrey Malshe, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Steve Norris, Mr James Paine, Mr Solicitor General and Mr Keith Vaz.

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) No. 2 Order 1991, the draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) No. 2 Order 1991, the draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Mercury Communications Ltd. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Industrial and Freight Transport (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Electricity Generation (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the draft Caravan Sites and Pitches (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft British Telecommunications plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft British Gas plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft British Alcan Primary and Recycling Ltd. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Ron Brown, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Den Dover, Sir Nicholas Ferran, Mr George Galloway, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr John Maxton, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Teddy Taylor, Mr Richard Tracey, Mr Bill Walker, Mr Gary Waller, Sir John Wheeler and Mr Jimmy Wray.

5 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Education Reform Act 1988 (Application of Section 122 to Institutions in Wales) Order 1991, viz.: Sir William Clark, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Denzil Davies, Mr Michael Foot, Mr Peter Griffiths, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Paul Murphy, Sir Wyn Roberts, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr John P. Smith, Mr John M. Taylor, Dr Dafydd Elis Thomas, Mr Patrick Thompson, Mr Neville Trotter, Mr John Ward, Mr Gareth Wardell and Mr Jerry Wiggin.

6 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Houses in Multiple Occupation (Charges for Registration Schemes) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr David Atkinson, Mr David Bellotti, Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr David Bellotti, Mr David Davis, Mr John Evans, Sir Anthony Grant, Sir Barney Hayhoe, Mr Richard Holt, Mr George Howarth, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Max Madden, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr
Gerry Steinberg, Mr Donald Thompson, Mr Cyril D. Townsend, Mr David Tredinnick, Mr John Watts and Mr Tim Yeo.

7 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Dangerous Vessels (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr David Ashby, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Terry Fields, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Eddie Loyden, Sir Richard Luce, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Richard Needham, Mr Martin Redmond, Mr Roger Stott, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr Neil Thorne and Mr Peter Viggers.

8 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Andrew Rowe (nominated in respect of the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Sir James Spicer.

9 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 1991, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Jack Ashley, Mr Michael Carntis, Mr Tom Cox, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, Dame Peggy Fenner, Maria Fyfe, Mildred Gordon, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Nicholas Scott, Clare Short, Mr Ian Stewart, Mr John Townend, Dr Ian Twinn, Sir Gerard Vaughan, Mr Ray Whitney and Mr Timothy Wood.

10 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Michael Neubert (nominated in respect of the draft Central Office of Information Trading Fund Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Sir Fergus Montgomery.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 20th March; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee;
to be printed [Nos. 326-i and 45-vi] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 20th March; to be printed [No. 179-vii] [Mr John Wilkinson].

3 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 228-iii] [Mr Ron Leighton].

4 Energy,—(1) Fourth Report from the Energy Committee [Decommissioning of Oil and Gas Fields], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 33]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Energy Committee
[Dr Michael Clark].

5 European Legislation,—Fifteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xv] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 324-i] [Mr David Howell].

7 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 146-viii] [Sir John Wheeler].

8 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 226-vi] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

9 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 162-vi] [Mr David Marshall].

10 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Future of Opencast Coal Mining in Wales], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence
taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 28];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 328-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Welsh Affairs Committee
[Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA
Wednesday 20th March 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill to Standing Committee G (transferred from Standing Committee C);

(2) the draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Mercury Communications Ltd. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Industrial and Freight Transport (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the draft Caravan Sites and Pitches (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(3) the draft Dangerous Vessels (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(4) the draft Houses in Multiple Occupation (Charges for Registration Schemes) Regulations 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(5) the draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Michael Latham Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Football (Offences) Bill;

(2) Dame Janet Fookes Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill;

(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill;

(4) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords];

(5) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Mercury Communications Ltd. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Industrial and Freight Transport (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the draft Caravan Sites and Pitches (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991;
(6) Mr James Lamond Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Houses in Multiple Occupation (Charges for Registration Schemes) Regulations 1991;

(7) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 1991;

(8) Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates’ Election Expenses) Order 1991, in place of Mr Ted Leadbitter;

(9) Sir Michael Shaw Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 7214/90, relating to protection of animals during transport;

(10) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 4345/91, relating to relief of ACP debt to the Community;

(11) Sir John Hunt Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 8353/90, relating to customs controls on baggage; and

(12) Mr James Lamond Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 9908/90 and the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Employment on 19th December 1990, relating to the third Community action programme on equal opportunities for women and men.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referrals have been made—

(1) European Community Documents Nos. 4717/91, relating to a Community award scheme for an Eco-label, and 5032/91 + ADD I to III, relating to the prices for agricultural products and related measures (1991-92), to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Documents Nos. 10445/90, relating to the oil supply situation, 4466/91, relating to the establishment of European works councils, and 4658/91, relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations, to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 81.]

Thursday 21st March 1991.

PRAYERS.

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

1 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:

Consolidated Fund Act 1991

Community Charges (Substitute Setting) Act 1991.

2 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Tuesday 16th April at Seven o’clock.

3 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cattewater Reclamation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 18th April.

4 Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 18th April.
5 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 18th April.

6 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 18th April.

7 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 18th April.

8 London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 18th April.

9 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 18th April.

10 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 18th April.

11 Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill, Mr Secretary Lang presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Tay Road Bridge: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered on Wednesday 27th March and to be printed [Bill 121].

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

13 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Mr Bernie Grant reported from the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords], That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned beyond the next sitting day.

14 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Sir Michael Neubert reported from the Committee on the London Underground Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 26th March at half-past Ten o’clock.

15 Select Committees, —A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

16 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Ted Leadbitter reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Buying Agency Trading Fund Order 1991 and the draft Property Services Agency Supplies Trading Fund Order 1976 (Revocation) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 11th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 301].

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

London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower London Underground Limited, for safety purposes and the relief of passenger congestion, to construct works to improve the underground stations at London Bridge, Holborn and Tottenham Court Road and to acquire lands; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

18 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords],—The London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

19 Misuse of Drugs (Anabolic Steroids) Bill,—The Order for reading the Misuse of Drugs (Anabolic Steroids) Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

20 Community Charges (General Reduction) Bill,—Mr Secretary Heseltine, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Michael Portillo and Mr Robert Key, presented (under Standing Order No. 48 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a
Bill to make provision for, and in connection with, a reduction in the amounts of community charges for the financial year beginning on 1st April 1991 and the payment of grants to charging authorities in England and Wales and local authorities in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 120].

21 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 the 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 virtue of goods or services supplied to one person being treated for the purposes of section 14(3) of the Value Added Tax Act 1983 as supplied to another person;
(c) for varying the rate of that tax otherwise than in relation to all supplies and importations; or
(d) for 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.

22 Adjournment,— A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tim Boswell); And the Motion having been made 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, it being then half-past Ten o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 21st March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Employment and Training,—Draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 European Communities,—Highlands and Islands Rural Enterprise Programme Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 780), dated 19th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


Other Papers:

4 Foreign Compensation,—Accounts of—

(1) the Czechoslovakia Compensation Fund,
(2) the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Tsarist Assets) Compensation Fund, and
(3) the People's Republic of China Compensation Fund

for 1989-90; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 331] [Clerk of the House].

5 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the supply in the United Kingdom of razors and razor blades for wet-shaving use [by Command] [Cm. 1472] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

6 Treaty Series (No. 17, 1991),—Letters exchanged at London on 29th January and 22nd February 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Maritime Organization concerning the association of the United Kingdom with the International COSPAS-SARSAT programme as a Ground Segment Provider [by Command] [Cm. 1444] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Foreign Affairs.—Second Special Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Informal Meetings undertaken by the Committee in Session 1989-90]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 284] [Mr David Howell].

[No. 82.]

Friday 22nd March 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors' Reports) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors' Reports) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 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.

   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

7 Licensing Reform Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Reform Bill;

   And it being half-past Two o'clock, Madam Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 25th March.

8 Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

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

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

10 Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

11 Education Provision Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Provision Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

12 Coal Imports Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Imports Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th April.
13 Public Safety Information Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 8th February, That the Public Safety Information Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 3rd May.

14 Community Charges (General Reduction) Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the Community Charges (General Reduction) 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 Timothy Wood.)

15 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 27th March, the Motion in the name of Mr Neil Kinnock relating to British Nationality may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock, and, if those proceedings have not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at that hour put the Question necessary to dispose of them.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

16 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 15th April, the Motion in the name of Mr Neil Kinnock relating to Education (Scotland) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock, and, if those proceedings have not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at that hour put the Question necessary to dispose of them.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

17 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 17th April, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) and Standing Order No. 15 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative procedure)), the Motions in the name of Mr Neil Kinnock relating to Community Charges may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock, and, if those proceedings have not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at that hour put successively the Questions necessary to dispose of them.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 25th March.

[Adjourned at 3.1 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 22nd March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Pensions Increase (Past Prime Ministers) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 787), and


Other Papers:

5 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—

(1) basic electrical equipment, and

(2) manufacture of office machinery and data processing equipment
6 Industrial Training,—Report and Accounts of the Plastics Processing Industry Training Board for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

7 New Towns,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 22nd March 1991 on borrowing by—
   (1) the Commission for the New Towns,
   (2) Milton Keynes Development Corporation, and
   (3) Telford Development Corporation

[by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

8 New Towns (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 20th March 1991 on borrowing by—
   (1) Cumbernauld Development Corporation,
   (2) East Kilbride Development Corporation, and
   (3) Irvine Development Corporation

[by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [30th January] from traders of Archway Road, London N.6., for a review of Red Routes and increased investment in public transport [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

10 Security Service,—Report of the Security Service Commissioner for 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1480] [The Prime Minister].

11 Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 20th March 1991 on borrowing by the British Waterways Board [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Second Scottish Standing Committee,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Scottish Standing Committee Mr Nicholas Baker (nominated in respect of the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr George Walden.

2 Second Reading Committee,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Reading Committee on the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords] Mr Kenneth Hind; and had appointed in substitution Mr David Amess.

3 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Dame Peggy Fenner (nominated in respect of the draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Michael Mates.

4 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Ian Taylor (nominated in respect of the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Paul Marland.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

3 Hospital Schools in London Bill,—Ms Harriet Harman, supported by Joan Ruddock, Mr Tom Cox, Kate Hoey, Mr John Fraser, Ms Diane Abbott and Mr Clive Soley, presented a Bill to make arrangements for the education of children in hospitals in London: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 119].

4 Special Constables,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to the conditions of service of special constables; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Patrick Thompson, Mr Henry Bellingham, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr Christopher Hawkins, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Roger King, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Mr James Pawsey, Mr David Porter, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Neil Thorne and Mr Peter Viggers do prepare and bring it in.

5 Special Constables Bill,—Mr Patrick Thompson accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the conditions of service of special constables; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 123].

6 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 the 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 virtue of goods or services supplied to one person being treated for the purposes of section 14(3) of the Value Added Tax Act 1983 as supplied to another person;
(c) for varying the rate of that tax otherwise than in relation to all supplies and importations; or
(d) for 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 Tom Sackville, Mr John M. Taylor: 336.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Ray Powell: 226.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr Speaker then, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 50 (Ways and means motions), 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 6 o'clock in the evening of 19th March 1991, the rate of duty specified in section 5 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be increased from £17.35 per litre of alcohol in the spirits to £18.96 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 (rate of duty)

Resolved, That, as from 6 o'clock in the evening of 19th March 1991, the rate of duty specified in section 36 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be increased from £0.97 per hectolitre for every degree by which the original gravity of beer exceeds 1000 degrees to £1.6 per hectolitre for every such 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. Beer (general)

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to the excise duty on beer.

5. Wine and made-wine

Resolved, That, as from 6 o'clock in the evening of 19th March 1991, 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>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 5.5 per cent. but not exceeding 15 per cent. and not being sparkling</td>
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<td>Sparkling wine or sparkling made-wine of a strength exceeding 5.5 per cent. but not exceeding 15 per cent.</td>
<td>199.04</td>
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<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 15 per cent. but not exceeding 18 per cent.</td>
<td>207.89</td>
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<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 18 per cent. but not exceeding 22 per cent.</td>
<td>239.80</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 22 per cent.</td>
<td>239.80 plus £18.96 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.

6. Cider

Resolved, That, as from 6 o'clock in the evening of 19th March 1991, the rate of duty specified in section 62(1) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be increased from £18.66 per hectolitre to £20.40 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 6 o'clock in the evening of 19th March 1991, for the Table in Schedule 1 to the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1979 there shall be substituted—

"TABLE

1. Cigarettes
   An amount equal to 21 per cent. of the retail price plus £40-15 per thousand cigarettes.
2. Cigars
   £61-72 per kilogram.
3. Hand-rolling tobacco
   £65.12 per kilogram.
4. Other smoking tobacco
   and chewing tobacco
   £28-69 per kilogram."

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

The Question being put, That, as from 6 o’clock in the evening of 19th March 1991—

(1) The rates of duty specified in section 6(1) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 shall be increased—
   (a) in the case of light oil, from £0-2248 a litre to £0-2585 a litre; and
   (b) in the case of heavy oil, from £0-1902 a litre to £0-2187 a litre.

(2) The rates of rebate of duty specified in section 11(1) of that Act shall be increased—
   (a) in the case of fuel oil, from £0-0083 a litre to £0-0091 a litre; and
   (b) in the case of gas oil, from £0-0118 a litre to £0-0129 a litre.

(3) The rate of rebate of duty specified in section 13A(1) of that Act (unleaded petrol) shall be increased from £0-0299 a litre to £0-0344 a litre.

(4) The rate of rebate of duty specified in section 14(1) of that Act (light oil for use as furnace oil) shall be increased from £0-0083 a litre to £0-0091 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 John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alex Salmond, Mr Andrew Welsh: 38.

So the Question was agreed to.

9. Vehicles excise duty (rates)

Resolved, That—

(1) The Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 1, in Part I, in paragraph 3, there shall be inserted at the end—

   “‘weight unladen’ shall be construed in accordance with section 190(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988”.

(3) In Schedule 1, for the Table set out in Part II there shall be substituted—

   Description of vehicle          Rate of duty  
   1. Bicycles of which the cylinder capacity of the engine does not exceed 150 cubic centimetres 15.00
   2. Bicycles of which the cylinder capacity of the engine exceeds 150 cubic centimetres but does not exceed 250 cubic centimetres 30.00
   3. Bicycles not included above 50.00
   4. Tricycles 50.00

(4) In Schedule 3, in the Table set out in Part II—

   (a) in the entry relating to special machines, for “16.00” there shall be substituted “30.00”; and
   (b) in the entry relating to recovery vehicles, for “50.00” there shall be substituted “75.00”.

(5) Paragraphs (1) to (4) above shall apply in relation to licences taken out after 19th March 1991.

(6) This Resolution shall apply in relation to the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 as it applies in relation to the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971, but with the substitution for “section 190(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988”, in paragraph (2), of “Article 2(3) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981”.

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.

10. Vehicles excise duty (exemptions: 1)

Resolved, That—

(1) As from 20th March 1991, section 4 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 shall have effect subject to the following amendments—

   (a) in subsection (1)(ka), the words “(other than mowing machines)” shall be omitted; and
(b) in subsection (2), after the definition of “veterinary ambulance” there shall be inserted—

“‘weight unladen’ shall be construed in accordance with section 190(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988”.

(2) Paragraph (1) above shall apply in relation to the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 as it applies in relation to the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 but with the substitution for “section 190(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988” of “Article 2(3) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981”.

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

11. Vehicles excise duty (exemptions: 2)

Resolved, That—

(1) As from 1st June 1991, section 4 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 shall have effect with the insertion of the following definition before the definition of “ambulance” in subsection (2)—

“‘fire engine’ means a vehicle—

(a) constructed or adapted for use for the purpose of fire fighting, salvage or both, and

(b) used solely for the purposes of a fire brigade (whether or not one maintained under the Fire Services Act 1947)”.

(2) Paragraph (1) above shall apply in relation to the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 as it applies in relation to the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 but with the substitution for “the Fire Services Act 1947” of “the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984”.

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

12. Vehicles excise duty (exemptions: 3)

Resolved, That provision may be made repealing section 7(4) of each of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 and the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972.

13. Gaming licence duty

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 14 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981.

14. Value added tax (rate)

The Question being put, That, as from 1st April 1991, section 9(1) of the Value Added Tax Act 1983 shall have effect with the substitution for “15 per cent.” of “17.50 per cent.”.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Alex Carlile: 59.

So the Question was agreed to.

15. Value added tax (penalty for serious misdeclaration)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 14(1) of the Finance Act 1985, for “30 per cent.” there shall be substituted “20 per cent.”.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) below, this Resolution shall apply where a penalty is assessed on or after 20th March 1991 in relation to a prescribed accounting period beginning on or after 1st April 1990.

(3) This Resolution shall not apply in the case of a supplementary assessment if the original assessment was made before 20th March 1991.
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. Car tax (remission)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 7 of the Car Tax Act 1983.

17. Duties of excise (registered excise dealers and shippers)

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to new classes or descriptions of revenue trader (to be known as registered excise dealers and shippers).

18. Income tax (charge and rates for 1991–92)

Resolved, That—

(1) Income tax shall be charged for the year 1991–92, and—
   (a) the basic rate shall be 25 per cent.,
   (b) the basic rate limit shall be £23,700, and
   (c) the higher rate shall be 40 per cent.

(2) In accordance with paragraph (1)(b) above, section 1(4) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall not apply for the year 1991–92.

(3) This Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 203 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 before 18th May 1991.

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.

19. Income tax (married couple's allowance)

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 257C(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, so far as relating to section 257A(1) of that Act, shall not apply for the year 1991–92.

(2) Section 257A(1) of that Act shall apply for the year 1991–92 as if the amount specified in it were “ £1,720 ”.

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

20. Relief for interest (limit for 1991–92)

Resolved, That, for the year 1991–92, the qualifying maximum defined in section 367(5) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 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.

21. Relief for interest (income tax at the higher rate)

Resolved, That—

(1) At the end of section 353 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 there shall be added—

   “ (4) In computing for the purposes of excess liability the total income of a person for any year of assessment, no deduction shall be allowed in respect of any amount of interest which falls to be deducted or set off under subsection (1) above by virtue of section 355(1)(a), 356(1) or 365.

   (5) In subsection (4) above, “ ‘excess liability’ ” means the excess of liability to income tax over what it would be if all income tax were charged at the basic rate, to the exclusion of any higher rate”.

(2) In section 369 of that Act, in subsection (3), after the words “ in computing his total income ” there shall be inserted the words “ (otherwise than for the purposes of excess liability) ”; and after that subsection there shall be inserted—

   “ (3A) In computing for the purposes of excess liability the total income of a person for any year of assessment, no deduction shall be allowed in respect of any amount of relevant loan interest to which this section applies."
(3B) In this section "excess liability" means the excess of liability to income tax over what it would be if all income tax were charged at the basic rate, to the exclusion of any higher rate.

(3) The amendment made by paragraph (1) above shall not apply in relation to interest which falls to be deducted or set off under section 353(1) of that Act by virtue of paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 354 of that Act in any case where—
   (a) the loan on which the interest is payable is the loan referred to in that paragraph as "the first-mentioned loan"; and
   (b) the loan referred to in paragraph (b) of that subsection as "the other loan" was made before 6th April 1991.

(4) The amendments made by paragraph (2) above shall not apply in relation to an amount of interest which is relevant loan interest (within the meaning of section 369 of that Act) by virtue of section 371 of that Act in any case where—
   (a) the loan on which the interest is payable is the loan referred to in subsection (1) of that section as "the first loan"; and
   (b) the loan which is, for the purposes of that subsection, "the other loan" was made before 6th April 1991.

(5) Where the loan mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (3) above or, as the case may be, of paragraph (4) above was made on or after 6th April 1991, it shall be treated for the purposes of the paragraph in question as made before that date if it is proved by written evidence—
   (a) that the loan was made in pursuance of an offer made before that date and that the offer either was in writing or was evidenced by a note or memorandum made by the lender before that date, and
   (b) that the loan was used to defray money applied in pursuance of a binding contract entered into before that date.

(6) Paragraphs (1) to (5) above shall have effect in relation to payments of interest made on or after 6th April 1991 (whenever falling due).

(7) This Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 203 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 before 18th May 1991.

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

22. Corporation tax (charge and rate for financial year 1991)
Resolved, That corporation tax shall be charged for the financial year 1991 at the rate of 33 per cent.

23. Corporation tax (small companies: 1991)
Resolved, That for the financial year 1991—
   (a) the small companies' rate shall be 25 per cent., and
   (b) the fraction mentioned in section 13(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be one fiftieth.

24. Benefits in kind (cars)
Resolved, That—
   (1) For the year 1991–92, Schedule 6 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall have effect with the substitution for Part I of the following—

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Cars with an original market value of more than £19,250

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(2) This Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 203 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 before 18th May 1991.

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.

25. Benefits in kind (mobile telephones)

Resolved, That charges to income tax may be imposed in respect of mobile telephones made available for use by reason of a person's employment.

26. Benefits in kind (beneficial loan arrangements)

Resolved, That charges to income tax may be imposed in respect of loans made by reason of a person's employment.

27. Capital gains (rebasing)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 9 to the Finance Act 1988.

28. Capital gains tax (applicable rates)

Resolved, That provision may be made restricting the deductions that may be allowed in determining the rate of capital gains tax applicable to capital gains.

29. Profit-related pay

Resolved, That, in relation to profit-related pay paid by reference to profit periods beginning on or after 1st April 1991, section 171(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall have effect with the substitution of "The whole" for "One half".

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.

30. Profit-sharing schemes (maximum share appropriation)

Resolved, That section 187(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall have effect for the year 1991-92 as if in the definition of "relevant amount" for "not less than £2,000 and not more than £6,000" there were substituted "not less than £3,000 and not more than £8,000".

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.

31. Retirement benefits schemes

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about retirement benefits schemes.
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32. Settlements

Resolved, That charges to capital gains tax and corporation tax (including charges by reference to past gains) may be imposed by provisions about settlements.

33. Securities

Resolved, That charges to income tax, capital gains tax and corporation tax may be imposed by provisions relating to securities.

34. Oil field abandonment costs (petroleum revenue tax and corporation tax)

Resolved, That provision may be made about—
(a) the effect, for the purposes of petroleum revenue tax and corporation tax, of payments by the guarantor under contracts of guarantee relating to the liabilities of participants in an oil field for certain costs incurred in or related to the closing down of the field or any part of it; and
(b) the division of certain expenditure between participants in an oil field where one or more of them defaults on his liabilities in respect of that expenditure; and
(c) the treatment for the purposes of petroleum revenue tax and corporation tax of certain reimbursements of expenditure received by one participant from another; and
(d) the apportionment of certain expenditure referable to an asset which is a qualifying asset for the purposes of the Oil Taxation Act 1983.

35. Oil licences

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 64(6)(c) of the Finance Act 1988.

36. Building societies

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about building societies.

37. Normal commercial loans

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to normal commercial loans.

38. Capital allowances

Resolved, That provision may be made with respect to capital allowances for chargeable periods or their basis periods ending on or after 6th April 1990.

39. 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 taxation.

Procedure (Trading Funds).—Resolved, That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters which may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provision with respect to trading funds.

Procedure (Future Taxation).—Resolved, That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters which may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provisions, taking effect in a future year, about vocational training expenses.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to finance, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums payable by virtue of any provision of that Act requiring the Secretary of State to pay a sum by way of rebate of vehicles excise duty where a goods vehicle for which a vehicle licence is in force is transported by rail in the United Kingdom in the course of the transport of goods between member states by means of combined transport.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Newton, Mr Secretary Howard, Mr Secretary Lilley, Mr David Mellor, Mr Francis Maude, Mrs Gillian Shephard and Mr John Maples do prepare and bring it in.

7 Finance Bill,—Mr Francis Maude 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 122].

8 Community Charges (General Reduction) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Community Charges (General Reduction) Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Community Charges (General Reduction) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required for the payment by the Secretary of State of grants for the year beginning on 1st April 1991 to charging authorities, within the meaning of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, and local authorities, within the meaning of the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc. (Scotland) Act 1987; and

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by the Secretary of State in consequence of the provisions of the Act—(Mr Michael Portillo);

And it being three quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Madam Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Community Charges (General Reduction) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required for the payment by the Secretary of State of grants for the year beginning on 1st April 1991 to charging authorities, within the meaning of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, and local authorities, within the meaning of the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc. (Scotland) Act 1987; and

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by the Secretary of State in consequence of the provisions of the Act.

9 Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That Clause No. 1 of and the Schedule to the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of seven Members, four to be nominated by the House and three by the Committee of Selection;

That there shall stand referred to the Select Committee—

(a) any Petition against the Bill which is presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than the fourteenth day after this day, and

(b) any Petition which has been presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office and in which the Petitioners complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled-up Bill or of any matter which has arisen during the progress of the Bill before the said Committee,

being a Petition in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents;

That if no such Petition as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above is presented, or if all such Petitions are withdrawn before the meeting of the Committee, the order for the committal of Clause No. 1 and the Schedule to a Select Committee shall be discharged;

That any Petitioner whose Petition stands referred to the Select Committee shall, subject to the Rules and Orders of the House and to the Prayer of his Petition, be entitled to be heard by himself, his Counsel or Agents upon his Petition provided that it is prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of the House, and the Member in charge of the Bill shall be entitled to be heard by his Counsel or Agents in favour of Clause No. 1 and the Schedule against that Petition;

That the Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before it;

That three be the Quorum of the Committee;

That the remainder of the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee;

That when Clause No. 1 and the Schedule shall have been reported by the Select Committee, without amendment or as amended, or if the order for committal to that Committee is discharged, those provisions shall be re-committed or (as the case may be) committed, to a Standing Committee;
That Mr Speaker shall then allocate the Bill to a Standing Committee as provided in Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees).—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

10 War Crimes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the War Crimes Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [12th March], That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 211.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mr Tony Marlow: 57.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

11 Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

12 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from members of the North Warwickshire Under 5s Action Group and others for reconsideration of the level of revenue support grant for Warwickshire was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Warwickshire for an increase in Warwickshire County Council’s standard spending assessment was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.13 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 25th March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Fees and Charges,—Draft Data Protection Registration Fee Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—(1) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Geography) (England) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 678), and


   (2) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in History) (Wales) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 752), dated 14th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

5 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 784), dated 18th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

6 National Health Service (Scotland),—Health Boards (Membership and Procedure) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 809), dated 22nd March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


Other Papers:

9 Defence (Royal Air Force),—Amendment to the rates of pay, allowances and pensions of the Royal Air Force, dated 11th February 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

10 Coroners,—Cornwall (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 721), dated 18th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

11 Education,—Department of Education and Science Minutes, dated 25th March 1991, concerning indemnities granted to—

- (1) Bacons City Technology College,
- (2) Bradford City Technology College,
- (3) Corby City Technology College,
- (4) Haberdashers' Aske's City Technology College,
- (5) Harris City Technology College,
- (6) Kingshurst City Technology College,
- (7) Leigh City Technology College,
- (8) Teesside City Technology College,
- (9) Telford City Technology College, and
- (10) Tyneside City Technology College

[by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

12 Police Complaints Authority,—Report on procedures for the supervision of the investigation of complaints against the police [by Act]; to be printed [No. 231] [Mr Secretary Baker].


(2) Reserve Forces (Release from Service) Regulations 1991, dated 7th March 1991, and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

14 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Diamond Cable (Mansfield) Limited under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

European Legislation,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 25th March; to be printed [No. 332-i] [Mr Nigel Spearing].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

2 Select Committees,—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

3 Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill,—Dame Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 19th April; and to be printed [Bill 125].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 341].

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Mercury Communications Ltd. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Locharber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Industrial and Freight Transport (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, the draft Caravan Sites and Pitches (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft British Telecommunications plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 18th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 336].

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Lamond reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Houses in Multiple Occupation (Charges for Registration Schemes) Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 13th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 335].

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geraint Howells reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 20th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 340].

7 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 18th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 342].

8 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Electricity Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 12th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 339].

9 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates’ Election Expenses) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 11th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 338].
10 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr James Hill reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Central Office of Information Trading Fund Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 4th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 337].

11 Young Persons (Alcohol Abuse) Etc.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make illegal the consumption of alcohol by young persons under the age of 18 years, and the permitting of such consumption; to empower local authorities to prohibit consumption of alcohol in designated areas; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Don Dixon, Mr James Wallace, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr John McAllion, Mr Michael J. Martin, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Jimmy Wray and Mr George Robertson do prepare and bring it in.

12 Young Persons (Alcohol Abuse) Etc. Bill.—Mr Jimmy Hood accordingly presented a Bill to make illegal consumption of alcohol by young persons under the age of 18 years, and the permitting of such consumption; to empower local authorities to prohibit consumption of alcohol in designated areas; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 124].

13 Community Charges (General Reduction) Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Community Charges (General Reduction) Bill:

Second Reading
1. The proceedings on Second Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement.

Committee, Report and Third Reading
2. The proceedings in Committee and on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion seven hours after the commencement of the proceedings on Second Reading or, if earlier, at 2.30 a.m.

Proceedings on going into Committee
3. When the Bill has been read a second time it shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 61 (Committal of bills), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put and Mr Speaker shall forthwith leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

Conclusion of proceedings in Committee
4. On the conclusion of the proceedings in Committee the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question and, if he reports the Bill with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill, as amended, without any Question being put.

Order of proceedings
5. No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which proceedings in Committee or on consideration are taken.

Dilatory Motions
6. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, any proceedings on the Bill at this day’s sitting shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Extra time
7. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill at this day’s sitting.

Conclusion of proceedings
8.—(1) This paragraph applies in relation to any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order at this day’s sitting.

(2) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings 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 is moved or Motion is made by a Minister of the Crown; and

(d) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded;

and on a Motion so made 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.

(3) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (2) above shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(4) If a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 20 (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 which, under this Order, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time; and

(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings which, under this Order, 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.

Lords Amendments

9.—(1) The proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed in one day's sitting and shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

(2) The Question that the Lords Amendments be considered forthwith shall be put forthwith.

(3) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with this paragraph—

(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 made by a Minister of the Crown and on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or disagree with the Lords in the said Lords Amendment, or, as the case may be, in the said Lords Amendment as amended;

(b) Mr Speaker shall then designate such of the remaining Lords Amendments as appear to him to involve questions of Privilege and shall—

(i) put forthwith the Question on any amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment and then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or disagree with the Lords in their Amendment, or, as the case may be, in their Amendment as amended;

(ii) put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in a Lords Amendment;

(iii) put forthwith with respect to each Amendment designated by Mr Speaker which has not been disposed of the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in their Amendment; and

(iv) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments; and

(c) as soon as the House has agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments Mr Speaker shall put forthwith a separate Question on any other amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to that Lords Amendment.

(4) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (3) above shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

Stages subsequent to first consideration of Lords Amendments

10. Mr Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further Message from the Lords on the Bill.

11.—(1) The proceedings on any such further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

(2) 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; and

(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.

(3) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (2) above shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

Supplemental

12. (1) Mr Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons.

(2) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

13. (1) In this paragraph „the proceedings” means proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill, on the appointment and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and on the Report of such a Committee.

(2) Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(3) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Supplemental orders

14. (1) The proceedings on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(2) If on this day or the following day the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the time at which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order, no notice shall be required of a Motion made at the next sitting by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

Saving

15. Nothing in this Order shall—

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

(b) prevent any business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with after the completion of all proceedings.

Recommittal

16. (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) 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.

Business Committee

17. Standing Order No. 80 (Business Committee) shall not apply to this Order—(Mr John MacGregor);

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Question, in line 44, at the end, to insert the words—

'(e) the Question on any new Clauses, new Schedules or amendments which shall have been selected for debate by Mr Speaker or by the Chairman of the Committee'—(Mr A. J. Beith.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Martyn Jones: 236.

So the Question was agreed to.

14 Community Charges (General Reduction) Bill.—The Community Charges (General Reduction) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Committee of the whole House, pursuant to the Order this day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, pursuant to the said Order.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Statutory reduction of community charges: England and Wales).

Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 1, line 5, at the beginning, to insert the words—

‘Subject to subsection (1A) below and to the making of an Order under this section’.—(Mr William O’Brien.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 1, line 5, after the word ‘amount’, to insert the words ‘payable by any person liable either to pay in full a personal community charge, or to pay a charge reduced from such an amount under the Community Charge reduction scheme’.—(Mr John Maxton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Allen McKay: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Timothy Wood: 284.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 1, line 5, to leave out from the word ‘amount’ to the end of line 15 and insert the words ‘payable in respect of the year 1991-92 by a person to whom regulations made in accordance with subsection (2A) below apply shall from the relevant day be reduced by such amount as may be determined under those regulations’.—(Mr Paul Murphy.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 1, line 5, to leave out from the word ‘amount’ to the second word ‘for’ in line 7 and insert the words ‘payable by any person after allowance for any rebate or other reduction in respect of a personal community charge’.—(Mr William O’Brien.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 6, after the word ‘personal’ to insert the words ‘or standard’.—(Mr A. J. Beith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) Where the reduction has taken place by virtue of this section, a charging authority shall have the discretion to issue no demands if, in its judgment, the total amount to be collected from the charge payers as a whole is likely to be exceeded by the cost of collecting the charge’.—(Mr A. J. Beith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) The Secretary of State shall within one month of the relevant day lay before Parliament his estimate of the number of persons for whom the actual level of payment for which they are liable in respect of the personal community charge in the 1991 financial year will not be reduced by £140 from the actual payment for which they were liable before the relevant day’.—(Mr William O’Brien.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;
And it being half-past Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, the Chairman, pursuant to the Order, put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was negatived.

The Chairman then put forthwith the remaining Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 5 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House, pursuant to the Order.

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

Mr Secretary Hunt, 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, That the Bill be now read the third time, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order:—It was agreed to.

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

15 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 27th March, Mr Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Lords Message relating to the Community Charges (General Reduction) Bill which may be received shall have been disposed of.-(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

16 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Nigel Vessey for examination of care for illegitimate children; and

(2) residents of—

(i) North Warwickshire and elsewhere, and

(ii) Stratford-upon-Avon and elsewhere

for reconsideration of the level of revenue support grant for Warwickshire were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.-(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.59 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 26th March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Community Charges,—Personal Community Charge (Hospital Patients) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 739), dated 18th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

2 Immigration,—Statement of changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 320] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Other Papers:

3 Animal Health,—Return of proceedings under the Animal Health Act 1981, for 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

4 Argentina (No. 2, 1991),—Cultural Convention, done at Buenos Aires on 8th October 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Argentine Republic [by Command] [Cm. 1465] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 Environment,—Government Response to the First Report from the Environment Committee, Session 1990-91, on environmental issues in Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cm. 1484] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

6 European Communities (No. 24, 1991),—Agreement, done at Brussels on 19th December 1989, between the European Economic Community, on the one hand, and the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Swiss Confederation, on the other, laying down a
procedure for the exchange of information in the field of technical regulations [by Command] [Cm. 1463] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 Government Annuities and Insurances,—Account of all moneys received on account of contracts for the grant of deferred life annuities and for payments on death, under the provisions of the Government Annuities Act 1929, and of the disposal thereof, and of the contracts made, for 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

8 Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minute, dated 26th March 1991, determining a further financial objective desirable of achievement by the Vehicle Inspectorate for 1991-94 [by Act] [Mr David Mellor].

9 Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission on the consolidation of certain enactments relating to deer [by Command] [Cm. 1476] [Mr Attorney General].

10 Radioactive Substances,—Radioactive Substances Authorisations and Registrations Fees and Charges Scheme (England and Wales) 1991, dated 21st March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

11 Solicitors (Scotland),—Report of the Lay Observer for Scotland for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 278] [Mr Secretary Lang].

12 Treaty Series (No. 91, 1990),—Third supplementary list of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc., for 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1460] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 26th March; to be printed [No. 277-iii] [Mr Frank Field].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xv] [Mr Bob Cryer].

3 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 26th March; to be printed [Nos. 289-ii and -iii] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

MR SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE (PARLIAMENT ACTS)

Mr Speaker certified, under the provisions of the Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949, that the War Crimes Bill, as compared with the War Crimes Bill sent up to the House of Lords in the last Session, contained only such alterations as were necessary owing to the time which had elapsed since the date of that Bill.

[No. 85.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill. Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

3 Standing Orders,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee the following Resolution:

That, in the case of the King's Cross Railways Bill, Petition for Additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the Parties be permitted to insert their Additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

The Resolution was agreed to.
4 Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

5 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) 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 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

6 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

7 Football (Offences) Bill,—Mr Michael Latham reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Football (Offences) Bill, and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to make further provision with respect to disorderly conduct by persons attending football matches; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 19th April; and to be printed [Bill 129].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 348].

8 Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee H, That it had gone through the Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 26th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 346].

9 Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords],—Mr Ted Leadbitter reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords], That it had come to the following Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: That the Committee recommends that the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments 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. 345].

10 European Standing Committee A.—Sir Michael Shaw reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 7214/90, relating to protection of animals during transport; and supports the Government's intention to negotiate satisfactory welfare safeguards consistent with maintaining conditions given effect by the Transit of Animals (Road and Rail) Order 1975, the Welfare of Poultry (Transport) Order 1988, section 40 of the Animal Health Act 1981 (c. 22) and other related measures.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

11 European Standing Committee B,—Mr James Lamond reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 9908/90, relating to the Third Action Programme on equal opportunities for men and women and the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Employment on 19th December 1990 and its supplementary explanatory memorandum of 11th March 1991 for a Council Resolution relating to the action programme; approves of the Government's support for the Programme's underlying principles; and endorses the Government's approach that any measures brought forward under the Programme must be considered on their merits, taking account of their effect on national practices and policies, the extra burden likely to be placed on employers and the consequential impact on the level of employment.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Community Charges (General Reduction) Bill, without Amendment.
13 Courts (Research) Bill,—Ordered, That the Courts (Research) Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

14 National Audit (Scotland) Bill,—The Order for reading the National Audit (Scotland) Bill a second time on Friday 19th April was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

15 Established Church Bill,—Mr Michael Latham presented a Bill to abolish the General Synod of the Church of England on a date to be appointed; to provide for the creation of a Church of England Assembly, consisting of a house of all diocesan, suffragan and assistant bishops, and a joint house of clergy and laity, to be directly elected by all Anglican clergy and lay persons on parochial electoral rolls; to empower the Assembly to decide on all appropriate matters, except those within the legal responsibilities of the Church Commissioners, without further reference to Parliament; to provide for the election of new bishops by members of the house of bishops, saving the right of final approval of the chosen candidate by the Crown; to abolish the Ecclesiastical Committee; to abolish the automatic places of bishops in the House of Lords; to permit ordained clergy of the Church of England, with the consent of a diocesan bishop, to seek election to the House of Commons; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 126].

16 Leasehold Reform Bill,—Mr Terry Lewis, supported by Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Doug Hoyle, Mr Ron Davies, Mr Gareth Wardell, Mr Peter L. Pike, Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr Ian McCartney, Dawn Primarolo and Mr George Howarth, presented a Bill to amend the Leasehold Reform Acts 1967 and 1979; to prevent the establishment of further 999 year leasehold agreements; to establish new formulae for calculating the sale value of an existing lease to an occupier of long-lease residential property; to remove from existing leaseholders the obligations to seek permission of the ground landlord when carrying out improvements to the property; to establish the right of long leaseholders to manage their property in a manner of their own choice; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 127].

17 Empty Homes,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable residential property, unoccupied for a specified period and not offered for sale or let, to be transferred from the ownership of public landlords to the ownership of housing associations; to amend the law to provide incentives to private landlords to let empty residential property; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Alistair Burt, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Ken Hargreaves, Mr Jim Lester, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Simon Hughes and Mr David Sumberg do prepare and bring it in.

18 Empty Homes Bill,—Mr Alistair Burt accordingly presented a Bill to enable residential property, unoccupied for a specified period and not offered for sale or let, to be transferred from the ownership of public landlords to the ownership of housing associations; to amend the law to provide incentives to private landlords to let empty residential property; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th May and to be printed [Bill 128].

19 No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House has no confidence in Her Majesty's Government in the light of its inability to rectify the damage done to the British people by the poll tax—(Mr Neil Kinnock);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ray Powell, Mr Ken Eastham: 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 358.

So the Question was negatived.

20 Local Government (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, dated 4th March 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

21 Rating and Valuation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Scottish Power plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

22 Rating and Valuation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments,
&c.), That the draft Scottish Nuclear Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

23 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

24 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Mercury Communications Ltd. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

25 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

26 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Industrial and Freight Transport (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

27 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Glasgow Underground (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

28 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

29 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Caravan Sites and Pitches (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

30 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft British Telecommunications plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

31 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

32 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft British Gas plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

33 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft British Alcan Primary and Recycling Ltd. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

34 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.
35 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 11th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

36 Public Health.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

37 Libraries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

38 Government Trading Funds.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Scottish Hydro-Electric plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 11th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

39 Government Trading Funds.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Central Office of Information Trading Fund Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

40 Government Trading Funds.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Central Office of Information Trading Fund Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

41 Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 5th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

42 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Houses in Multiple Occupation (Charges for Registration Schemes) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

43 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Electricity Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

44 County Courts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

45 Common Fisheries Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 10541/90, relating to the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP); supports the Government's aim to participate fully in preparatory discussion for the mid-term review of the CFP; and endorses its approach to continue to make adjustments and improvements to the CFP to deal with existing and future problems within the framework established by the 1983 CFP settlement—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

46 Community Social Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 8073/90, relating to organisation of working time, 8792/90 and 4112/91, relating to the protection of pregnant women at work, and 8075/90, relating to temporary and mobile work sites; endorses the conclusions of the Madrid and Rome European Councils that measures taken in the field of social affairs should have full regard to the effects on job creation, to the principle of subsidiarity and to the diversity of national traditions and practices; and supports the Government's view that the proposals on temporary and mobile work sites broadly meet these criteria, that the proposals on the organisation of working time do not, and that
the proposals on the protection of pregnant women at work require to be more closely focused on health and safety in order to do so.—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

47 Compulsory Use of Seat Belts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 9228/88 and 10333/90, relating to compulsory use of seat belts; notes that their provisions are broadly in accord with present and proposed domestic legislation; and endorses the Government’s intention to seek amendment of the proposals so that any adopted Directive neither imposes unacceptable constraints nor limits the scope for further action perceived by Parliament to be necessary without prejudice to the question of competence of the Community in relation to road safety.—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

48 British Nationality.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the British Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 183), dated 4th February 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th February, be revoked—(Mr Alistair Darling);

And it being half-past Eleven o’clock, Mr Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Order [22nd March].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Vaz, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 21.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 192.

So the Question was negatived.

49 Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Ordered, That Ann Widdecombe and Sir Richard Body be discharged from the Select Committee to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords as the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills and Mr Spencer Batiste and Mr Peter Temple-Morris be added to the Committee.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

50 House of Commons Members’ Fund.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the whole or any part of the sums deducted or set aside in the current year from the salaries of Members of Parliament under section 1 of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act 1939, and 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 and section 7 of the Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Act 1991—(Mr Alfred Morris);

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

51 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 April 1991, 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 £3,237 or such sum as, in the opinion of the Trustees, will bring his income up to £5,952 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 £6,231 or such sum as, in their opinion, will bring his income up to £8,946 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 £1,626 or such sum as, in the opinion of the Trustees, will bring her income up to £4,341 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 £3,114 or
such sum as, in the opinion of the Trustees, will bring her income up to £5,829 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 £1,626 or such sum as, in the opinion of the Trustees, will bring his income up to £4,341 per annum, whichever is the less:

Provided that if, having regard to his wife’s length of service or to his need, the Trustees think fit, they may make a larger payment not exceeding £3,114 or such sum as, in the opinion of the Trustees, will bring his income up to £5,829 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) £1,884 if the payments are made to a past Member, and

(b) £942 if the payments are made to the widow or widower of a past Member’.—(Mr Alfred Morris.)

52 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Maesteg against the proposal to downgrade Maesteg Crown Post Office was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.37 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 27th March 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Community Charges,—Personal Community Charge (Relief) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 835), dated 26th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

2 Education,—(1) Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 830),

(2) Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 827),

(3) Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 829), and


3 Education (Scotland),—Education (Fees and Awards, Allowances and Bursaries) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 834), dated 25th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Environmental Protection,—Environmental Protection (Amendment of Regulations) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 836), dated 27th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


8 Rates,—Rates (Regional Rate) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R. (N.I.), 1991, No. 111), dated 22nd March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Other Papers:

9 Census of Production,—Report on the Census of Production, 1989, on wooden and upholstered furniture and shop and office fittings [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

10 Home Affairs,—Government Reply to the First Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1990-91, on the Annual Report of the Data Protection Registrar [by Command] [Cm. 1485] [Mr Secretary Baker].

11 Miscellaneous (No. 4, 1991),—Treaty, done at Paris on 19th November 1990, on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe and Declarations [by Command] [Cm. 1477] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

12 Police (Northern Ireland),—Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland Triennial Review 1988-91 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 252] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

13 Social Work (Training),—Accounts of the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 344] [Clerk of the House].

14 Special Procedure Orders,—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Montrose (Pilotage) Harbour Revision Order 1990 [by Act] [Chairman of Ways and Means].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Second Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Reply to the Twelfth Report from the Committee, Session 1989-90, on Radiological Protection of Service and Civilian Personnel]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 347] [Mr Michael Mates].

2 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 27th March; to be printed [No. 343-i] [Dr Michael Clark].

3 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 27th March; to be printed [No. 263-iv] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

4 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 27th March; to be printed [No. 229-iv] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

5 Members' Interests,—Second Report from the Select Committee on Members' Interests; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 261] [Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith].

6 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 27th March; to be printed [No. 162-vii] [Mr David Marshall].

7 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 27th March; to be printed [No. 290-iv] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 27th March 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated the draft Education Reform Act 1988 (Application of Section 122 to Institutions in Wales) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill;

(2) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill;
(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Education Reform Act 1988 (Application of Section 122 to Institutions in Wales) Order 1991; and

(4) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Dangerous Vessels (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

[No. 86.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 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.:

London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill, — The Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

4 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee), — Sir Michael Neubert reported from the Committee on the London Underground Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 16th April at half-past Ten o'clock.

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

Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) Bill [Lords], — The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive to construct further works and to acquire additional lands; to confer additional powers on the Executive; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) Bill [Lords], — The Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

7 Mr Speaker's Absence, — Ordered, That Mr Speaker have leave of absence on Friday 19th April to attend the enthronement of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. — (Mr Alastair Goodlad.)

8 Public Petitions, — A Public Petition from residents of Warwickshire for revision of the county's standard spending assessment was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment, — A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn — (Mr Tom Sackville);

10 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 Act, agreed upon by both Houses:


11 Adjournment, — The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn; And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 15th April, pursuant to the Resolution [14th March].

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]
APPENDIX
Thursday 28th March 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Broadcasting.—Draft Broadcasting (Restrictions on the Holding of Licences) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   (3) Community Charges (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 841), and
   dated 28th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

3 Community Charges (Scotland).—(1) Community Charges (Levying, Collection and Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 856),
   (2) Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1990-91) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 854), and
   dated 28th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

   dated 28th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].


Other Papers:

6 Local Government Finance (Scotland).—(1) Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1990-91) (Scotland) Report, and
   (2) Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1991-92) (Scotland) Report [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7 National Audit. — Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) HM Land Registry: review of performance, and
   (2) promoting value for money in provincial police forces
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 350 and 349] [Clerk of the House].

8 Radioactive Substances. — Charging Scheme for Scotland under the Radioactive Substances Act 1960 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

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Chairmen of Standing Committees. — In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 8745, relating to sweeteners for use in foodstuffs.
VoL. 247

[No. 87.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Death of a Member,—Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sir John Stradling Thomas, Knight, Member for Monmouth, 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.

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

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 130].

6 Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill,—The Domestic Smoke Alarms Bill was withdrawn.

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 351) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Local Authorities Etc. (Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 397) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

10 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the National Health Service Trusts (Consultation before Establishment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 327) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

11 European Standing Committees,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That the Court of Auditors’ Special Report No. 2/90, relating to management and control of export refunds, and European Community Documents Nos. 4549/91, relating to the development and future of the Common Agricultural Policy, and 5032/91 ADD I to III, relating to the prices for agricultural products and related measures (1991-92), shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee A—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

12 Export and Investment Guarantees Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Export and Investment Guarantees Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Developing countries)—(Ms Joyce Quin)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.
Another Clause (Political risk reinsurance)—(Ms Joyce Quin)—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 1, line 21, at the end, to insert the
words—

'(3A) The Secretary of State shall ensure that arrangements made under this section
are in general no worse in terms of both scope and cost in comparison with those
available to persons carrying on business in other OECD countries'.—(Mr Alun
Michael.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 1, to leave out
subsection (2).—(Mr Tim Sainsbury.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Ken Eastham: 188.

Amendments (Nos. 17 to 19) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 28, at the end, to insert
the words—

'(4A) A scheme under this section shall contain no provision which may force any
person to cease to be employed in the service of the state'.—(Mr Alun
Michael.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 28, at the end, to insert
the words—

'(4A) A scheme under this section shall make provision for the functions so
transferred to be made available through services in each standard planning region
of the United Kingdom'.—(Mr Jim Cousins.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 28, at the end, to insert
the words—

'(4A) The Secretary of State shall ensure that no scheme shall be made under this
section without proper and timeous consultations with the relevant trade and
exporting organisations and the accredited representatives of the employees' trade
unions'.—(Ms Joyce Quin.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 39, after '1981', to
insert the words 'and the EC Directive 77/187 (The Acquired Rights Directive)'.—(Ms
Joyce Quin.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 20) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 46, at the end, to insert
the words—

'(6) A vehicle company under this section shall have its headquarters located within
the Cardiff area. For the avoidance of doubt, this subsection shall apply to the
initial and to any subsequent transfer'.—(Mr Alan Michael.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 9, at the end, to insert
the words—

'(8) The Secretary of State shall not dispose of any shares in or securities of a vehicle
company unless the purchaser of such shares or securities has given an
unequivocal and binding guarantee to the Secretary of State that the purchaser
will at all times operate with the objective of encouraging or facilitating, directly
or indirectly, the supply by persons carrying on business in the United Kingdom
of goods or services to persons carrying on business outside the United Kingdom'.—(Ms Joyce Quin.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 10, to leave out from the beginning to the word 'under' in line 11 and insert the words 'Any transferee shall be obliged to consent to make, if so requested by the Secretary of State, arrangements with the Secretary of State', instead thereof.—(Ms Joyce Quin.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) The Secretary of State shall make arrangements with any transferee under which all companies carrying on business in the United Kingdom for whom the transferee will provide export credit insurance or similar assistance, not confined to the arrangements set out under section 1(4), shall have the right of access, and the opportunity to make representations, to the Secretary of State in relation to any aspect of the conduct and operations of the transferee'.—(Mr Jim Cousins.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

'(7) This Act shall not come into force or replace the old law unless and until it is rendered necessary by directives agreed within the European Community'.—(Mr Alun Michael.)

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time,

Mr Secretary Lilley, 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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie: 194.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

14 Education (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Testing in Primary Schools (Scotland) Regulations 1990 (S.I., 1990, No. 2104), dated 24th October 1990, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be revoked—(Mr Donald Dewar);

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Order [22nd March].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Ken Eastham: 187.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 251.

So the Question was negatived.

15 Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (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 stood committed to a Standing Committee.

16 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at to-morrow's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Orders No. 14 (Exempted business) and No. 15 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative procedure)), the Motions in the names of Mr Secretary Lang and Mr Neil Kinnock relating to Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland) may
be proceeded with, though opposed, for one and a half hours after the first of them has been entered upon, and, if those proceedings have not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at the expiry of that period put the Questions necessary to dispose of the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Lang.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

17 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 18th April, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), if proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to Agriculture have not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at Ten o'clock put the Questions necessary to dispose of them, including the Question on any Amendment proposed to the said Motion which he may have selected and which may then be moved, and such Questions may be decided after the expiry of the time for opposed business.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

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

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

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Thursday 28th March 1991 pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Estate Agents,—(1) Estate Agents (Specified Offences) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 860), and
dated 28th March 1991 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

12th April 1991

3 Immigration,— Statement of changes in Immigration Rules [Cm. 1491] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Other Papers:

4 Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe,— Vienna Document 1990, done at Vienna on 17th November 1990, of the Negotiations on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures convened in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Concluding Document of the Vienna Meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe [Cm. 1466] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 Treaty Series (No. 19, 1991),— Notes exchanged at Budapest on 18th September 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Hungary concerning the abolition of visas [Cm. 1471] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

6 Treaty Series (No. 20, 1991),— Protocol, done at Montreal on 24th February 1988, for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, done at Montreal on 23rd September 1971 [Cm. 1470] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 Treaty Series (No. 21, 1991),— Notes exchanged at Dar es Salaam on 26th June 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Tanzania Debt Agreement No. 2 (1988)) [Cm. 1474] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

and the Federal Republic of Germany of 26th May 1952 and the Convention on the Settlement of Matters arising out of the War and the Occupation of 26th May 1952 [Cm. 1478] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2nd April 1991

9 Criminal Law (Scotland).—Appellants (Increase in Expenses) (Scotland) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 810), dated 18th March 1991 [Mr Secretary Lang].

3rd April 1991


14 Merchant Shipping.—(1) Collision Regulations (Seaplanes) (Amendment) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 768),

(2) Collision Regulations (Seaplanes) (Guernsey) (Amendment) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 769),

(3) Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Registries of Overseas Territories) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 770), and


dated 20th March 1991 [Mr John MacGregor].

15 Northern Ireland.—(1) Census (Confidentiality) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 760), and


dated 20th March 1991 [Mr John MacGregor].


4th April 1991


5th April 1991


8th April 1991

21 Electricity.—(1) Electricity Act 1989 (Scottish Hydro-Electric plc) Extinguishment of Loans Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 853), and


dated 26th March 1991 [Mr Secretary Lang].

22 Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 848), dated 22nd March 1991 [Mr Secretary Lang].


33 Medicines,—Medicines (Products Other Than Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Amendment Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 962), dated 8th April 1991 [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

34 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Etc.—Adopted Persons (Contact Register) (Fees) Rules 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 952), dated 8th April 1991 [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].
11th April 1991


Other Papers:

3rd April 1991


10th April 1991


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 15th April 1991:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

39 Coal Industry.—Draft Coal Industry (Restructuring Grants) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

40 Licences and Licensing.—Draft Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

41 Northern Ireland.—Draft Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

42 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—(1) Draft Employment Codes of Practice (Revocation) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard]; and (2) draft European Communities (Employment in the Civil Service) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Tim Renton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

45 Atomic Energy Authority.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th March 1991 on borrowing by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

46 Census of Production.—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—

(1) abrasive products,
(2) asbestos goods,
(3) bolts, nuts, etc; springs; non-precision chains; metals treatment,
(4) builders’ carpentry and joinery,
(5) conversion of paper and board,
(6) hand tools and finished metal goods,
(7) ice-cream, cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery,
(8) manufacture of semi-finished wood products and further processing and treatment of wood,
(9) printing and publishing,
(10) processing of plastics,
(11) pulp, paper and board,
(12) rubber products,
(13) shipbuilding and repairing, and
(14) slaughtering of animals and production of meat and by-products

[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Crown Agents,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th March 1991 on borrowing by the Crown Agents [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

Indemnities,—Department of Energy Minute, dated 15th April 1991, concerning the granting of an indemnity to AEA Technology [by Command] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission on the consolidation of the legislation relating to water [by Command] [Cm. 1483] [Mr Attorney General].

London Regional Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th March 1991 on borrowing by London Regional Transport [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

Miscellaneous (No. 5, 1991),—Unidroit Convention, done at Ottawa on 28th May 1988, on International Factoring [by Command] [Cm. 1487] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health—
(1) on 4th April 1991 on borrowing by the Northern General Hospital National Health Service Trust,
(2) on 9th April 1991 on borrowing by the Royal Surrey County & St Luke’s National Health Service Trust, and
(3) on 9th April 1991 on borrowing by the St Helier National Health Service Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].


Policyholders’ Protection,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the liquidation of National Employers Mutual General Insurance Association Limited [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Population Censuses and Surveys,—Review of the Registrar General on births and patterns of family building in England and Wales, 1989 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Britannia Cablesystems Surrey Limited in respect of the North and North East Surrey franchise under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Treaty Series (No. 23, 1991),—Agreement, done at London on 23rd November 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam concerning air services [by Command] [Cm. 1481] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Scottish Standing Committee,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Scottish Standing Committee Dr John Reid (nominated in respect of the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Dr Norman A. Godman.

MEMORANDUM
Monday 15th April 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr James Hill an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords].
Tuesday 16th April 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from several Select Committees and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Education Reform Act 1988 (Application of Section 122 to Institutions in Wales) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 14th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 364].

4 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Dangerous Vessels (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 13th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 363].

5 Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill,—The Order [25th March], That Clause No. 1 of and the Schedule to the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill be committed to a Select Committee, was discharged, pursuant to the said Order, no Petition against the Bill having been presented; and the said Clause and Schedule were committed to a Standing Committee.

6 New Member makes Affirmation,—Peter Gerald Hain, Esquire, Member for Neath, made the Affirmation required by law.

7 Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Peter Viggers presented a Bill to amend section 13 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 so as to exclude members of the armed forces from relief for students in respect of the community charge: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd May and to be printed [Bill 132].

8 Smoke Detectors Bill,—Mr Conal Gregory, supported by Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Alistair Burt, Mrs Rosie Barnes, Mr Douglas French, Dame Janet Fookes, Alice Mahon, Mr Ian McCartney and Mr Patrick Thompson, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the fitting of smoke detectors in new dwellings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 131].

9 Forestry Commission,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the Forestry Commission from transferring any land without guaranteeing continuing public access to that land: And that Mr Martin Redmond, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Michael Welsh, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Peter Hardy, Mrs Llin Golding, Alice Mahon, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Tom Cox, Mr Chris Smith and Mr George J. Buckley do prepare and bring it in.

10 Forestry Commission Bill,—Mr Martin Redmond accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the Forestry Commission from transferring any land without guaranteeing continuing public access to that land: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 133].

11 British Technology Group Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the British Technology Group Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Articles of Association)—(Sir Gerard Vaughan)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Independence of the successor company)—(Mr Simon Hughes)—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 Alex Carlile, Mr Archy Kirkwood: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Neil Hamilton: 260.

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

'(4A) The Secretary of State shall not set a target investment limit of less than 50.01 per cent. of the total voting rights until a period of at least five years has elapsed from the appointed day'.—(Dr Jeremy Bray.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jack Thompson, Mr Ken Eastham: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr John M. Taylor: 253.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

'(3A) On the appointed day the successor company shall provide for each of the employees of the Board or the Corporation and any body representing those employees a statement providing for the continuation of their employment and pension rights as previously enjoyed'.—(Dr Lewis Moonie.)

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 Seven o’clock, and there being Private Business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 16 (Time for taking private business), further proceedings stood postponed.

12 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

A Clause (Saving for Town and Country Planning)—(Mr Jimmy Hood)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Alun Michael: 163.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr Ron Davies: 29.

Question put accordingly.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Rhodri Morgan, Dr John Marek: 25.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Paul Flynn: 149.

And it being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

13 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day’s sitting, the British Technology Group Bill and the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Irvine Patnick);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Nicholas Baker: 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Allan Rogers, Mr Alan W. Williams: 20.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the British Technology Group Bill and the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

14 Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded further to consider the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.
Another Clause (Sources of leachate)—(Dr Kim Howells)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Gwilym Jones: 97.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Ted Rowlands: 15.

Whereupon Mr Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 36 (Majority for closure or for proposal of question).

Question again proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Allan Rogers, Mr Elliot Morley: 52.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr John Marek, Dr Kim Howells: 8.

Whereupon Mr Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 36 (Majority for closure or for proposal of question).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

15 British Technology Group Bill.—The House resumed the postponed proceedings on the Question, That the British Technology Group Bill be now read the third time.

Question put and agreed to.

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

16 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—Resolved, That the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 20th March, be approved.—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.)

17 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—Resolved, That the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 20th March, be approved.—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.)

18 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—Resolved, That the draft Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Prospective Cost) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 20th March, be approved.—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.)

19 Animal Welfare.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 7214/90, relating to protection of animals during transport; and supports the Government’s intention to negotiate satisfactory welfare safeguards consistent with maintaining conditions given effect by the Transit of Animals (Road and Rail) Order 1975, the Welfare of Poultry (Transport) Order 1988, section 40 of the Animal Health Act 1981 (c.22) and other related measures—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

20 Equal Opportunities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 9908/90, relating to the third action programme on equal opportunities for men and women, and the proposals described in the un-numbered explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Employment on 19th December 1990 and its supplementary explanatory memorandum of 11th March 1991 for a Council Resolution relating to the action programme; approves of the Government’s support for the programme’s underlying principles; and endorses the Government’s approach that any measures brought forward under the programme
must be considered on their merits, taking account of their effect on national practices and policies, the extra burden likely to be placed on employers and the consequential impact on the level of employment—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

21 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the rebuilding of the West Middlesex Hospital was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

22 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.39 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 16th April 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Representation of the People,—(1) Draft European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Regulations 1991, and
   (2) draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1991
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Agriculture,—Government Response to the First Report of the Agriculture Committee, Session 1990-91, on microwave ovens [by Command] [Cm. 1482] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].


6 Census of Production,—Report on the Census of Production, 1989, on building products of concrete, cement, or plaster [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

7 Employment Protection,—Report of the Certification Officer for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 Indemnities,—Office of the Minister for the Civil Service Minute, dated 16th April 1991, concerning a contingent liability in respect of items on loan to the Prime Minister's Office [by Command] [Mr Tim Renton].

9 Population Censuses and Surveys,—Review of the Registrar General on marriages and divorces in England and Wales, 1989 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Legislation,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 16th April; to be printed [No. 332-ii] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

2 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 16th April; to be printed [No. 277-iv] [Mr Frank Field].

3 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 16th April; to be printed [No. 361-i] [Mr David Marshall].
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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Title of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords] being read;

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.

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

2 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

3 London Underground Bill and London Underground (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the London Underground Bill and the London Underground (No. 2) Bill, that it has the power, if it think fit, to consolidate the said Bills or any part or parts thereof into one Bill.

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

5 Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr Spencer Batiste reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to which the Deer Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill; and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 17th April.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 371-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 371-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 371-II].

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

7 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

8 Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill,—Mr Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 3rd May; and to be printed [Bill 136].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 365].

9 Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the Second Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 17th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 367].

10 European Standing Committee B,—Sir John Hunt reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 8353/90, relating to abolition of controls and formalities on cabin and checked baggage on intra-Community flights and sea crossings; supports the Government's intention to ensure that Member States retain the right to carry out checks at the internal border to protect society against illegal importations of drugs and other prohibited goods, to control immigration and to counteract terrorism and other serious crime; and notes with concern the practical and infrastructural problems for airports that could be caused by the draft proposals.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
11 School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill,—The Order for considering the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, this day, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

12 Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Bill,—Sir Russell Johnston presented a Bill to amend the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 with respect to short-term detention of patients in hospital and the determination of applications for admission to hospital: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 134].

13 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.). That the draft Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

14 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.). That the draft Data Protection Registration Fee Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

15 River Safety,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require minimum standards of visibility from the steering position of passenger launches plying on rivers and other inland waterways; to require the fitting of discotheque noise limiting devices in such launches; to make provision for signalling systems for traffic control in certain rivers; and for connected purposes: And that Mr John Bowis, Mr Tony Banks, Mrs Rosie Barnes, Mr Gerald Bowden, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr John Cartwright, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Kate Hoey, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Toby Jessel and Mr Ron Leighton do prepare and bring it in.

16 River Safety Bill,—Mr John Bowis accordingly presented a Bill to require minimum standards of visibility from the steering position of passenger launches plying on rivers and other inland waterways; to require the fitting of discotheque noise limiting devices in such launches; to make provision for signalling systems for traffic control in certain rivers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd May and to be printed [Bill 135].

17 Opposition day [10th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Health Service and Community Care,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is disturbed that, in the past financial year, underfunding of the health service adversely affected patient care by compelling hospitals to cancel more operations and close more beds than even during the previous financial crisis of 1987-88; condemns the persistence of Her Majesty's Government in forcing on the National Health Service a market-driven system of health care against the opinion of the overwhelming majority of the people who work in the health service and of the people who use the National Health Service; records its concern at the growing evidence that the system of patients following contracts results in less choice for patients of where to be treated and restrictions in the treatments available to them; regrets the two-year delay in the introduction of the Community Care programme which should have taken effect in the current month; is alarmed at the serious threat to social service provision as a result of the crisis in local government finance created by Her Majesty's Government; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government for urgent action to tackle the growing gap between income support levels and charges for residential care—(Mr Robin Cook);

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 the near 25 per cent. increase in the number of in-patients treated and the near 100 per cent. increase in the number of hospital day cases since 1979 and on the further recent fall in hospital waiting times; welcomes the successful introduction of the Government's reforms which are already leading to better quality services, more responsiveness to people's needs and wishes and improved value for money; notes that the reforms are being backed in 1991-92 by record increases in resources for the National Health Service and in the standard spending assessment for the personal social services; welcomes the Government's commitment to full implementation of its community care policy through local government by April 1993; supports the Government's objective of using the National Health Service reforms to deliver real improvements in the health of the people through the development of a national health strategy; and looks forward to the forthcoming publication of a consultative document setting out the Government's proposals', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Waldegrave.)
And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
Mr Derek Foster 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 Ken Eastham, Mr Allen McKay: 221.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 310.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Question. That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 the Government on the near 25 per cent. increase in the number of in-patients treated and the near 100 per cent. increase in the number of hospital day cases since 1979 and on the further recent fall in hospital waiting times; welcomes the successful introduction of the Government’s reforms which are already leading to better quality services, more responsiveness to people’s needs and wishes and improved value for money; notes that the reforms are being backed in 1991-92 by record increases in resources for the National Health Service and in the standard spending assessment for the personal social services; welcomes the Government’s commitment to full implementation of its community care policy through local government by April 1993; supports the Government’s objective of using the National Health Service reforms to deliver real improvements in the health of the people through the development of a national health strategy; and looks forward to the forthcoming publication of a consultative document setting out the Government’s proposals.

18 Community Charges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Personal Community Charge (Reductions) (England) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 230), a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th February, be revoked—(Mr Bryan Gould);
And it being half-past Eleven o’clock, Madam Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Order [22nd March].
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Ken Eastham: 182.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 293.
So the Question was negatived.

19 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr Graham Allen be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Dr Kim Howells be added to the Committee.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

20 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tim Boswell);
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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 17th April 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Statement of changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 356] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Other Papers:

2 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Third Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1990–91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 360] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Peter Archer, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Gerald Bowden, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr John Fraser, Mr Bruce George, Mr Patrick Ground, Mr Michael Irvine, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Robert Maclellan, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr David Martin, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Solicitor General and Mr Keith Vaz.

2 Standing Committee B.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr Jack Aspinwall, Sir Antony Buck, Mr Derek Conway, Mr David Curry, Mr Cecil Franks, Mr John Greenway, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr John Hannam, Mr Ralph Howell, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr David Madel, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr James Paice, Mr Peter L. Pike and Mr Alan W. Williams.

3 Standing Committee C.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Gaming (Amendment) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Richard Alexander, Mr Michael Brown, Mr James Cran, Mr John Cummings, Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr Tony Fawell, Mr Peter Fry, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr George Howarth, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Peter Lloyd, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr John Watts and Mr Michael Welsh.

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the National Health Service Training Authority (Abolition) Order 1991, viz.: Mr David Gilroy Bevan, Mr Sydney Bidwell, Mr Robert Boscawen, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Mr William Cash, Mr Simon Coombs, Sir Peter Emery, Mr Douglas French, Mr Roger Gale, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Doug Hoyle, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Max Madden, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Irvine Patnick, Clare Short and Audrey Wise.

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the National Health Service Trusts (Consultation before Establishment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Dr John G. Blackburn, Mr Julian Brazer, Mr Ron Brown, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Alex Eadie, Mr Harry Ewing, Mr Michael Forsyth, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Tim Janman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr David Lambie, Mrs Ray Michie, Mr George Walden, Mr Bill Walker and Mr Ray Whitney.

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 1991 and the Local Authorities Etc. (Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr David Ashby, Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr David Bellotti, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Maria Fyfe, Mr George Galloway, Mr Robert Hughes, Mr Robert Key, Mr John McFall, Mr William McKelvey, Mr John Maxton, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr David Sumberg, Mr Hugo Summersoon, Mr Bowen Wells and Mr Jimmy Wray.

7 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Robert Adley, Mr Robert Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Bob Clay, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr David Davis, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Ken Livingston, Dr Brian Mawhinney, Mr Michael Stern, Mr Lewis Stevens, Mr Andy Stewart, Mr Roger Stott, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Mr David Tredinnick, Mr A. Cecil Walker, Mr Gary Waller and Mr David Young.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—Second Report from the Agriculture Committee [MAFF Departmental Report]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 326] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].
2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 17th April; to be printed [No. 369] [Mr Michael Mates].

3 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 17th April; to be printed [No. 285-ii] [Mr Ron Leighton].

4 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 17th April; to be printed [No. 208-v] [Dr Michael Clark].

5 European Legislation,—Sixteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xvi] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 17th April; to be printed [No. 143-viii] [Mr David Howell].

7 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 17th April; to be printed [No. 370-i] [Sir John Wheeler].

8 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 17th April; to be printed [No. 368-i] [Sir Antony Buck].

9 Public Accounts,—(1) Tenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [New Headquarters Building for the Department of Energy],

   (2) Eleventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The 1989 Statement on Major Defence Projects],

   (3) Twelfth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Sale of Herstmonceux Castle], and

   (4) Thirteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [A New Ship for St. Helena],

   together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports [Nos. 372, 373, 374 and 57] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

10 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 17th April; to be printed [No. 226-vii] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

11 Treasury and Civil Service,—Second Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [The 1991 Budget], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 289] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

MEMORANDA

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1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

   (1) the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A;

   (2) the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee B;

   (3) the National Health Service Training Authority (Abolition) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

   (4) the National Health Service Trusts (Consultation before Establishment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

   (5) the Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances) Regulations 1991 and the Local Authorities Etc. (Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

   (6) the draft Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

   (1) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords];

   (2) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill;
(3) Mr Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Gaming (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

(4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the National Health Service Training Authority (Abolition) Order 1991; and

(5) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referrals have been made:

(1) European Community Documents Nos. 4548/91, relating to the establishment of a Financial Instrument for the Environment [LIFE], and 4684/91, relating to the conservation of natural and semi-natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Documents Nos. 10165/90, relating to the establishment of a reinsurance pool for export credits to Central and Eastern European countries, and 4936/91, relating to a European Energy Charter, to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 90.]

Thursday 18th April 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.:

Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 25th April.

3 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cattewater Reclamation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 25th April.

4 Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 23rd April.

5 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 25th April.

6 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 25th April.

7 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 25th April.

8 London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 25th April.

9 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 25th April.

10 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 25th April.

11 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 23rd April.

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

13 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Sir Michael Neubert reported from the Committee on the London Underground Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 23rd April, at half-past Ten o’clock.

14 Select Committees.—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Memoranda were reported and ordered to lie upon the Table (see Appendix II).

15 New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords].—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 138].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 378].

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

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

17 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft European Communities (Employment in the Civil Service) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman).—It was agreed to.

18 Agriculture.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 5032/91 ADD1, ADD2 and ADD3 + COR 1, relating to prices for agricultural products and related measures (1991/1992), 4549/91, relating to the development and future of the Common Agricultural Policy, and the Court of Auditors’ Special Report No. 2/90, on the management and control of export refunds; and supports the Government’s intention to seek a price settlement that respects budgetary discipline and is consistent with the agricultural guideline, and to negotiate for further changes to the Common Agricultural Policy that make it more market-orientated, reduce its costs, lead to greater integration between agricultural and environmental policies and apply fairly throughout the Community.—(Mr John Selwyn Gummer.)

19 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 18th April 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Broadcasting.—Draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

2 Representation of the People.—Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Road Traffic,—International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 969), dated 9th April 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


Other Papers:

7 European Communities,—Statement on the 1991 Community Budget [by Command] [Cm. 1490] [Mr Francis Maude].

8 European Communities (No. 25, 1991),—Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 31st July 1990, between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation in the field of medical and health research [by Command] [Cm. 1488] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 Indemnities,—Office of Arts and Libraries Minute concerning indemnities given to owners of objects on loan to the British Museum [by Command] [Cm. 1488] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 Miscellaneous (No. 7, 1991),—International Agreement, done at Geneva on 3rd November 1989, on jute and jute products [by Command] [Cm. 1494] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

11 Transport Series (No. 13, 1991),—Amendment to Annex 1 of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP) 1970 [by Command] [Cm. 1468] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Transport,—(1) Fourth Report from the Transport Committee [Urban Public Transport: the Light Rail Option], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 14]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Transport Committee

[Mr David Marshall].

[No. 91.]

Friday 19th April 1991.

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

1 Mr Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of Mr Speaker’s absence from this day’s sitting, pursuant to leave given on 28th March.

Whereupon Mr Harold Walker, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

2 The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

3 Contingencies Fund, 1989–90,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1989–90, showing the receipts and payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1990, 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 Francis Maude.)

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

5 School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Secretary Clarke, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr Secretary Howard, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr David Mellor, Mr Tim Eggar, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Michael Fallon and Mr Robert Atkins, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the remuneration and other conditions of employment of schoolteachers; and for connected purposes: And the same
was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 22nd April and to be printed [Bill 137].

6 Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Enforcement action by local authorities in Scotland)—(Mr Peter Lloyd)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 24, to leave out Clause No. 3.—(Sir Trevor Skeet.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 3 to 11) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Clause No. 4 be transferred to the end of line 25 on page 4.—(Mr Peter Lloyd.)

Other Amendments (Nos. 13, 14, 16, 15 and 17) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to increase the penalties for the sale of tobacco to persons under the age of 16 years; to make other amendments of section 7 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and section 18 of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937; to prohibit the sale of unpackaged cigarettes; to require the publication of warning statements in retail premises and on vending machines; to make provision with respect to enforcement action by local authorities relating to offences connected with the sale of tobacco and to other matters; and for connected purposes.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

7 Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 Football (Offences) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Football (Offences) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

9 Water Requirements (Planning) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Requirements (Planning) 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 on Friday 3rd May.

10 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

11 Hare Coursing Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hare Coursing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

12 Reserve Free Travel Scheme (London) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reserve Free Travel Scheme (London) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

13 Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

14 Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.
15 Education Provision Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Provision Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th May.

16 Coal Imports Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Imports Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

17 Hospital Schools in London Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hospital Schools in London Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

18 Smoke Detectors Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Smoke Detectors Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

19 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd April.

[Adjourned at 3.4 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 19th April 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Contingencies Fund, 1989-90,—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 379] [Mr Francis Maude].

3 Interception of Communications,—Report of the Commissioner on Interception of Communications for 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1489] [The Prime Minister].

4 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) advisory services to agriculture,
(2) clearance of uncertified local authority grant claims in England and Wales, and
(3) National Health Service supplies in England

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 358, 359 and 357] [Clerk of the House].

Paper withdrawn:

Monday 22nd April 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Representation of the People Bill, without Amendment.

4 House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 26th March be printed [No. 209-4]

5 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

6 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

8 Funeral Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House considers there is a need for an investigation into the prices and practices of the funeral industry, with a view to seeking to provide a Bill to establish a funeral industry registration council and to give that council powers and functions for the regulation of firms and individuals offering funeral services and arrangements; to provide the council with powers and functions to ensure that persons employed as funeral directors shall be trained and qualified to approved levels and to require the registration of all firms and persons providing funeral services with the council; to impose requirements upon such firms and persons; to make provision for the adequate training of persons employed as funeral directors; to make provision for a code of conduct under which all such firms and persons shall provide funeral services and to ensure a satisfactory level of consumer protection for those services; to define offences under that code of conduct and to specify penalties; and to make provision for other related matters—(Mr Lawrence Cunliffe); And it being Seven o’clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business).

9 Coal Mining Subsidence Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Coal Mining Subsidence Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Purchase etc. of property affected by blight)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Compensation for consequential losses of small firms)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Advice centres)—(Mr Kevin Barron)—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 12, 28, 13 to 17, 29 to 37 and 18) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—
(Mr Kevin Barron.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

10 Business of the House,—Ordered. That, at this day’s sitting, the Coal Mining Subsidence Bill and the Ways and Means Motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

11 Coal Mining Subsidence Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Coal Mining Subsidence Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 27) be made:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 25 and 38 to 42) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

12 Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required for making grants to persons entitled to premiums under the Community suckler cow scheme; and

(b) any increase in the sums payable out of such money into the Forestry Fund which is attributable to any provision of that Act for the making of grants to the verderers of the New Forest.—(Mr David Maclean.)

13 Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the charging of fees in respect of the supervision of grading of livestock carcases pursuant to any Community obligation and the payment of such fees into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr David Maclean.)

14 Northern Ireland, — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Dangerous Vessels (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

15 Education, — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Education Reform Act 1988 (Application of Section 122 to Institutions in Wales) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 4th March, be approved—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

16 Customs Controls on Baggage,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 8353/90, relating to abolition of controls and formalities on cabin and checked baggage on intra-Community flights and sea crossings; supports the Government’s intention to ensure that Member States retain the right to carry out checks at the internal border to protect society against illegal importations of drugs and other prohibited goods, to control immigration and to counteract terrorism and other serious crime; and notes with concern the practical and infrastructural problems for airports that could be caused by the draft proposals—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

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

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 I

Monday 22nd April 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) (Scotland) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 986), and
   (2) Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 987),
   dated 11th April 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Environmental Protection,—Litter (Statutory Undertakers) (Designation and Relevant Land) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1043), dated 22nd April 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

3 Food,—Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) and Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 984), dated 13th April 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

Other Papers:

4 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on —
   (1) articles of cork and plaiting materials, brushes and brooms,
   (2) miscellaneous wooden articles, and
   (3) wooden containers
   [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

5 Museum of London,—Report and Accounts of the Museum of London for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Tim Renton].

6 National Health Service,—(1) Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 18th April 1991 on borrowing by the Doncaster Royal Infirmary and Montagu Hospital National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave]; and
   (2) Summarised Accounts of Health Authorities and Family Practitioner Committees in England and Wales, Summaries of the Accounts of the Dental Estimates Board and of Special Health Authorities providing central services in England and Wales and Summarised Accounts of Trust Funds held by Health Authorities, Special Health Authorities and Special Trustees in England and Wales, for 1988-89; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 376] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Health Service (Scotland),—Summarised Account of Health Boards, and Summaries of the Accounts of the Common Services Agency for Scotland, the State Hospital Management Committee, State Hospital, Carstairs and the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland, for 1988-89; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 375] [Clerk of the House].

8 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Report of the Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The European Fighter Aircraft], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 380],
   (2) Fifteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Manpower], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 381], and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 22nd April; to be printed [No. 382-i]
   [Mr Robert Sheldon].
Tuesday 23rd April 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Monmouth 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 Monmouth, in the room of Sir John Stradling Thomas, Knight, deceased. — (Mr Richard Ryder.)

2 Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill. — The Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

3 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords]. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords];

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

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

5 Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords]. — Mr Bernie Grant reported from the Committee on the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords], That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and directed him to report the same.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

6 Select Committees. — A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

7 Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords]. — Sir Anthony Meyer reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 383].

8 Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill. — The Order for reading the Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14th June.

9 Statutory Instruments, &c. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.— (Mr Timothy Wood) — It was agreed to.

10 Garden Supplies (Sunday Trading). — Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Fifth Schedule to the Shops Act 1950 to make lawful the sale of garden supplies on Sundays: And that Mrs Marion Roe, Mrs Rosie Barnes, Mr Roland Boyes, Mr Patrick Cormack, Dame Peggy Fenner, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Cecil Parkinson and Sir Timothy Raison do prepare and bring it in.

11 Garden Supplies (Sunday Trading) Bill. — Mrs Marion Roe accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Fifth Schedule to the Shops Act 1950 to make lawful the sale of garden supplies on Sundays: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd May and to be printed [Bill 140].

12 Ports Bill. — The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Ports Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Financial assistance for proposals to maximise employee participation in equity of successor companies) — (Mr Patrick McLoughlin) — brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Financial assistance for proposal to maximise employee participation in equity of the company) — (Mr Patrick McLoughlin) — brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Treatment of net proceeds of disposal of ownership)—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (The required provision for the protection of pension rights)—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Supplementary and consequential provisions relating to levy under section 16)—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—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 Sydney Chapman, Mr Tim Boswell: 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mrs Llin Golding: 164.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Consultative machinery)—(Joan Walley)—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 Thomas McAvoy, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie: 166.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Sydney Chapman: 210.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

'(f) any harbour authority which has not received any grant from public funds other than any grants under the Enterprise Scheme during a period of five years ending with the passing of this Act'.—(Mr John Ward.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 5 to 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 60) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—

'(c) he shall require the memorandum and articles of the company to determine port activities as the main activity of that company'.—(Joan Walley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

13 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Ports Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

14 Ports Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Ports Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 60) be made.

Question put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 44, at the end, to insert the words—

'(6A) If, after consulting an authority as provided in subsection (6) above it appears to the Secretary of State that a direction under subsections (2) and (3) above ought not to be given to that authority, he shall not give the authority such a direction at any time within a period of five years commencing with the date on which he first so consulted the authority'.—(Mr John Ward.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 54) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 41, to leave out 'f5 million' and insert 'f13 million', instead thereof.—(Mr James Wallace.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Alex Carlile: 95.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Tim Boswell: 176.

Another Amendment (No. 42) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 26, after the word 'order', to insert the words which shall not come into effect until it has been laid before and approved by both Houses of Parliament'.—(Mr Stuart Bell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 36, to leave out the word 'ten' and insert the word 'fifty', instead thereof.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Greg Knight, Mr David Davis: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Allen McKay: 52.

Other Amendments (Nos. 9 and 27 to 36) made to the Bill.

**Wednesday 24th April 1991**

Another Amendment (No. 65) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 19, after the word 'activities', to insert the words 'within the curtilage of the Port of Tilbury'.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 to 13, 4 and 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 72) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 33, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 15 to 18, 37, 19, 75, 76, 22 and 23) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 48) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 19, at the end, to insert the words—

'The scheme of transfer under section (2) of this Act shall contain provisions for the setting up of mirror-image pension schemes identical in all ways to any scheme operated by or funded in whole or in part by that authority. The amount being transferred in bulk from one scheme to another is to be the amount held in respect of each member's accrued pension benefits, allowing for expected future pay increases. Any existing accrued benefit in the scheme prior to transfer must be retained in the new scheme for the lifetime of that scheme. Bulk transfers without consent should be conditional upon the actuary to the transferring scheme supplying a certificate of broad equivalence. Pensionable service shall be regarded as not having terminated in any change of scheme'.—(Joan Walley.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 24) 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 Timothy Wood, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 30.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

15 Employment and Training.—Resolved, That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 21st March, be approved.—(Mr Robert Jackson.)

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

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 23rd April 1991*

**Papers presented or laid upon the Table:**

1 Housing.—Housing (Prescribed Forms) (No. 2) (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 974), dated 19th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

Other Papers:

3 Dartford-Thurrock Crossing,—Report and Accounts of Dartford River Crossing Limited for the period 1st October 1989 to 30th September 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Police Complaints Authority,—(1) Report of the Police Complaints Authority for 1990, and (2) Review of the Police Complaints Authority for 1988-91 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 351 and 352] [Mr Secretary Baker].

5 Supply Estimates, 1991-92,—Summer Supplementary Estimates for 1991-92 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 377] [Mr Francis Maude].

6 Treaty Series (No. 24, 1991),—Notes exchanged at Berne on 29th September and 23rd November 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Federal Council further amending the Agreement for air services between and beyond their respective territories done at London on 5th April 1950 [by Command] [Cm. 1498] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Statutory Instruments,—Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xvi] [Mr Bob Cryer].

[No. 94.]

Wednesday 24th April 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Shard Bridge Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Shard Bridge Bill; and the same were agreed to.

2 Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) Bill [Lords],—The Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

4 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Sir Michael Neubert reported from the Committee on the London Underground Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 30th April, at Eleven o'clock.

5 Armed Forces Bill,—Mr John Wilkinson reported from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House; and be printed [Bill 144].

Committee to-morrow.

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

7 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

8 Gaming (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—Mr Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee C. That it had gone through the Gaming (Amendment) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title, as follows: An Act to amend section 31 of the Gaming Act 1968 so as to increase from two to four the maximum number of gaming machines which may be made available on premises licensed under that Act; and to increase from two to three the maximum number of such machines which may be made available in premises registered under that Act.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 10th May; and to be printed [Bill 143].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 391].

9 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the National Health Service Training Authority (Abolition) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 327), referred to a Committee on 15th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 392].

10 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 8745/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 6th March 1991, relating to sweeteners for use in foodstuffs; and supports the Government’s intention to provide the maximum safeguard for consumers by limiting the use of sweeteners in food to the minimum amount necessary to fulfil the function intended and above all in accordance with the acceptable daily intake levels approved by the independent expert safety committees.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

11 Disability Discrimination Bill,—The Order for reading the Disability Discrimination Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17th May.

12 Veterans Bill,—The Order for reading the Veterans Bill a second time on Friday 3rd May was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

13 Health and Safety at Work (Tobacco Smoking) Bill,—Mr Alan Amos, supported by Mr George Foulkes, Mr Roger Sims, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr John Bowis and Mr Roger Gale, presented a Bill to amend the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 so as to provide for the control of smoking in places of work; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th May and to be printed [Bill 141].

14 Local Authorities (Street Lighting),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require relevant local authorities to make an annual assessment of street lighting needs; to set standards of quality, maintenance and improvement; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Alan Meale, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Don Dixon, Mr George Robertson, Joan Walley, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, Mr Jimmy Wray, Mr George J. Buckley, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse and Mr Ray Powell do prepare and bring it in.

15 Local Authorities (Street Lighting) Bill,—Mr Alan Meale accordingly presented a Bill to require relevant local authorities to make an annual assessment of street lighting needs; to set standards of quality, maintenance and improvement; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 142].

16 Atomic Weapons Establishment Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Atomic Weapons Establishment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 22, to leave out from the word ‘for’ to the end of line 23 and insert the words ‘an Executive Agency within the Civil Service of the Crown to carry out designated activities at the premises; and’, instead thereof. (Mr Allan Rogers.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ken Eastham, Mrs Llin Golding: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Tom Sackville: 219.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 8, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3A) The Secretary of State shall not make arrangements under subsection (3) above with any company—

(a) in respect of which more than 10 per cent. of the relevant share capital is held by—
(i) a person who is not a British subject entitled to residence in the United Kingdom, or
(ii) a company in respect of which a majority of the relevant share capital is held by a person or persons who are not British subjects entitled to residence in the United Kingdom, or
(b) which is a subsidiary of a company which would be caught by paragraph (a) above, or
(c) which does not fall within paragraph (a) or (b) above, but which nevertheless appears to the Secretary of State to be under the effective control of a person or a company defined in paragraph (a) (i) or (ii) above,
and if paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) above apply to a contractor at any time, then any arrangements made by the Secretary of State with that contractor shall be terminated forthwith, any contract between the Secretary of State and that contractor shall be void forthwith, and no compensation shall be payable to a contractor on account of such termination or voiding. — (Mr Allan Rogers.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Amendment (No. 14) 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 Sydney Chapman, Mr Tim Boswell: 208.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie: 155.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

17 Broadcasting.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Broadcasting (Restrictions on the Holding of Licences) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 28th March, be approved— (Mr Peter Lloyd);
The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Tim Boswell: 163.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie: 102.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the draft Broadcasting (Restrictions on the Holding of Licences) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 28th March, be approved.

18 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Louise Freeman against the use of animals for experiments in connection with cosmetics was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

19 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (Mr Sydney Chapman.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 11.10 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Wednesday 24th April 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 National Health Service,—Special Hospitals Service Authority (Functions and Membership) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1025), dated 17th April 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

Other Papers:

5 Atomic Energy Authority,—Five Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 16th April 1991 on borrowing by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority [by Act ] [Mr Francis Maude].


7 Government Trading Funds,—Accounts of Her Majesty's Stationery Office Trading Fund for 1990; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 334] [Clerk of the House].

8 National Heritage,—Account of the Board of Trustees of the Armouries for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 387] [Clerk of the House].

9 Port of London,—Report and Accounts of the Port of London Authority for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Severn Bridge Tolls,—Account of the Severn Bridge Tolls for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 386] [Clerk of the House].

11 Social Services,—Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Social Services Committee, Session 1989-90, on community care: services for people with a mental handicap and people with a mental illness [by Command] [Cm. 1522] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Data Protection Registration Fee Order 1991, viz.: Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Harry Cohen, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr Michael Grylls, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Greg Knight, Dame Jill Knight, Mr Peter Lloyd, Sir Neil MacFarlane, Alice Mahon, Sir David Mitchell, Emma Nicholson, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Mr William Powell, Mr Keith Raffan, Mr Stuart Randall, Mr Mike Watson and Mr Jimmy Wray.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Sir Richard Body, Mr George J. Buckley, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr John Cummings, Sir Ian Gilmour, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Jeremy Hanley, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Kevin McNamara, Sir Peter Morrison, Mr David Mudd, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Colin Shepherd, Sir Dudley Smith, Mr Andy Stewart, Mr John D. Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr Dennis Canavan, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Harry Ewing, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr Peter Fry, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Robert Hayward, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr John McFall, Mr William McKelvey, Sir Michael Marshall, Mr John Maxton, Mrs Ray Michie, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr David Porter and Mr Bill Walker.

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Communities (Employment in the Civil Service) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Alan Amos, Mr A. J. Beith, Sir Peter Blacker, Mr Gerald Bowden, Mr A. E. P. Duffly, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr David Evans, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Sir Norman Fowler, Mildred Gordon, Kate Hoey, Dr John Marek, Mr John Marshall, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Tim Renton, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Nicholas Soames and Mr John M. Taylor.
5 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1991, the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 and the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr Gerald Bowden, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Tom Cox, Mr Alistair Darling, Mr Quintin Davies, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Maureen Hicks, Mr John Hughes, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mr Gordon McMaster, Sir Hector Mono, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Graham Riddick, Mrs Angela Rumbold and Mr Dennis Turner.

6 European Standing Committee B,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from European Standing Committee B Mr George J. Buckley; and had appointed in substitution Mr Robert N. Wareing.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—(1) Special Report from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 179]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; some to be printed [No. 179-viii]
[Mr John Wilkinson].

2 Defence,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 24th April; to be printed [Nos. 393 and 394]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Defence Committee
[Mr Michael Mates].

3 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 208-vi] [Mr Ted Leadbitter].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 24th April; to be printed [Nos. 389-i and -ii] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

5 European Legislation,—Seventeenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xvii] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 143-x] [Mr David Howell].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 24th April; to be printed [No. 395-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

8 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 226-viii] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

9 Transport,—(1) Second Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Observations on the First Report from the Committee, Session 1990-91 (Aircraft Cabin Safety)]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 385]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 162-viii]
[Mr David Marshall].

10 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 390-i] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA
Wednesday 24th April 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the draft Data Protection Registration Fee Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(2) the draft Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(3) the draft Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 1991 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(4) the draft European Communities (Employment in the Civil Service) Order 1991 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(5) the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Regulations 1991, the draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1991 and the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Forestry Bill;

(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Data Protection Registration Fee Order 1991;

(3) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the National Health Service Trusts (Consultation Before Establishment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991; and

(4) Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Communities (Employment in the Civil Service) Order 1991.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referrals have been made:

(1) European Community Document No. 5491/91, relating to the application of the levy in the milk and milk products sector, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Document No. 4822/91, relating to rates of excise duty on mineral oils, to European Standing Committee B.

4 European Standing Committees,—The Select Committee on European Legislation has withdrawn its recommendations [27th February and 6th March] that European Community Documents Nos. 4433/91, relating to the Annual Economic Report for 1990-91, and 4345/91, relating to relief of ACP debt to the Community, be further considered; and the Documents no longer stand referred to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 95.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 2nd May.

2 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cattewater Reclamation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd May.

3 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd May.

4 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd May.

5 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd May.
6 London Underground (King's Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King's Cross) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd May.

7 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd May.

8 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd May.

9 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd May.

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

11 Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 146].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 397].

12 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geraint Howells reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 15th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 396].

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

Llanelli Borough Council (Dafen Estuary) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable all rights of navigation over part of the river Dafen in south Llanelli to be extinguished; and for connected or other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

14 Llanelli Borough Council (Dafen Estuary) Bill [Lords],—The Llanelli Borough Council (Dafen Estuary) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

15 Social Security (Contributions) Bill,—Mr Secretary Newton, supported by Mr Secretary Baker, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Heald, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Nicholas Scott and Ann Widdecombe, presented a Bill to introduce contributions under the Social Security Act 1975 in respect of cars made available for private use and car fuel: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 145].

16 Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Powers of SNH with regard to storage of radioactive waste)—(Mr Brian Wilson)—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 Thomas McAvoy: 93.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Timothy Wood: 132.

Another Clause (SNH's powers in relation to private roads)—(Mr Sam Galbraith)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Special power of SNH to seek habitat management orders)—(Mr Sam Galbraith)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Clause (Access to the countryside)—(Mr Dennis Canavan)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 9 to 18) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 45, line 12, to leave out the word ‘quarter’ and insert the word ‘third’, instead thereof.—(Mr Sam Galbraith.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 23) 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.

17 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

18 Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Question being again proposed, That the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] 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, with Amendments.

19 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Great Harwood in Lancashire for better local traffic management was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

20 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) D. N. Campbell-Savours, a Member of the House, for an extension of parliamentary privilege, and

(2) Dean L. Honey for justice

were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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
Thursday 25th April 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Veterinary Surgeons,—Draft Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (German Democratic Republic Qualifications) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Alphavision Communications Grim-Clee Limited) (Grimsby and Cleethorpes) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1044), and


dated 22nd April 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

4 Census of Production,—Report on the Census of Production, 1989, on spirit distilling and compounding [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

5 Coal Industry,—Five Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 16th April 1991 on borrowing by British Coal [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].
6 House of Commons Members' Fund,—Report of the Government Actuary on the general financial position of the House of Commons Members' Fund as at 30th September 1988 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 330] [Mr Alfred Morris].

7 Local Government Finance,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th April 1991 on borrowing by the Audit Commission [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

8 New Towns (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th April 1991 on borrowing by Livingston Development Corporation [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

9 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
   (1) Alphavision Communication Grim-Clee Limited in respect of the cable franchise for Grimsby and Cleethorpes, and
   (2) Telecommunications Network Limited in respect of the cable franchise in the London Borough of Bromley
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 25th April 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—
(1) Mr David Knox an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Forestry Bill;
(2) Sir John Hunt an additional Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Data Protection Registration Fee Order 1991; and
(3) Mr Geraint Howells an additional Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Communities (Employment in the Civil Service) Order 1991.

Friday 26th April 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from governors, teachers and parents of St. Francis of Assisi Primary School, Notting Hill, for action to close a street so as to facilitate redevelopment of the school was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

3 Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.
   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Pig Husbandry Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Pig Husbandry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
   A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order for consideration of the Bill be discharged and the Bill be withdrawn—(Sir Richard Body);
   And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

5 Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.
   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Building Conversion and Energy Conservation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Conversion and Energy Conservation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.

7 Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.

8 Young Persons (Alcohol Abuse) Etc. Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Young Persons (Alcohol Abuse) Etc. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.

9 Established Church Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Established Church Bill;

Mr Nicholas Scott 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

10 Leasehold Reform Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Reform Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.

11 Forestry Commission Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Forestry Commission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.

12 Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Bill,—The Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

13 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

14 Hare Coursing Bill,—The Hare Coursing Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

15 Reserve Free Travel Scheme (London) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reserve Free Travel Scheme (London) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

16 Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.

17 Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.

18 Coal Imports Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Imports Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.

19 Hospital Schools in London Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hospital Schools in London Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd May.

20 Smoke Detectors Bill,—The Smoke Detectors Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr David Davis 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.

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

And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Madam Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twelve minutes past Three o'clock, till Monday 29th April.

[Adjourned at 3.12 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 26th April 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Income Tax.—(1) Income Tax (Employments) (No. 21) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1080), and

(2) Income Tax (Sub-contractors in the Construction Industry) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1081),

dated 25th April 1991 [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

Other Papers:

2 Atomic Energy,—Report and Accounts of British Nuclear Fuels plc for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

3 European Communities (No. 26, 1991),—Second Protocol, done at Brussels on 16th July 1990, laying down the conditions relating to fishing provided for in the Agreement on Fisheries between the European Economic Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Local Government of Greenland, on the other [by Command] [Cm. 1496] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

4 Miscellaneous (No. 6, 1991),—Report on Hong Kong for 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1527] [Mr Secretary Hurd].


6 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 25th April 1991 on borrowing by the Epsom Health Care National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

7 Treaty Series (No. 25, 1991),—Notes exchanged at Paris on 11th October and 9th November 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning Article 3, paragraph 3, of the Treaty concerning the construction and operation by private concessionaires of a Channel fixed link [by Command] [Cm. 1495] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 Treaty Series (No. 26, 1991),—Notes exchanged at London on 18th December 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Argentina concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Argentina Debt Agreement No. 3 (1989)) [by Command] [Cm. 1497] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

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

PRAYERS.

1 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).

2 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

   Consolidation, &c., Bills,—The Lords communicate that they have ordered that the Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, be referred to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill,—Lords Amendment to the Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill to be considered to-morrow.

5 Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message this day as relates to the Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] be now considered.

   So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

   Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in their Resolution.

   Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

6 School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions (No. 2) 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 unacceptable powers to the Secretary of State to issue directions to the Pay Review Body, undermining its independence of judgment; which contains no proposals to raise teachers’ professionalism by the establishment of a General Teachers’ Council; which makes clear that Her Majesty’s Government has broken faith with the profession by failing to meet its own deadline to restore pay settlement machinery by 1990 and has broken faith with honourable and Right honourable Members by giving explanations as to the reasons for the delay in securing a Report stage of the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Bill which were disingenuous; and because the policies of Her Majesty’s Government have led to a serious decline in the morale, motivation, recruitment and retention of teachers, and in their relative pay’, instead thereof.

   (Mr Jack Straw.)

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

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie: 200.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 310.

   So the Question was negatived.

   And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Amendment on second or third reading):—It was agreed to.

   The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

7 School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill [Money];

   Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

   (a) any expenses of the Secretary of State under that Act, and
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(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums so payable under any other
Act.—(Mr Michael Fallon.)

8 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble
Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Education (National Curriculum)
(Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Geography) (England) Order 1991
(S.I., 1991, No. 678), dated 13th March 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House
on 25th March, be annulled.—(Mr Jack Straw);
And it being half-past Eleven o’clock, Mr Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant
to Standing Order No. 15 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative
procedure)).
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Allen McKay: 184.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 289.
So the Question was negatived.

9 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to
Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the
draft Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on
19th February, be approved.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

10 Sweeteners for Use in Foodstuffs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put
forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That
this House takes note of European Community Document No. 8745/90 and the
supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food on 6th March 1991, relating to sweeteners for use in foodstuffs; and
supports the Government’s intention to provide the maximum safeguard for consumers
by limiting the use of sweeteners in food to the minimum amount necessary to fulfil the
function intended and above all in accordance with the acceptable daily intake levels
approved by the independent expert safety committees.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was
agreed to.

11 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at to-morrow’s sitting, the Motions in the name of
Mr Francis Maude relating to Estimates and Supplementary Estimates 1991-92
(Class VIII, Vote 14) (Community charge and rate rebate grants, emergency assistance
to local authorities, non-domestic rates outturn payments, etc., England), (Class XV,
Vote 22) (Rate rebate grants, transitional relief and community charge reduction grants,
Scotland) and (Class XVI, Vote 11) (Rate rebate grants and community charge reduction
grants, Wales) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock
or for one and a half hours after the first of them has been entered upon, whichever is the
later; and, if those proceedings have not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall
at that hour put successively the Questions necessary to dispose of them.—(Mr Timothy
Wood.)

12 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 1st May, if proceedings
on the Motion in the name of Mr John MacGregor relating to Broadcasting, &c., have
not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at Seven o’clock put the Question or
Questions necessary to dispose of them, including the Questions on any Amendments to
the said Motion which he may have selected.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.12 a.m.

APPENDIX I
Monday 29th April 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Estate Agents.—Estate Agents (Specified Offences) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1091),
dated 29th April 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Vehicles (Type Approval for Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1021), and
   (2) Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1022),
dated 16th April 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Alphavision Communications Lincoln Limited) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1069), and
   (2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Greater Manchester Cablevision Limited) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1070),
dated 23rd April 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


Other Papers:

7 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas,—Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 366] [Mr Secretary Lang].

8 Prisons (Scotland),—Report on prisons in Scotland for 1989-90 [by Command] [Cm. 1499] [Mr Secretary Lang].

9 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to
   (1) Alphavision Communications Lincoln Limited in respect of the Lincoln cable franchise, and
   (2) Greater Manchester Cablevision Limited in respect of the Central Manchester cable franchise
under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Paper withdrawn:


APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 29th April; to be printed [No. 398-i] [Mr John MacGregor].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 29th April 1991

Public Bills (Scotland),—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 93 (Public bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 98.]

Tuesday 30th April 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill; and the same was agreed to.
2 Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

4 Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords].—Mr David Knox reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 151].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 402].

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr Geraint Howells reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft European Communities (Employment in the Civil Service) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 18th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 400].

6 Ban of Imports (Child Labour) Bill.—Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, supported by Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Jimmy Wray, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Alan Meale, Mr John Hughes, Mr Frank Cook, Mr Don Dixon, Mr George Galloway, Mr Keith Vaz and Mr Mike Watson, presented a Bill to prohibit the sale of imported goods the manufacture of which has involved child labour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 148].

7 Gaming Machines (Prohibition on Use by Persons under Eighteen) Bill.—Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, supported by Mr Alan Meale, Mr John Hughes, Dr John Reid, Mr David Marshall, Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Michael J. Martin, Mr Robert Litherland, Mr Stanley Orme and Mr Thomas Graham, presented a Bill to prohibit the use of gaming machines in cafes, small shops, amusement arcades, snack bars, fairgrounds and other places by persons under the age of eighteen: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 149].

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Estate Agents (Specified Offences) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1091) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Estate Agents (Undesirable Practices) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1032) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

10 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Employment Codes of Practice (Revocation) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

11 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (German Democratic Republic Qualifications) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

12 Abolition of Political Honours.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish political honours; and for connected purposes—(Mr Tony Banks);

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. 19 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at the commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Teddy Taylor, Mrs Teresa Gorman: 90.

So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish political honours; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Tony Banks, Mr Bruce Grocott, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Don Dixon, Mr David Winnick, Alice Mahon, Maria Fyfe, Mr Paul Flynn, Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Dennis Skinner and Mr Harry Cohen do prepare and bring it in.

Abolition of Political Honours Bill.—Mr Tony Banks accordingly presented a Bill to abolish political honours; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th May and to be printed [Bill 150].

Finance Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Jack Thompson: 209.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14 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 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. 61 (Committal of bills).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Wallace, Mr Archy Kirkwood: 28.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14 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.

Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1991-92 (Class VIII, Vote 14).—Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £4,834,497,000, and including a supplementary sum of £4,013,497,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on grants to local authorities in respect of the community charge and certain related administrative expenses; on rate rebate grants; on emergency financial assistance to local authorities; and on repayments of excess contributions made by local authorities and other bodies in respect of non-domestic rates in 1990-91.—(Mr Robert Key.)

Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1991-92 (Class XV, Vote 22).—Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £520,381,000, and including a supplementary sum of £431,000,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Scottish Office Environment Department on grants to local authorities in respect of the community charge and certain related administrative expenses; on rate rebate and transitional relief grants; and on the special payments scheme to local authorities in Scotland.—(Mr Robert Key.)

Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1991-92 (Class XVI, Vote 11).—Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £333,187,000, and including a supplementary sum of £333,000,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Welsh Office on residual rate rebate for the disabled grants, grants
to local authorities in Wales in respect of the community charge and certain related administrative expenses.—(Mr Robert Key.)

18 Consolidated Fund,—Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the three foregoing Resolutions relating to Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1991-92: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr David Mellor, Mr Francis Maude, Mrs Gillian Shephard and Mr John Maples do prepare and bring it in.

19 Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill,—Mr Francis Maude accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on 31st March 1992: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 139].

20 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Timothy Wood);

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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-nine minutes past Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.29 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 30th April 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Financial Services,—(1) Draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Delegation) (No. 2) Order 1991, and

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

2 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—

(1) electrical equipment for industrial use, and batteries and accumulators,
(2) measuring, checking and precision instruments and apparatus,
(3) motor vehicles and their engines,
(4) motor vehicle bodies, trailers and caravans, and
(5) motor vehicle parts
[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

3 Employment Protection,—Report of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

4 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 30th April 1991 on borrowing by the Royal Liverpool University Hospital Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Members’ Interests,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Members’ Interests on 30th April; to be printed [No. 388-I] [Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith].

2 Social Security,—(1) First Report from the Social Security Committee [Low Income Statistics: Households Below Average Income Tables, 1988]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 401];

(2) Second Report from the Social Security Committee [Changes in Maintenance Arrangements]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 277-I]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Social Security Committee
[Mr Frank Field].
3 Statutory Instruments,—Seventeenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xvii] [Mr Bob Cryer].

[No. 99.]

Wednesday 1st May 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

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

3 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Sir Michael Neubert reported from the Committee on the London Underground Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned beyond the next sitting day.

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

5 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

6 Forestry Bill,—Mr David Knox reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Forestry Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 10th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 404].

7 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir John Hunt reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Data Protection Registration Fee Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 17th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 405].

8 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the National Health Service Trusts (Consultation before Establishment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 358) referred to a Committee on 15th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 410].

9 River Safety Bill,—The Order for reading the River Safety Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

10 National Enterprise (Reconstruction) Board,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a National Enterprise (Reconstruction) Board to identify and evaluate possibilities for commercial investment by Her Majesty's Government: And that Mr Gerald Howarth, Sir Marcus Fox, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mr John Carlisle, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr Robert Hayward, Mr Jack Aspinwall, Mr John Watts, Mr Roger King, Mr Terry Dicks and Mr Michael Brown do prepare and bring it in.

11 National Enterprise (Reconstruction) Board Bill,—Mr Gerald Howarth accordingly presented a Bill to establish a National Enterprise (Reconstruction) Board to identify and evaluate possibilities for commercial investment by Her Majesty's Government: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 152].

12 Broadcasting, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Select Committee on Broadcasting, &c., in its First Report (House of Commons Paper No. 11) (Mr John MacGregor);

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 'takes note of the First Report of the Select Committee on Broadcasting, &c., (House of Commons Paper No. 11), but
declines to approve a Report which fails to establish a Broadcasting Unit as a Department of the House as recommended in paragraph 106 of the First Report of the Select Committee on Televising of Proceedings of the House (House of Commons Paper No. 141, Session 1988–89), fails to provide a continuous satellite feed of House of Commons proceedings under the direct auspices of the House, and fails to prohibit the possible exploitation of the House of Commons' signal through commercial sponsorship, instead thereof. (Mr Bruce Grocott.)

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

And it being Seven o'clock, Madam Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order [29th April], put the Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Allen McKay: 70.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Nicholas Baker: 155.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House agrees with the Select Committee on Broadcasting, &c., in its First Report (House of Commons Paper No. 11).

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

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Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


(2) draft Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (Designated Countries and Territories) (Amendment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Foreign Affairs,—Government Observations on the First Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1990-91, on United Kingdom policy towards South Africa and the other states of the region [by Command] [Cm. 1525] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

4 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 30th April 1991 on borrowing by the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

5 Procedure,—Government Response to the Second Report of the Select Committee on Procedure, Session 1989-90, on the working of the select committee system [by Command] [Cm. 1532] [Mr John MacGregor].

6 Treaty Series (No. 27, 1991),—Amendments, adopted and approved by the Assembly of INMARSAT at its fourth session in London on 16th October 1985, to the Convention and Operating Agreement on the International Maritime Satellite Organisation (INMARSAT) [by Command] [Cm. 1493] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 Treaty Series (No. 28, 1991),—Notes exchanged at Tokyo on 10th September 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
Government of Japan further amending the Schedule annexed to the Air Services Agreement of 29th December 1952 [by Command] [Cm. 1492] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill, viz.: Mr Alan Amos, Hilary Armstrong, Mr John Bowis, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Michael Carttiss, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Tim Eggar, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Derek Fatchett, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Ken Hargreaves, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Mr Michael Irvine, Mr Edward O'Hara, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Patrick Thompson and Mr Timothy Wood.

2 Standing Committee B,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated forty-one Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14), viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr John Battle, Margaret Beckett, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Alistair Burt, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Nigel Forman, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr William Hague, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Roger King, Mr John McFall, Mr Keith Mans, Mr John Maples, Dr John Marek, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Francis Maude, Mr David Mellor, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr James Paine, Mr Graham Riddick, Mr David Shaw, Mrs Gillian Shephard, Mr Chris Smith, Mr Tim Smith, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr James Wallace and Mr John Watts.

3 Standing Committee C,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Hare Coursing Bill, viz.: Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mrs Rosie Barnes, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr Andrew Bowden, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Jeremy Day, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mr Peter Lloyd, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mr Teddy Taylor, Mr Kenneth Warren and Dr Mike Woodcock.

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Estate Agents (Specified Offences) (No. 2) Order 1991 and the Estate Agents (Undesirable Practices) (No. 2) Order 1991, viz.: Mr David Atkinson, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Vivian Bendall, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Churchill, Mr David Clelland, Mr David Davis, Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Mr David Evennett, Mr Tony Favell, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr Edward Leigh and Mr Austin Mitchell.

5 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (German Democratic Republic Qualifications) Order 1991, viz.: Sir Rhodes Boyson, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr Hugh Dykes, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mr Neil Hamilton, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Calum Macnald, Mr David Maclean, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Elliot Morley and Mr Peter L. Pike.

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Henry Bellingham (nominated in respect of the draft Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Andrew MacKay.

7 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Employment Codes of Practice (Revocation) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Tony Banks, Mr Tony Benn, Mr Andrew Boff, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mr Jim Callaghan, Mr John Carlisle, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr John Evans, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Cecil Franks, Mr Douglas French, Sir George Gardiner, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Peter Thurnham and Mr James Wallace.

8 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Alistair Darling and Mr Graham Riddick (nominated in respect of
the draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1991, the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 and the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Regulations 1991; and had appointed in substitution Mr Jim Lester and Joan Lester.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 66-iii] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Employment,—(1) First Special Report from the Employment Committee [Government Reply to the Second Report of the Committee, Session 1990-91, on Recruitment Practices]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 1st May; to be printed [Nos. 406 and 407-i] [Mr Ron Leighton].

3 Energy,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Energy Committee [Government Observations on the First Report from the Committee, Session 1990-91, on Safety in Coal Mines]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 403]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 208-vii] [Mr Ted Leadbitter].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 263-v] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

5 European Legislation,—Eighteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xviii] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Health,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 1st May; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Health Committee; to be printed [Nos. 409-i and 408] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 1st May; to be printed [No. 411-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

8 Treasury and Civil Service,—Third Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [The System of Notes and Coins], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 245] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

9 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 390-ii] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA
Wednesday 1st May 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—
   (1) the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill to Standing Committee A;
   (2) the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77; and Schedule No. 14) to Standing Committee B;
   (3) the Hare Coursing Bill to Standing Committee C;
   (4) the Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Bill to the Second Scottish Standing Committee;
   (5) the Estate Agents (specified Offences) (No. 2) Order 1991 and the Estate Agents (Undesirable Practices) (No. 2) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
   (6) the draft Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (German Democratic Republic Qualifications) Order 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
   (7) the draft Employment Codes of Practice (Revocation) Order 1991 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
2 Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr David Knox Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill;

(2) Mr Michael Shersby and Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14);

(3) Mr Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Hare Coursing Bill;

(4) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Estate Agents (Specified Offences) (No. 2) Order 1991 and the Estate Agents (Undesirable Practices) (No. 2) Order 1991;

(5) Sir Michael Shaw Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (German Democratic Republic Qualifications) Order 1991;

(6) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 4084/91, relating to action to protect the environment in certain coastal areas and coastal waters (NORSPA); and

(7) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 8597/90 and COR I, relating to unfair terms in consumer contracts.

3 European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referrals have been made:

(1) European Community Document No. 5518/91, relating to veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Document No. 5577/91, relating to the future of the ECSC Treaty, to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 100.]

Thursday 2nd May 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 9th May.

2 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill.—The London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

3 Cattewater Reclamation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cattewater Reclamation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th May.

4 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th May.

5 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th May.

6 London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th May.

7 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th May.

8 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th May.

9 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th May.

10 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).

11 London Underground Bill and London Underground (No. 2) Bill.—Sir Michael Neubert reported from the Committee on the London Underground Bill and the London Underground (No. 2) Bill, That it had, pursuant to the Instruction [17th April], consolidated the said Bills into one Bill, as follows: A Bill to empower London Regional Transport and London Underground Limited to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on London Regional Transport and London Underground; and for other purposes.

Sir Michael Neubert further reported from the Committee, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preambles of the two Bills, and consolidated those Preambles, and amended the same so as to make them consistent with the provisions of the consolidated Bill and found the Preamble, so consolidated and amended, to be true; and had gone through the consolidated Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and directed him to report the same.

Bill, as amended, to lie upon the Table.

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

13 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

14 Pig Husbandry Bill,—Ordered, That the Debate on the Question proposed on Friday 26th April on consideration of the Pig Husbandry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Order for consideration of the Bill be discharged and the Bill be withdrawn, be resumed to-morrow.

15 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 635) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

16 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 636) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

17 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 637) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

18 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1990-91) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 854) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

19 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1991-92) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 855) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

20 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Community Charges (Levying, Collection and Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 856) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.
21 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 827) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

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

23 Parliamentary Contributory Pensions Fund,—Ordered, That, in pursuance of section 1 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1972, Mrs Marion Roe be appointed a Managing Trustee of the Parliamentary Contributory Pensions Fund in the room of the late Sir John Stradling Thomas.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

24 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from general practitioners, members of the Community Council and citizens of the Burgh and District of Brechin for the improvement of facilities at Brechin Infirmary was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

25 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tim Boswell.) 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 2nd May 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Measures passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled—

   (1) the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure, and
   (2) the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 416 and 418] [Clerk of the House].

2 Road Traffic.—Draft Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts in Rear Seats by Adults) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Protection of Wrecks,—Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 1) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1110), dated 1st May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:

4 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Reports by the Ecclesiastical Committee upon—

   (1) the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure, and
   (2) the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 417 and 419] [Clerk of the House].

5 New Towns (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th April 1991 on borrowing by Glenrothes Development Corporation [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

Paper withdrawn:

6 Broadcasting.—Draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Order 1991 [laid 18th April].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Henry Bellingham (nominated in respect of the Estate Agents (Specified Offences) (No. 2) Order 1991 and the Estate Agents (Undesirable Practices) (No. 2) Order 1991), and had appointed in substitution Mr Charles Wardle.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—Parts of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on—

(1) 11th July, in the last Session of Parliament;
(2) 28th November; and
(3) 5th December;

to be printed [Nos. 413-i, 414-i and 415-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 2nd May 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Estate Agents (Specified Offences) (No. 2) Order 1991 and the Estate Agents (Undesirable Practices) (No. 2) Order 1991, in place of Mr Norman Hogg; and

(2) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 8597/90 and COR I, relating to unfair terms in consumer contracts, in place of Sir Anthony Meyer.

[No. 101.]

Friday 3rd May 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.:

Llanelli Borough Council (Dafen Estuary) Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 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.:

Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill.

Bill committed.

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

4 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

5 Value Added Tax (Overcharging) Bill,—Mr Nigel Griffiths, supported by Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Harry Cohen, Dr Norman A. Godman and Dr John Reid, presented a Bill to make it an offence to charge value added tax at a higher rate than that in force at the time of supply of the goods or services upon which the tax is charged: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 153].

6 Property Misdescriptions Bill (changed from Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) Bill),—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Property Misdescriptions Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
7 Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 Pig Husbandry Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Pig Husbandry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 26th April, That the Order for consideration of the Bill be discharged and the Bill be withdrawn;

And the Question being again proposed:—The Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Friday 10th May.

9 Nurse Prescribing Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nurse Prescribing 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.

10 Training and Enterprise Councils Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Training and Enterprise Councils Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

11 Garden Supplies (Sunday Trading) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Garden Supplies (Sunday Trading) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

12 Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

13 Young Persons (Alcohol Abuse) Etc. Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Young Persons (Alcohol Abuse) Etc. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

14 Leasehold Reform Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Reform Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

15 Forestry Commission Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Forestry Commission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

16 Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

17 Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

18 Coal Imports Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Imports Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

19 Hospital Schools in London Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hospital Schools in London Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

20 Social Security (Contributions) Bill.—Ordered. That, in respect of the Social Security (Contributions) 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 Nicholas Baker.)

21 Social Security (Contributions) Bill.—Ordered, That, if the Social Security (Contributions) 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 Resolutions come to
by the House on Social Security (Contributions) Bill [Money] and Social Security
(Contributions) Bill [Ways and Means] have been concluded, this House will
immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

22 House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That Mr Alastair Goodlad be discharged from the
Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) and Mr David Lightbown be added
to the Committee.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

23 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes past Three o’clock, 
adjourned till Tuesday 7th May, pursuant to the Resolution [14th March].

[Adjourned at 3.2 p.m.

APPENDIX I
Friday 3rd May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 County Courts,—Draft County Court Remedies Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Clerk of the
House].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Community Charges,—Community Charges and Non-Domestic Rating (Miscellaneous
Secretary Heseltine].

3 Education,—State Awards (State Bursaries for Adult Education) (Wales) (Amendment)
Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1079), dated 22nd April 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
Hunt].

1120), dated 2nd May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

5 Lands Tribunal,—Lands Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R.(N.I.),
1991, No. 164), dated 12th April 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Other Papers:

6 Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th April 1991 on borrowing
by Scottish Nuclear Limited [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

7 European Communities (No. 27, 1991),—Convention, done at Brussels on 23rd July 1990,
on the Elimination of Double Taxation in connection with the Adjustment of Profits
of Associated Enterprises, with Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 1524] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the
acquisition by Société Nationale Elf Aquitaine of certain assets of the Amoco
Corporation [by Command] [Cm. 1521] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

9 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on performance
measurement in the Civil Service: experience in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
HM Customs and Excise and Department of Education and Science [by Act]; to be
printed [No. 399] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

Privileges,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Privileges on 30th April; to
be printed [No. 420-i] [Mr John MacGregor].
Tuesday 7th May 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr Richard Caborn reported from the Committee on the Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday 22nd May at half-past Nine o’clock.

3 Liaison,—Mr Terence L. Higgins reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee), That the Liaison Committee had directed him to report the following recommendation for the allocation of time for the consideration of Estimates on allotted days (being the second allotted day in the present Session):

That a day not later than 5th August be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimates for the financial year 1991-92;

1. Class IV, Vote 1 (Department of Trade and Industry: regional and selective assistance, support for aerospace, shipbuilding and steel) and Class XV, Vote 3 (Training programmes and industrial support, Scotland), so far as they relate to the steel industry, assistance to redundant steel workers, and Scottish Enterprise; and

2. Class XIII, Vote 1 (Hospital, community health, family health services (part) and related services, England) and Class XVI, Vote 8 (Hospital, community health, family health services (part) and related services, Wales), so far as they relate to the Waiting List Initiative;

and that debate on the first group of Estimates be concluded not later than three hours after its commencement.

Report to lie upon the Table.

4 Select Committees, — A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

5 Liaison,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee on 7th May be printed [No. 424].

6 Northern Ireland Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 99 (Northern Ireland Committee), That the Proposal for a draft Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 published on 28th February 1991, being a Matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee for its consideration—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Financial Services Act 1986 (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1104) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Delegation) (No. 2) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

9 Sunday Trading (Video Shops).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt video shops from the provisions of the Shops Act 1950—(Mr John Marshall);

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. 19 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Stephen Day: 38.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Teddy Taylor, Mr Bowen Wells: 71.

So the Question was negatived.

10 Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill;

Mr Speaker put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 54 (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.

11 Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14),—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14).

(In the Committee)

Ordered, That the order in which proceedings in Committee of the whole House on the Finance Bill are to be taken shall be Clauses Nos. 22 and 77, Schedule No. 14, Clauses Nos. 23 and 24, 31, 21 and 14.—(Mr David Mellor.)

Clause No. 22 (Rate of corporation tax for 1990).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 16, line 4, at the end, to add the words—

'(1A) Where a company whose activities consist—

(i) wholly or mainly in the manufacture of finished goods, partly finished goods or materials, and

(ii) of activities falling within such classes, groups or descriptions set out in the Standard Industrial Classification issued by the Central Statistical Office as may be prescribed by way of regulations made under this subsection

so elects in writing within two years of the end of an accounting period which includes the whole or any part of the financial year 1990, subsection (1) above and subsection (2) below of this section shall not apply to that company in relation to that accounting period; and where such an election is made, then, in relation to that company for that accounting period—

(a) the rate at which corporation tax is charged for the financial year 1990 shall be 34.01 per cent. (and not 35 per cent. as provided by section 19 of the Finance Act 1990),

(b) section 24(2)(a)(ii) of the Capital Allowances Act 1990 shall have effect as if the percentage specified therein were the aggregate of 25 per cent. multiplied by A and 40 per cent. multiplied by B, where B represents the fraction of the accounting period comprised within the financial year 1990 and A represents the fraction of the accounting period not so comprised (if any), and

(c) the fraction mentioned in section 13(2) of the Taxes Act 1988 for the financial year 1990 shall be taken to be a fraction of which the numerator is one thousand eight hundred and two and the denominator is eighty thousand (and not one-fortieth as provided by section 20 of the Finance Act 1990)'.—(Margaret Beckett.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Ken Eastham: 169.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Neil Hamilton: 264.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 77 agreed to.

Schedule No. 14 (Settlements: settlers).

Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 129, line 26, to leave out the word 'child' and insert the word 'descendant'.—(Mr A. J. Beith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 132, line 28, to leave out the word 'four' and insert the word 'five'.—(Mr A. J. Beith.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 23 and 24 agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

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

Committee again to-morrow.

12 Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

13 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft European Communities (Employment in the Civil Service) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 15th April, be approved—(Mr Neil Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

14 Fees and Charges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Data Protection Registration Fee Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 25th March, be approved—(Mr Neil Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 9.2 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 7th May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Veterinary Surgeons.—Draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Copyright.—Copyright (Recording for Archives of Designated Class of Broadcasts and Cable Programmes) (Designated Bodies) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1116), dated 2nd May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

3 National Health Service.—(1) Health Promotion Authority for Wales Constitution Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1102), and


Other Papers:

5 Overseas Pensions.—Mauritius Public Officers’ Widows and Orphans’ Pensions (United Kingdom) (Amendment) Scheme 1991 [by Act] [Mrs Lynda Chalker].

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 7th May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Veterinary Surgeons.—Draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Copyright.—Copyright (Recording for Archives of Designated Class of Broadcasts and Cable Programmes) (Designated Bodies) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1116), dated 2nd May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

3 National Health Service.—(1) Health Promotion Authority for Wales Constitution Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1102), and


Other Papers:

5 Overseas Pensions.—Mauritius Public Officers’ Widows and Orphans’ Pensions (United Kingdom) (Amendment) Scheme 1991 [by Act] [Mrs Lynda Chalker].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Members' Interests,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Members' Interests on 7th May; to be printed [No. 388-ii] [Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith].

2 Social Security and Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security and Health Committees meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (5)(e) of Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) on 7th May; to be printed [No. 421-i] [Mr Frank Field].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Eighteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xviii] [Mr Bob Cryer].

4 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 7th May; to be printed [No. 226-ix] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

5 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 7th May; to be printed [No. 162-ix] [Mr David Marshall].

MR SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

Mr Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 103.]

Wednesday 8th May 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords],—The Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

2 Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill,—The Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Selection,—Ordered, That Mr Bob Dunn be added to the Committee of Selection.-(Mr Tim Boswell.)

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

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

6 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

7 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Estate Agents (Specified Offences) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1091) and the Estate Agents (Undesirable Practices) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1032), referred to a Committee on 30th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 433].

8 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (German Democratic Republic Qualifications) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 30th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 428].

9 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Ted Leadbitter reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1991 and the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on
22nd April, and the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 23rd April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 426].

10 European Standing Committee A.—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4084/91, relating to action to protect the environment in the coastal areas and coastal waters of the Irish Sea, North Sea, Baltic Sea and North East Atlantic Ocean (NORSPA), and 4548/91, relating to establishment of a financial instrument for the environment; endorses the Government's intention to take a active part in the NORSPA scheme and promote United Kingdom interest in this area of environmental importance; and supports the Government's aim to ensure that any new Community financial instrument for the environment contains clear and specific objectives and respects the principle of subsidiarity.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Adelphi Estate Bill, without Amendment.

12 Asylum Seekers and Refugees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law to facilitate the safe entry into the United Kingdom of asylum seekers and their families; to provide a right of appeal against refusal of entry, and a right of independent representation; to make administrative provision for the resettlement of asylum seekers, refugees and their families; and for connected purposes—(Mr Jeremy Corbyn);

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. 19 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Peter Hain: 116.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerald Howarth, Sir John Stokes: 73.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Max Madden, Mr Dave Nellist, Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Chris Smith, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Bernie Grant, Mildred Gordon, Mr Keith Vaz and Mr Brian Sedgemore do prepare and bring in the Bill.

13 Asylum Seekers and Refugees Bill.—Mr Jeremy Corbyn accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law to facilitate the safe entry into the United Kingdom of asylum seekers and their families; to provide a right of appeal against refusal of entry, and a right of independent representation; to make administrative provision for the resettlement of asylum seekers, refugees and their families; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th May and to be printed [Bill 154].

14 Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 31 (Vocational training: Relief).

Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 21, line 14, to leave out '1992' and insert '1991'.—(Mr Nicholas Brown.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Jack Thompson: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Timothy Wood: 223.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed, in page 21, line 27, at the end, to insert the words 'provided that subsection (1)(d) above shall not apply so as to deny relief under this section for the excess (if any) of the payment over the amount of public financial assistance which the individual either has received or is entitled to receive at the time the payment is made'.—(Mr Nicholas Brown.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 22, line 12, after the word 'entitled', to insert the words 'provided however that no tax shall be required to be so accounted for to the Board by the person to whom the payment was made if that person can show—

(i) that he took all reasonable steps to satisfy himself that the individual in question was entitled to relief under this section, and

(ii) that at the date the payment in question was made he had complied with any obligation imposed on him by any regulations made under section 32 below'.—(Mr Nicholas Brown.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed, in page 22, to leave out lines 36 and 37.—(Mr Nicholas Brown.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Married couple's allowance).

Amendment (No. 18) proposed, in page 15, line 40, at the end, to insert the words—

'(3) Subsection (2) of section 257B of that Act shall cease to have effect after the year 1990-91; subsection (1) shall have effect for 1991-92 and subsequent years as if it read—

"(1) Where a man is entitled to relief under section 257A for any year of assessment, he may transfer to his wife the whole or any part of the relief to which he is so entitled; and where such a transfer is effected, he shall cease to be entitled to a deduction from his total income for that year of the amount transferred and his wife shall be entitled to a deduction from her total income for that year of that amount";

and subsection (3) shall have effect for 1991-92 and subsequent years as if after "relates", there were added—

"(aa) shall specify the amount of relief which is to be transferred to his wife"'.—(Mr Chris Smith.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Value Added Tax: Bad debts).

Amendment (No. 19) proposed, in page 11, line 18, after the words 'one year', to insert the words 'and after "elapsed" there shall be added "or the company or individual liable to pay any outstanding amount of the consideration has become insolvent and (except where paragraph 10(1A)(B) below applies) the person has submitted a claim in the insolvency for the outstanding amount of the consideration.

(1A) A company becomes insolvent for the purposes of this section if—

(a) it goes into liquidation in the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man at a time when its assets are insufficient for the payment of its debts and other liabilities and the expenses of the winding up;

(b) a person who has been appointed in Great Britain to act as the Administrator or Administrative Receiver issues a certificate of his opinion that, if it went into liquidation, the assets of the company would be insufficient to cover the payment of any dividend in respect of debts which are neither secured nor preferential; or

(c) a composition or scheme proposed by the Directors is approved under Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986.

(1B) An individual becomes insolvent for the purposes of this section if—

(a) in England and Wales he is adjudged bankrupt, a deed of arrangement is made for the benefit of his creditors, a composition or scheme proposed by him is approved under Part VIII of the Insolvency Act 1986 or, after his death, his estate falls to be administered in accordance with an order under Part XV of the Act;

(b) in Scotland, sequestration of his estate is awarded, he signs a trust deed for his creditors or, after his death, a judicial factor is appointed under section 11A of the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Act 1989 to administer his estate;
(c) in Northern Ireland he is adjudged bankrupt, a deed of arrangement is made for the benefit of his creditors, a resolution of his creditors is approved by the court under section 5 of the Bankruptcy Amendment Act (Northern Ireland) 1929 or, after his death, the court makes an order for the administration in bankruptcy of his estate; or

(d) in the Isle of Man, he is adjudged bankrupt, a deed of arrangement is made for the benefit of his creditors or, after his death, the court makes an order for the administration in bankruptcy of his estate”;

—(Mr Chris Smith.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14) to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr John McWilliam reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14) and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14) do lie upon the Table.

15 Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

16 Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.18 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 8th May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Broadcasting.—Draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (Teachers) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1134), dated 7th May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


Other Papers:

7 Broadcasting.—Report of the Independent Broadcasting Authority for the period 1st April to 31st December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

8 Health and Personal Social Services,—Summary of Health and Personal Social Services Accounts for Northern Ireland for 1988-89; with the Report of the Comptroller and
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9 Indemnities,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 7th May 1991, concerning the indemnification of works of art lent to the British Council for the Henry Moore exhibition to be held in Leningrad and Moscow from 17th June to 9th October 1991 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 Population Censuses and Surveys,—Review of the Registrar General on deaths attributed to accidental and violent causes in England and Wales, 1989 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldgrave].

11 Social Services,—Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Social Services Committee, Session 1989-90, on Abortion Act 1967: conscience clause [by Command] [Cm. 1538] [Mr Secretary Waldgrave].

12 Transport (Scotland),—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) Caledonian MacBrayne Limited, and

(2) David MacBrayne Limited

for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Second Scottish Standing Committee,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr Tom Clarke, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Harry Ewing, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr Michael Forsyth, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Norman Hogg, Sir Russell Johnston, Mr Calum Macdonald, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Bill Walker, Mr Brian Wilson and Mr George Younger.

2 Northern Ireland Committee,—Sir 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 Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Robert Adley, Mr David Alton, Mr Robert Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Vivian Bendall, Dr John G. Blackburn, Sir Richard Body, Mr Robert Boscawen, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Churchill, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr John Hughes, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Richard Needham and Mr Roger Stott.

3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Financial Services Act 1986 (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1991 and the draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Delegation) (No. 2) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr David Davis, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Kenneth Hind, Mr Richard Holt, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Doug Hoyle, Mr Michael Knowles, Mr John Lee, Sir Richard Luce, Mr Tony Marlow, Mr David Martin, Sir Hal Miller, Mr Austin Mitchell, Marjorie Mowlam, Dawn Primarolo and Mr John Redwood.

4 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1991 and the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr Gerald Bermingham, Sir Peter Blaker, Mr Chris Butler, Mr William Cash, Sir Anthony Durant, Dame Peggy Fenner, Mr John Fraser, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Ian Grist, Mr Patrick Ground, Mr John Hannam, Mr Alan Haselhurst, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Robert Maclean, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Dave Nellist, Mr Tom Pendry, Mr Terry Rooney and Mr Solicitor General.

5 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr Simon Burns, Mr Jim Cousins, Mildred Gordon, Sir Barney Hayhoe, Mr Robert Hicks, Kate Hoey, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Tim Janman, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Michael Lord, Mr Max Madden, Mr John Marshall, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Matthew Taylor and Mr Timothy Wood.
6 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1990-91) (Scotland) Regulations 1991, the Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1991-92) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 and the Community Charges (Levying, Collection and Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr John Battle, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr Peter Fry, Sir Alan Glyn, Mr Conal Gregory, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr Jerry Hayes, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr John McFall, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr John Maxton, Mr Alan Meale, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Bill Walker, Mr Mark Wolfson and Mr Jimmy Wray.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 66-iv] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—(1) Fourth Report from the Defence Committee [Further Examination of Defence Procurement Projects]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 432];

   (2) Third Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Reply to the First Report from the Committee on Royal Navy short-term savings: HMS Challenger and Decommissioning of Nuclear Fleet Submarines]; to be printed [No. 431]; and

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 287-ii]

   [Mr Michael Mates].

3 Education, Science and Arts,—(1) Third Report from the Education, Science and Arts Committee [Standards of Reading in Primary Schools], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 268]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Education, Science and Arts Committee [Mr Malcolm Thornton].

4 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 208-viii] [Dr Michael Clark].

5 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 427-i] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

6 European Legislation,—Nineteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xix] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

7 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 143-xi] [Mr David Howell].

8 Health,—(1) First Report from the Health Committee [Public Expenditure on Health Services: Waiting Lists]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 429]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 430-i]

   [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

9 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—(1) Third Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Reports of the Health Service Commissioner for 1989-90], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 130]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Sir Antony Buck].

10 Public Accounts,—(1) Sixteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Fire Protection at Main Store Depots], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 434];
(2) Seventeenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Patient Transport Services], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 42];

(3) Eighteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [A New Building for the British Library], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 132]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 8th May; to be printed [No. 435-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

11 Trade and Industry,—(1) First Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the First Report from the Committee on the sale of Rover Group to British Aerospace]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 425]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 226-x]

[Mr Kenneth Warren].

12 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 423-i] [Mr David Marshall].

13 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 290-ii] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

14 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 390-iii] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 8th May 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the Financial Services Act 1986 (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1991 and the draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Delegation) (No. 2) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(2) the Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1991 and the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(3) the Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(4) the Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1990-91) (Scotland) Regulations 1991, the Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1991-92) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 and the Community Charges (Levying, Collection and Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Michael J. Martin an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill;

(2) Sir Michael Shaw an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Hare Coursing Bill;

(3) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the Matter of the Proposal for a draft Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

(4) Dame Janet Fookes Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Financial Services Act 1986 (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1991 and the draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Delegation) (No. 2) Order 1991;

(5) Sir Michael Shaw Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;
(6) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 1991 and the Local Authorities Etc. (Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1991;

(7) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Homes in Multiple Occupation) Order 1991;

(8) Sir John Hunt Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Employment Codes of Practice (Revocation) Order 1991; and

(9) Sir Giles Shaw Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 5491/91, relating to the levy in the milk and milk products sector.

[No. 104.]

Thursday 9th May 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 16th May.

2 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 13th May at Seven o'clock.

3 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cattewater Reclamation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th May.

4 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th May.

5 London Underground (King's Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King's Cross) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th May.

6 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th May.

7 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th May.

8 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th May.

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

10 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

11 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.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Heathrow Express Railway Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
12 Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill.—The Order for reading the Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

13 Pig Husbandry Bill.—The Order for reading the Pig Husbandry Bill the third time to-morrow was read and discharged.

14 Young Persons (Alcohol Abuse) Etc. Bill.—The Order for reading the Young Persons (Alcohol Abuse) Etc. Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

15 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:

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act 1991
Representation of the People Act 1991
Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1991
Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Act 1991
Shard Bridge Act 1991
Adelphi Estate Act 1991

16 Royal Assent,—Mr Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Act, passed under the provisions of the Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949:


(The said Bill having been endorsed by Mr Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I certify, in reference to the within Bill, that the provisions of section two of the Parliament Act 1911, as amended by section one of the Parliament Act 1949, have been duly complied with.

Bernard Weatherill
Speaker)

17 Social Security (Contributions) Bill,—The Social Security (Contributions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Further proceedings on the Bill stood postponed, pursuant to Order [3rd May].

18 Social Security (Contributions) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Social Security (Contributions) Bill [Money],

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Social Security (Contributions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums so payable under any other Act.—(Mr Neil Hamilton.)

19 Social Security (Contributions) Bill [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Social Security (Contributions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums which—

(a) under the Social Security Act 1975 are to be taken as paid towards the cost of the National Health Service in Great Britain; or

(b) under that Act are to be paid out of the National Insurance Fund into the Consolidated Fund in respect of administrative expenses.—(Mr Neil Hamilton.)

20 Social Security (Contributions) Bill,—The House, pursuant to Order [3rd May], immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Social Security (Contributions) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Class 1A contributions).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, line 37, at the end, to insert the words ‘provided that if the person liable to pay the contributions can show that in the tax year the use of the car for the earner’s business travel amounted to more than 18,000 miles (or such lower figure as is specified in sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 to the
Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988) and also amounted to more than three-quarters of the total use of the car in that year by the earner, or any relative of his (as defined in section 417(4) of that Act), then the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car for that year shall be taken to be £1. — (Mr Nicholas Brown.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 6 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Timothy Wood 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.

21 Environment,— Ordered, That Dr Kim Howells be discharged from the Environment Committee and Mr John Battle be added to the Committee. — (Mr Don Dixon, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

22 Adjournment,— Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — (Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.3 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 9th May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Education,—Draft Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1121), and


dated 1st May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


Other Papers:

4 Defence (Royal Air Force),—(1) Amendment List No. 10 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition), and

(2) Order, dated 28th March 1991, amending the rates of pay, allowances and pensions of the Royal Air Force

[by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

5 Defence (Royal Air Force Reserve),—Order, dated 28th March 1991, amending the rates of pay, allowances and pensions of the Royal Air Force Reserve [by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

6 Defence (Royal Auxiliary Air Force),—Order, dated 28th March 1991, amending the rates of pay, allowances and pensions of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

7 Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation,—Accounts of Greenwich Hospital and the Foundation of Samuel Travers, Esquire, for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 436] [Mr Secretary King].

8 National Heritage (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of the National Museums of Scotland for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
9 Public Libraries and Museums.—Report by the Minister for the Arts on library and
information matters during 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 353] [Mr Tim Renton].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 9th
May; to be printed [No. 324-ii] [Mr David Howell].

[No. 105.]

Friday 10th May 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from another Select Committee and
ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

4 Badgers Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Badgers Bill, as
amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 11, at the end, to insert the
word ‘or’.—(Mr Michael Colvin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mr Jerry Wiggin: 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Ron Davies: 100.

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 1, at the beginning,
to insert the words—

‘( ) In section 8 of the Badgers Act 1973, after subsection (1B), there is inserted—

‘(1C) a person shall not be guilty of an offence under section 2(3)(a), (b), (c) or (e) of
this Act if he is lawfully engaged in the maintenance or improvement of any
existing watercourse or drainage works, or the construction of new works required
for the drainage of any land, including works for the purpose of defence against
sea water or tidal water”.—(Mr Jerry Wiggin.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 3, to leave out the
word ‘section 2(3)(c)’ and insert the words ‘section 2(3)(a), (c) or (e)’, instead thereof.—
(Sir Charles Morrison.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 21 to 23, 15, 24 and 16) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 12, to leave out the
words ‘likely occupation or use’ and insert the words ‘present occupation’, instead
thereof.— (Sir Charles Morrison.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Gaming (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider
the Gaming (Amendment) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 11, after the word ‘premises’,
to insert the words ‘(other than bingo club premises as defined in section 20 of this
Act)’.—(Mr Tony Favell.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr John Bowis: 21.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Dennis Turner: 43.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 17th May.

6 Forestry Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Forestry Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

7 Education (Publication of Examination Results) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Publication of Examination Results) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th June.

9 Local Authorities (Street Lighting) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Street Lighting) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th May.

10 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th May.

11 Ban of Imports (Child Labour) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ban of Imports (Child Labour) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th June.

12 Gaming Machines (Prohibition on Use by Persons under Eighteen) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gaming Machines (Prohibition on Use by Persons under Eighteen) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th June.

13 National Enterprise (Reconstruction) Board Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Enterprise (Reconstruction) Board Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

14 River Safety Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the River Safety Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

15 Training and Enterprise Councils Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Training and Enterprise Councils Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th June.

16 Garden Supplies (Sunday Trading) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Garden Supplies (Sunday Trading) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th May.

17 Forestry Commission Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Forestry Commission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th June.

18 Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th June.

19 Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th June.

20 Coal Imports Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Imports Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th June.

21 Hospital Schools in London Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hospital Schools in London Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th June.

22 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 15th May, the Motion in the name of Mr Neil Kinnock relating to Education may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock, and if those proceedings have not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at that hour put the Question necessary to dispose of them.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

23 Estimates,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee), That this House agrees with the Report [7th May] from the Liaison Committee—(Mr Nicholas Baker):—It was agreed to.

24 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nicholas Baker);

And the Motion having been made 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 13th May.

[Adjourned at 3.4 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 10th May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Education (Scotland),—Teachers (Entitlement to Registration) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1136), dated 2nd May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


6 Public Health (Scotland),—Control of Pollution (Continuation of Byelaws) (Scotland) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1156), dated 3rd May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


Other Papers:

12 Census of Production.—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—

(1) basic industrial chemicals, and
(2) miscellaneous electronic equipment

[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].


14 European Communities (No. 28, 1991),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th November 1990 and Warsaw on 29th December 1989 suspending the application of Article 12(1) of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Polish People's Republic on trade and commercial and economic co-operation [by Command] [Cm. 1528] [Mr Secretary Hurd].


16 Miscellaneous (No. 8, 1991),—International Convention on Salvage, 1989, done at London on 28th April 1989, with Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 1526] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr John D. Taylor (nominated in respect of the draft Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr William Ross.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Dame Peggy Fenner (nominated in respect of the Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1991 and the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Ray Whitney.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Alan Glyn (nominated in respect of the Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1990-91) (Scotland) Regulations 1991, the Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1991-92) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 and the Community Charges (Levying, Collection and Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr John Townend.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 143-x] [Mr David Howell].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 10th May 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, in place of Sir Michael Shaw.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 King's Cross Railways Bill,—Mr Simon Burns reported from the Committee on the King's Cross Railways Bill, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and directed him to report the same; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Bill, as amended, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

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

4 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

5 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Nicholas Baker): It was agreed to.

6 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Nicholas Baker):— It was agreed to.

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts in Rear Seats by Adults) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Nicholas Baker):— It was agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts in Rear Seats by Adults) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Nicholas Baker):— It was agreed to.

9 Adjournment (Spring),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, at its rising on Thursday 23rd May, do adjourn until Monday 3rd June—(Mr Nicholas Baker);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic adjournments).

Resolved, That this House, at its rising on Thursday 23rd May, do adjourn until Monday 3rd June.

10 Coal Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Coal Industry (Restructuring Grants) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 15th April, be approved—(Mr Colin Moynihan);

And it being Seven o'clock, and there being Private Business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 16 (Time for taking private business), further proceedings stood postponed.

11 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill;

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

Mr Gary Waller rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gary Waller, Mr Peter Bottomley: 64.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Martin Redmond, Mr Andrew F. Bennett: 38.

Whereupon Mr Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 36 (Majority for closure or for proposal of question).

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday.

12 Coal Industry.—The House resumed the postponed proceedings on the Question, That the draft Coal Industry (Restructuring Grants) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 15th April, be approved;

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the draft Coal Industry (Restructuring Grants) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 15th April, be approved.

13 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 16th April, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope): It was agreed to.

14 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 16th April, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope): It was agreed to.

15 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 16th April, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope): It was agreed to.

16 Estate Agents,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Estate Agents (Undesirable Practices) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1032), dated 19th April 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th April, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope): It was agreed to.

17 Estate Agents,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Estate Agents (Specified Offences) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1091), dated 29th April 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th April, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope): It was agreed to.

18 Veterinary Surgeons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (German Democratic Republic Qualifications) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 25th April, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope): It was agreed to.

19 Environmental Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4084/91, relating to action to protect the environment in the coastal areas and coastal waters of the Irish Sea, North Sea, Baltic Sea and North East Atlantic Ocean (NORSERA), and 4548/91, relating to establishment of a financial instrument for the environment; endorses the Government’s intention to take an active part in the NORSPA scheme and promote United Kingdom interest in this area of environmental importance; and supports the Government’s aim to ensure that any new Community financial instrument for the environment contains clear and specific objectives, and respects the principle of subsidiarity—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope): It was agreed to.

20 Sittings of the House,—Resolved, That—

1) this House do meet on Thursday 23rd May at half-past Nine o’clock;

2) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 17 (Time for taking questions), no Questions shall be taken, provided that at Eleven o’clock Mr Speaker may
interrupt the proceedings in order to permit questions to be asked which are in his opinion of an urgent character and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of business, statements to be made by Ministers, or personal explanations to be made by Members; and

(3) at Three o'clock Mr Speaker do adjourn the House without putting any Question, provided that this House shall not adjourn until Mr Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

21 Northern Ireland Committee,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees), the Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee shall, not later than two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Matter of the Proposal for a draft Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, put the Question, That the Committee has considered the said Matter.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

22 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.34 p.m.

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APPENDIX I

Monday 13th May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 1991, dated 2nd May 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Development of Tourism,—Statement of determination of the salaries of the Chairman and members of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [27th March] from residents of Maesteg against the proposal to downgrade Maesteg Crown Post Office [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

6 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Diamond Cable (Newark) Limited under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

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APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr Peter Lloyd (nominated in respect of the Hare Coursing Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mrs Angela Rumbold.

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APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 13th May; to be printed [No. 263-vi] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Nineteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Privatisation of Work in New Town Bodies in England], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 440];

Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 414];

(3) Twenty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Staff Appraisal in the Civil Service], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 234]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 13th May; to be printed [No. 442-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 107.]

Tuesday 14th May 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Llanelli Borough Council (Dafen Estuary) Bill [Lords].—The Llanelli Borough Council (Dafen Estuary) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

3 Select Committees.—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 17th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 444].

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir John Hunt reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Employment Codes of Practice (Revocation) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 30th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 443].

6 Garden Supplies (Sunday Trading) Bill,—The Order for reading the Garden Supplies (Sunday Trading) Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

7 Disability Discrimination Bill,—The Order for reading the Disability Discrimination Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (Designated Countries and Territories) (Amendment) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

10 Opposition day [11th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

National Health Service and Community Care Act,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House records its concern at the damage to the National Health Service from the implementation of the National Health Service and Community Care Act; condemns the pressure created by the new system for a two-tier health service in which waiting time is determined not by clinical need but by commercial priorities; is disturbed that the introduction of block contracts has reduced patient choice of hospital and restricted general practitioners' freedom of referral; regrets the shortage of people representative of their local community among the businessmen appointed by
Her Majesty's Government to decide local health priorities; notes with alarm the financial instability that has already become evident among hospitals that have formed self-governing trusts; deplores the decision of the Secretary of State to approve 57 health units for trust status despite advice that there were financial problems with 45 of them; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to abandon its plans for a second wave of health units to form such trusts—(Mr Robin Cook);

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 progressive implementation of the Government's reforms of the National Health Service, coupled with substantial increases in resources for the National Health Service and in the numbers of patients treated since 1979; looks forward to the benefits of these reforms being spread more widely so that services everywhere are brought up to the standards of the best, especially with the further development of National Health Service trusts and fundholding practices; notes that district health authorities and general practitioner fundholding practices will both give priority to patient's clinical needs; welcomes the determination of the new National Health Service trusts to get to grips with long-standing management problems; supports the new role of district health authorities as guardians of the public health, accountable for arranging comprehensive care for their local residents; and endorses the Government's intention to set out a new agenda for the National Health Service which concentrates more than ever on improving the health of the people', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Waldegrave.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 296.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the progressive implementation of the Government's reforms of the National Health Service, coupled with substantial increases in resources for the National Health Service and in the numbers of patients treated since 1979; looks forward to the benefits of these reforms being spread more widely so that services everywhere are brought up to the standards of the best, especially with the further development of National Health Service trusts and fundholding practices; notes that district health authorities and general practitioner fundholding practices will both give priority to patient's clinical needs; welcomes the determination of the new National Health Service trusts to get to grips with long-standing management problems; supports the new role of district health authorities as guardians of the public health, accountable for arranging comprehensive care for their local residents; and endorses the Government's intention to set out a new agenda for the National Health Service which concentrates more than ever on improving the health of the people.

Overseas Aid, A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the Government's response to crises in Iraq, Bangladesh, and Sub-Saharan Africa has been slow and shamefully inadequate; and calls on the Government immediately to provide additional resources for the Overseas Development Administration to deal with the three current crises and to set a timetable to meet the United Nations aid target of 0.7 per cent. of gross national product—(Mrs Ann Clwyd);

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 swift and continuing generous responses to the crises in Iraq, Bangladesh and Sub-Saharan Africa; and also welcomes the Government's initiatives to ensure the continuing effectiveness of United Kingdom aid and to stimulate improved international disaster relief delivery', instead thereof.—(Mrs Lynda Chalker.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Allen McKay: 188.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 292.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 swift and continuing generous responses to the crises in Iraq, Bangladesh and Sub-Saharan Africa; and also welcomes the Government's initiatives to ensure the continuing effectiveness of United Kingdom aid and to stimulate improved international disaster relief delivery.

11 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Simon William Peel Vickers Fletcher for an enquiry into the consequences of the liquidation of the Wolverhampton Group of Steel Companies was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Dion James Hawes for the right to use private stationery in prison was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 14th May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 Crown Agents.—Report and Accounts of the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations for 1990 [by Act] [Mrs Lynda Chalker].

2 Electricity.—Report of the Director General of Electricity Supply for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 355] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

3 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—Account of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1989–90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 354] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

4 Population Censuses and Surveys.—Review of the Registrar General on deaths by area of usual residence in England and Wales, 1989 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Members’ Interests.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Members’ Interests on 14th May; to be printed [No. 388-iii] [Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith].

2 Statutory Instruments.—Nineteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xix] [Mr Bob Cryer].

[No. 108.]

Wednesday 15th May 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Highland Regional Council (Harbours) Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr Secretary Lang presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Highland Regional Council (Harbours): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered on Tuesday 21st May and to be printed [Bill 158].

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

3 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr Peter Temple-Morris reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills to which the Water Industry Bill [Lords], the Water Resources Bill [Lords], the Statutory Water Companies Bill [Lords], the Land Drainage Bill [Lords] and the Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That it had gone through the Bills, and made Amendments to the
4 Selection.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

6 Hare Coursing Bill.—Sir Michael Shaw reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Hare Coursing Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 449].

7 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Dame Janet Fookes reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Financial Services Act 1986 (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1104) and the draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Delegation) (No. 2) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 7th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 452].

8 European Standing Committee A,—Sir Giles Shaw reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 5491/91 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 10th May 1991, relating to the amendment of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 857/84 in respect of allocation of milk quotas; and supports the Government’s intention to seek an agreement which meets the requirements of the European Court’s judgments on the treatment to be accorded for quota purposes to former participants in certain Community dairying cessation schemes and ensures that the effectiveness of milk quotas in limiting Community expenditure on market support in the dairy sector is maintained.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

9 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 8597/90 + COR 1 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 26th February 1991, relating to unfair terms in consumer contracts; and endorses the Government’s view that the measure needs to address identified problems with consumer contracts and to strike a fair balance between the interests of consumers and those of traders.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

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

Gaming (Bingo) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Gaming Act 1968 with respect to bingo; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 4) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive to construct further works and to acquire additional lands; to confer further powers on the Executive; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

11 Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 4) Bill [Lords].—The Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 4) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

12 British Racing Commission Bill,—Ordered, That the British Racing Commission Bill be read a second time on Friday.

13 Football Spectators Bill,—Ordered, That the Football Spectators Bill be read a second time on Friday.
14 Greyhound Betting Levy Bill.—Ordered, That the Greyhound Betting Levy Bill be read a
second time on Friday.

15 Badgers (Further Protection) Bill,—Mr Alan Meale, supported by Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr
Tony Banks, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr Roy Hughes, Mr Simon Hughes and Sir Charles
Morrison, presented a Bill to confer additional powers on a court where a dog has been
used in or was present at the commission of certain offences under the Badgers Act 1973:
And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and
to be printed [Bill 155].

16 Street Furniture (Design and Planning).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to
co-ordinate the design and planning of street furniture: And that Mr Dudley Fishburn,
Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Richard Tracey, Mr James
Arbuthnot, Mr Hugo Summers, Mr John Bowis and Mr Andrew Mitchell do prepare
and bring it in.

17 Street Furniture (Design and Planning) Bill,—Mr Dudley Fishburn accordingly presented a
Bill to co-ordinate the design and planning of street furniture: And the same was read the
first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th June and to be printed
[Bill 159].

18 Public Expenditure,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this
House approves the Government’s Expenditure Plans for 1991-92 to 1993-94 (Cm. 1501
to 1520); and congratulates the Government on continuing to maintain its medium term
objective that public spending should, over time, take a declining share of national
income, while value for money is constantly improved and resources are concentrated in
areas of high priority—(Mr David Mellor);

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 continued decline of the
public services under the present Government, regrets the Government’s refusal to
provide a proper level of support for the United Kingdom’s manufacturing base and for
the provision of training; and furthermore condemns the Government’s clear intention to
learn nothing from the recession into which such neglect has plunged the country, and to
continue to put tax cuts before public investment’, instead thereof. (Margaret Beckett.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Allen McKay: 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 298.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;
Resolved, That this House approves the Government’s Expenditure Plans for 1991-92
to 1993-94 (Cm. 1501 to 1520); and congratulates the Government on continuing to
maintain its medium term objective that public spending should, over time, take a
decreasing share of national income, while value for money is constantly improved and
resources are concentrated in areas of high priority.

19 Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Education
(Grant-maintained Schools) (Finance) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 353), dated
27th February 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 28th February, be
revoked—(Mr Derek Fatchett);

And it being half-past Eleven o’clock, Mr Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant
to the Order [10th May].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Robert N. Wareing: 118.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Nicholas Baker: 262.

So the Question was negatived.

20 Adjournment,— A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do
now adjourn—(Mr Timothy Wood);
And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.11 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 15th May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Northern Ireland,—Draft Cinemas (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2. Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Act of Sederunt (Shorthand Writers’ Fees) 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1135), dated 3rd May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


Other Papers:

5. Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—
   (1) bread, biscuits and flour confectionery,
   (2) fur goods,
   (3) organic oils and fats,
   (4) preparation of milk and milk products, and
   (5) tobacco industry
   [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

6. Charities,—Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 362] [Mr Secretary Baker].

7. Employment and Training,—Account of the Training Commission for the period 1st April to 16th November 1989; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 446] [Clerk of the House].

8. National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on management of road maintenance [by Act]; to be printed [No. 438] [Clerk of the House].

9. Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Kingdom Cablevision Limited in respect of Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

10. Treaty Series (No. 29, 1991),—Amendments to the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation Financial Agreement, 1983 [by Command] [Cm. 1533] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

11. Treaty Series (No. 30, 1991),—Notes exchanged at London on 21st December 1987 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on inspection rights relating to the Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the elimination of their intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles [by Command] [Cm. 1534] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

12. Treaty Series (No. 31, 1991),—Agreement, done at Brussels on 11th December 1987, among the United States of America and the Kingdom of Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Italy, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding inspections relating to the
Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the elimination of their intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles [by Command] [Cm. 1535] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Rupert Allason, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Den Dover, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr John Gorst, Mr John Greenway, Mr Robert B. Jones, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Ivan Lawrence, Mr Peter Lloyd, Mr John McAllion, Sir Neil MacFarlane, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mr Edward O’Hara and Mr Ted Rowlands.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1991, viz.: Mr W. Benyon, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Ron Davies, Mr A. E. P. Duffy, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr David Harris, Mr Ralph Howell, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr David Maclean, Sir Michael Marshall, Mr Eric Martlew, Sir Charles Morrison, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Gerrard Neale, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Peter L. Pike and Mr Dennis Turner.

3 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts in Rear Seats by Adults) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr John Browne, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr James Cran, Mr David Davis, Mr Stephen Day, Mr David Evans, Mr John Evans, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Barry Field, Mr George Galloway, Mildred Gordon, Maureen Hicks, Mr John Hughes, Mr Eric Illesley, Mr Robert McCrindle, Alice Mahon, Mr Iain Mills, Mr Roger Moate and Joan Ruddock.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr John Townend (nominated in respect of the Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1990-91) (Scotland) Regulations 1991, the Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1991-92) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 and the Community Charges (Levying, Collection and Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mrs Ann Winterton.

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft County Court Remedies Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr Peter Archer, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Antony Buck, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr John Fraser, Mr Patrick Ground, Mr Robert Hayward, Mr Terence L. Higgins, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Toby Jessel, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Norman Miscampbell, Sir David Mitchell, Emma Nicholson, Mr Irvine Patnick and Mr Solicitor General.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 66-v] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 455] [Mr Michael Mates].

3 Employment,—(1) Third Report from the Employment Committee [Future Prospects for Levels of Employment and Unemployment]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 228]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 454-i] [Mr Ron Leighton].

4 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 448] [Dr Michael Clark].
5 European Legislation.—Twentieth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xx] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 430-ii] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

7 Home Affairs.—Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 451-i] [Sir John Wheeler].

8 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 162-x] [Mr David Marshall].

9 Treasury and Civil Service.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 456-i] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 15th May 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(2) the draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(3) the draft Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts in Rear Seats by Adults) Regulations 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(4) the draft County Court Remedies Regulations 1991 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr James Lamond Chairman of the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Bill;

(2) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Order 1991;

(3) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1991;

(4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts in Rear Seats by Adults) Regulations 1991;

(5) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1990-91) (Scotland) Regulations 1991, the Personal Community Charge (Reduction for 1991-92) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 and the Community Charges (Levying, Collection and Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991;

(6) Sir John Hunt Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft County Court Remedies Regulations 1991;

(7) Mr Roy Hughes Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 8149/88, 9204/89 and 5807/90, relating to the protection of the habitats of wild flora and fauna, 8236/90, relating to movement of radioactive waste, and 8356/90, relating to agriculture production methods; and

(8) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 10146/90, relating to labelling of tobacco products.
Thursday 16th May 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday 22nd May.

2 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—The Cattewater Reclamation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

3 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 20th May at Seven o’clock.

4 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill be now read a second time;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday 22nd May.

5 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 22nd May.

6 London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 22nd May.

7 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 22nd May.

8 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 22nd May.

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

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

11 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

12 School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill,—Mr David Knox reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 160].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 461].

13 Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, That it had considered the Matter of the Proposal for a draft Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to it on 7th May, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 462].

14 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 22nd April.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 459].

15 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Local Authorities
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Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 460].

16 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Neil Hamilton)—It was agreed to.

17 Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered in the following order, namely: new Clauses; new Schedules; and Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1, 31, 2, 3, 4, 33, 5, 34, 6, 35, 7, 36, 8, 37, 9, 38, 10, 39, 11, 40, 12, 45, 13, 41, 14, 44, 15, 42, 16, 43, 17, 46 and 18 to 20, Schedule No. 1, Clause No. 47, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 21, 48, 22, 23, 49, 50 and 24, Schedule No. 2, Clause No. 51, Schedule No. 8, Clause No. 25, Schedule No. 3, Clause No. 26, Schedule No. 4, Clause No. 52, Schedule No. 9, Clauses Nos. 27 to 29, Schedule No. 5, Clause No. 53, Schedule No. 10, Clause No. 30, Schedule No. 6, Clause No. 54, Schedule No. 11, Clauses Nos. 55, 69, 56, 66, 57, 67, 58, 68 and 59, Schedule No. 12, Clause No. 70, Schedule No. 14, Clauses Nos. 60, 71, 61, 64, 62, 65 and 63, Schedule No. 13, Clause No. 72, Schedule No. 15, Clause No. 73, Schedule No. 16, Clauses Nos. 74 to 76 and Schedule No. 17.—(Sir George Young.)

A Clause (Old mining permissions)—(Sir George Young)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Demolition of buildings)—(Mr Tim Yeo)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Home loss payments: Northern Ireland)—(Mr Tim Yeo)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Demolition of buildings)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Interdicts restraining breaches of planning control)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Old mining permissions)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Transitional provisions as to compensation regulations)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Additional sum of compensation for small firms)—(Mr Roger Moate)—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 Keith Vaz, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 47.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Neil Hamilton: 107.

Another Clause (Status of the development plan (No. 2))—(Mr Clive Soley)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Explanation of enforcement action)—(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 Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Keith Vaz: 30.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Nicholas Baker: 112.

Another Clause (General duty of sustainable development)—(Mr Win Griffiths)—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 Thomas McAvoy: 24.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Tim Boswell: 116.

And it being after Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be further considered to-morrow.

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.40 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 16th May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Community Charges,—Draft Charge Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [26th October] from L. A. Somerfield and others for the rejection of the Lords Amendment to the Environmental Protection Bill requiring compulsory dog registration [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

4 Social Security,—Report of the Occupational Pensions Board, preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security, on the Social Security (Earnings Factor) Amendment Regulations 1991 [by Command] [Cm. 1537] [Mr Secretary Newton].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Neil Macfarlane (nominated in respect of the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Tony Speller.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 16th May; to be printed [Nos. 263-vii and 427-ii] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 16th May; to be printed [No. 229-v] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix I).
2 Select Committees.—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Memoranda were reported and ordered to lie upon the Table (see Appendix II).

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

   Child Support Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for assessment, collection and enforcement of periodical maintenance payable by certain parents with respect to children of theirs who are not in their care; for the collection and enforcement of certain other kinds of maintenance; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

   Deer Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to deer with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Child Support Bill [Lords].—The Child Support Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 20th May and to be printed [Bill 157].

5 Constitutional Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, noting the results of the recent MORI opinion poll on the state of the nation, calls on Her Majesty’s Government to introduce measures designed to effect an extensive modernisation of the United Kingdom’s democratic institutions and constitutional provisions—(Mr Archy Kirkwood);

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

6 Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

7 Hare Coursing Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Hare Coursing Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Friday 14th June.

8 Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

9 Employment Protection (Government Communications Headquarters) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Protection (Government Communications Headquarters) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

10 Abolition of Political Honours Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of Political Honours Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

11 Asylum Seekers and Refugees Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Asylum Seekers and Refugees Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

12 Local Authorities (Street Lighting) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Street Lighting) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th June.

13 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th June.

14 Badgers (Further Protection) Bill.—The Badgers (Further Protection) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

   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 Alan Meale 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.

15 British Racing Commission Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Racing Commission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th June.

16 Football Spectators Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Football Spectators Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th June.

17 Greyhound Betting Levy Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greyhound Betting Levy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th June.

18 European Standing Committees. — Ordered, That European Community Document No. 4936/91, relating to the European Energy Charter, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee B. — (Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

19 Adjournment. — Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — (Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 20th May.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 17th May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Roads and Bridges (Scotland). — Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1991, dated 12th May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

2 Treaty Series (No. 34, 1991). — Additional Protocol, done at Strasbourg on 10th May 1979, to the European Convention for the Protection of Animals during International Transport [by Command] [Cm. 1540] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Home Affairs. — (1) Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Levy on Horserace Betting]; together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 146]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee

[Sir John Wheeler].
PRAYERS.

1 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.:

   Cattewater Reclamation Bill.

   Bill committed.

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

3 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Bill, without Amendment.

   The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors' Reports) Bill, without Amendment.

5 Redbridge London Borough Council Bill,—The Order for reading the Redbridge London Borough Council Bill a second time on Wednesday was read and discharged.

   Bill withdrawn.

6 Health and Safety at Work (Tobacco Smoking) Bill,—Ordered, That the Health and Safety at Work (Tobacco Smoking) Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

7 Marine Accident Investigations Bill,—Mr John Bowis, supported by Mr Tony Banks, Mrs Rosie Barnes, Mr Gerald Bowden, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr John Cartwright, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Kate Hoey, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Toby Jessel and Mr Ron Leighton, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the reporting of marine accident investigations: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th June and to be printed [Bill 162].

8 Commonwealth of Britain Bill,—Mr Tony Benn presented a Bill to establish a democratic, federal and secular Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Wales dedicated to the welfare of all its citizens; to establish fundamental human rights within that Commonwealth; to lower the voting age to 16 years and to make other provision with respect to elections, including equal representation for women; to prescribe a constitutional oath; to establish a Commonwealth Parliament consisting of the House of Commons and the House of the People and to make provision for the term of a Parliament and for legislative and other procedure; to establish the office of President, and a Council of State, and to prescribe the powers of each; to provide for the formation of governments; to amend the law relating to official information, the armed forces and the security services; to make fresh provision for the participation of Britain in the United Nations Organisation and the European Communities; to make the basing of foreign forces in Britain dependent upon the approval of the House of Commons; to make new provision with respect to the judicial system and to establish a National Legal Service; to set up national Parliaments for England, Scotland and Wales; to amend the law relating to local government, the district auditor and the accountability of police forces; to end the constitutional status of the Crown and to make certain consequential provision; to abolish the House of Lords and the Privy Council, to end the recognition in law of personal titles, and to provide for the acknowledgement of service to the community; to disestablish the Church of England, abolish the offence of blasphemy, and to provide for equality under the law for all religions and beliefs; to end British jurisdiction in Northern Ireland; to provide for a Constitution and for constitutional amendment; and to make transitional and related provision: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th June and to be printed [Bill 161].

9 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Neil Hamilton);
The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

10 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords].—The London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

11 Standing Orders (Private Business) (Environmental Assessment).—Ordered, That, with effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, the following Standing Order be made:

27A. (1) Subject to paragraph (8) below, in the case of a Bill authorising the carrying out of works the nature and extent of which are specified in the Bill on land so specified, there shall be deposited on or before 4th December in the Private Bill Office and at the Public Departments at which copies of the Bill are required to be deposited under Standing Order 39, either—

(a) a copy or copies (as specified by paragraph (2) below) of an environmental statement containing, in relation to the works authorised by the Bill, the information set out in Schedule 3 to the Town and Country Planning (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1988 (referred to below as “Schedule 3”) or such of that information as the Secretary of State may in any particular case direct, or

(b) a copy or copies (as so specified) of a direction by the Secretary of State that no such statement is necessary in relation to the works authorised by the Bill.

(2) The number of copies required to be deposited under paragraph (1)(a) or (b) above shall be three in the case of a deposit at the Department of the Environment and one in any other case.

(3) Where any such works authorised by a Bill relate to two or more distinct projects each project may be treated separately for the purposes of paragraph (1) above: and the references in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of that paragraph to the works authorised by the Bill shall accordingly be construed, where the paragraph applies separately to each project, as references to the works comprised in that project.

(4) Notwithstanding any direction given as mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) above, any environmental statement of which copies are deposited under this Order shall contain the summary (referred to below as “the non-technical summary”) required by paragraph (2)(e) and, where material, paragraph 4 of Schedule 3.

(5) Where the Secretary of State has given a direction as mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) above, a copy of the direction shall be deposited with every copy of the environmental statement deposited under this Order; and every copy of a direction so deposited or deposited under paragraph (1)(b) above shall be accompanied by a statement by the Secretary of State of his reasons for giving the direction.

(6) Copies of every environmental statement deposited under this Order shall be made available for inspection, and for sale at a reasonable price, on and after 4th December, at the offices at which copies of the Bill are required to be made available under Standing Order 4A; and there shall also be made available separately on and after that date at those offices, for inspection and for sale at a reasonable price, copies of the non-technical summary.

(7) The reference to Schedule 3 in this Order is a reference to that Schedule as amended from time to time and includes a reference to the corresponding provision of any regulations which re-enact the Town and Country Planning (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1988, with or without amendment; and references to particular paragraphs of Schedule 3 shall be construed accordingly.

(8) This Order does not require the deposit of copies of an environmental statement in relation to any works for which planning permission has been granted.——(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

12 European Energy Charter.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 4936/91, relating to a European energy charter; and welcomes proposals for a charter designed to promote an open, liberal and non-discriminatory energy market throughout Europe and to assist in restructuring the energy sectors of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union on a market basis.—(Mr Colin Moynihan.)

13 Licences and Licensing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments,
That the draft Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 15th April, be approved—(Mr Colin Moynihan): It was agreed to.

14 Financial Services. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Financial Services Act 1986 (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1104), dated 30th April 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th April, be approved—(Mr Colin Moynihan): It was agreed to.

15 Financial Services. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Delegation) (No. 2) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 30th April, be approved—(Mr Colin Moynihan): It was agreed to.

16 Terms and Conditions of Employment. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Employment Codes of Practice (Revocation) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 15th April, be approved—(Mr Colin Moynihan): It was agreed to.

17 Northern Ireland. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 15th April, be approved—(Mr Colin Moynihan): It was agreed to.

18 Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 5491/91 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 26th February 1991, relating to unfair terms in consumer contracts; and endorses the Government's view that the measure needs to address identified problems with consumer contracts and to strike a fair balance between the interests of consumers and those of traders—(Mr Colin Moynihan): It was agreed to.

19 Milk Quotas. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 5491/91 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 10th May 1991, relating to the amendment of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 857/84 in respect of allocation of milk quotas; and supports the Government's intention to seek an agreement which meets the requirements of the European Court's judgments on the treatment to be accorded for quota purposes to former participants in certain Community dairying cessation schemes and ensures that the effectiveness of milk quotas in limiting Community expenditure on market support in the dairy sector is maintained—(Mr Colin Moynihan): It was agreed to.

20 Adjournment. — Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

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 20th May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies. — Companies (Fees) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1206), dated 20th May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Electricity. — Electricity (Supply, Transmission and Generating Companies) (Target Investment Limits) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1199), dated 16th May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].
Other Papers:

3 Census of Production.—Report on the Census of Production, 1989, on clothing, hats and gloves [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

4 Education.—Papers, entitled—
   (1) Education and Training for the 21st century, volumes I and II, and
   (2) Higher Education: A New Framework
      [by Command] [Cm. 1536 and 1541] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

5 Education (Scotland).—Paper, entitled Access and Opportunity: A Strategy for Education and Training [by Command] [Cm. 1530] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 English Industrial Estates Corporation.—Statement of determination of salaries of the Chairman and members of the English Industrial Estates Corporation [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

7 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [25th April] from residents of Great Harwood in Lancashire for local traffic management [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Report from Select Committees

Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on—
   (1) 15th May; and
   (2) 20th May;
   to be printed [Nos. 465-i and 466-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 112.]

Tuesday 21st May 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Highland Regional Council (Harbours) Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Highland Regional Council (Harbours) Order Confirmation Bill.
   Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

3 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 13th May.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 469].

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geraint Howells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 13th May.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 470].

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Motor Vehicles
(Wearing of Seat Belts in Rear Seats by Adults) Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 13th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 471].


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 467].


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 468].

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

Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1949 and other enactments relating to agricultural holdings in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 165].

10 New Member sworn,—William Edmund Huw Edwards, Esquire, Member for Monmouth, was sworn.

12 Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Bob Cryer, supported by Mr John Battle, Mr David Hinchcliffe, Mr Max Madden, Mr Frank Haynes, Alice Mahon, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr George J. Buckley, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Dennis Skinner and Mr John Cummings, presented a Bill to add tosa dogs and pit bull terriers to the Schedule to the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th June and to be printed [Bill 164].

13 Education (Audit Commission and Abolition of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Schools),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Schools and to transfer its functions and responsibilities to the Audit Commission; and for connected purposes—(Mr Bob Dunn); 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. 19 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr John Marshall: 96.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Battle, Mr Andrew F. Bennett: 136.

So the Question was negatived.

14 Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance 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 Nicholas Scott);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Mr Martyn Jones: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 2 and 3 were disagree to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 63 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 12, 19, 26 to 28, 32, 33, 44, 55 and 61.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 1 to 3.—(Mr Nicholas Scott.)

Ordered, That Mr Graham Allen, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Secretary Newton, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Nicholas Scott and Ann Widdecombe be members of the Committee.—(Mr Nicholas Scott.)

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr Nicholas Scott.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Nicholas Scott.)

15 Community Charges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Charge Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved—(Mr Michael Portillo);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Jack Thompson: 191.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Charge Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved.

16 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(i) staff at Islington Green School,

(ii) proprietor and shoppers of 'At the Sign of the Chest of Drawers', Upper Street, London N1,

(iii) staff and clients of SSS Dry Cleaners, 264 Upper Street, London N1,

(iv) proprietor, staff and users ofCanonbury Art Shop and Picture Framers, 266 Upper Street, London N1 2UQ,

(v) staff and customers of the Canonbury Bookshop, 271 Upper Street, London N1,

(vi) proprietor and customers of Lees second-hand furniture, 209-211 Holloway Road, London N7,

(vii) owner, staff and customers of Form Signs, 537 Holloway Road, London N19,

(viii) proprietor, staff and customers of the Red Angus Kebab House and Restaurant, 544 Holloway Road,

(ix) P. Antoniou, owner of News and Food, 651 Holloway Road, London N19, and his customers,

(x) owner, staff and customers of the London Trophy Company, 653 Holloway Road, London N19,

(xi) proprietor, staff, customers and distributors of Moonlite Collection, 660A Holloway Road, London N19,

(xii) buyers at Pure Groove Records, 69 Holloway Road, London N19,

(xiii) proprietor, staff and customers of La Boulangerie, 746 Holloway Road, London N19,

(xiv) proprietor and customers of Jose Florists, 748 Holloway Road, London N19,

(xv) staff and customers of Crest Wines, 790 Holloway Road, London N19,

(xvi) owner, staff and customers of Chris Stevens Limited, Tile and Mosaic Supplies, 561 Holloway Road, London N19,

(xvii) owner, staff and customers of the Pet Shop, 620 Holloway Road, London N19,

(xviii) residents of Ferntower Road, Islington,

(xix) owner and customers of the Aviation Bookshop, 656 Holloway Road, London N19,

(xx) staff and customers of Archway News, 693 Holloway Road, London N19,
(xxi) customers of Andrewes Cafe, 782 Holloway Road, London N19,
(xxii) customers of the Cafe, 628 Holloway Road, London N19,
(xxiii) franchise-holder, staff and customers of New York Pizza, 624 Holloway Road, London N19,
(xxiv) staff and customers of the Delight Supermarket, 146-152 Holloway Road, London N19,
(xxv) staff and customers of Sam’s News, 638 Holloway Road, London N19,
(xxvi) owner and customers of Lazio Jewellers, 677 Holloway Road, London N19,
(xxvii) staff, owners and users of Motorman, 621 Holloway Road, London N19,
(xxviii) staff and students of the Polytechnic of North London,
(xxix) Chris Fitzgerald, 670-672 Holloway Road, London N19, and customers,
(***ix) owner and customers of Car Parts, 552 Holloway Road, London N19,
(***x) owner and customers of Dan’s Cafe, 673 Holloway Road, London N19,
(***xi) franchise-holders and customers of Perfect Pizza, 663 Holloway Road, London N19, and
(***xii) customers, staff and owners of the Chip Inn Fish Bar, 193 Holloway Road,
for immediate abandonment of the A1 Red Route Pilot Scheme were presented and read;
and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Wednesday 22nd May 1991

17 Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill.—Mr Nicholas Scott
reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords
for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 to the Disability Living Allowance and
Disability Working Allowance Bill, That it had drawn up the the following Reason
accordingly, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3) made by the Lords, for the
following Reason:

Because it is not necessary to introduce a regulated benefit, since other
arrangements are to be made for payments to those at present in receipt of
payments from the Independent Living Fund.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to One
o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.31 a.m.

APPENDIX I
Tuesday 21st May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Animals,—Draft Welfare of Pigs Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
2 Community Charges,—Valuation and Community Charge Tribunals (Amendment)
(Allowances) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1189), dated 10th May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].
3 Defence (Reserve Forces),—Wales Association Scheme 1991, dated 2nd May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

Other Papers:

5 Home Affairs, Government Replies to—
   (1) the Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1990-91, on policing football hooliganism, and
   (2) the Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1990-91, on Next Steps agencies
   [by Command] [Cm. 1539 and 1549] [Mr Secretary Baker].

6 Public Accounts, Treasury Minute on the Seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1990-91, on monitoring and control of charities in England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 1542] [Mr Francis Maude].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Members' Interests, Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Members' Interests on 21st May; to be printed [No. 388-iv] [Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith].

2 Social Security and Health, Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security and Health Committees meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (5)(e) of Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) on 21st May; to be printed [No. 421-ii] [Mr Frank Field].

3 Statutory Instruments, (1) Twentieth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; and
   (2) Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee;
   to be printed [Nos. 26-xx and 27-iv] [Mr Bob Cryer].

[No. 113.]

Wednesday 22nd May 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Underground Bill, Ordered, That the London Underground Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered on Thursday 6th June.

2 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords], The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 6th June.

3 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill, The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill be now read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 6th June.

4 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill, The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th June.

5 London Underground (King's Cross) Bill, The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King's Cross) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th June.

6 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords], The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th June.

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

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

9 Severn Bridges Bill.—Mr Den Dover reported from the Select Committee on the Severn Bridges Bill, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House; and be printed [Bill 156].

Committee to-morrow.

10 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

11 Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Bill.—Mr James Lamond reported from the Second Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 14th June; and to be printed [Bill 166].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 472].

12 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Roy Hughes reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 8149/88, 9204/89, 5807/90 and 4684/91 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 10th May 1991, relating to the protection of habitats and wild flora and fauna; and supports the Government's intention to press urgently for an approach which would provide satisfactory protection throughout the Community for species and habitats which are endangered or vulnerable at the European level.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

13 European Standing Committee B,—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 10146/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Health on 8th May 1991, relating to labelling of tobacco products; recognises that the proposal would require the United Kingdom to extend legislative controls on tobacco products' labelling and to ban oral snuff products; endorses the Government's view that it is important to prevent the use of oral snuff from becoming established in the United Kingdom and the European Community and that it is desirable that the users of all tobacco products should be warned about the health risks; and supports the Government's view that the proposal is acceptable to the United Kingdom.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

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

Llanelli Borough Council (Burry Port Harbour) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Llanelli Borough Council to construct works at Burry Port Harbour; to alter the status of that harbour and to confer powers on the Council as the harbour authority for that harbour; for the provision of facilities therein; for the regulation of the harbour; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

15 Llanelli Borough Council (Burry Port Harbour) Bill [Lords].—The Llanelli Borough Council (Burry Port Harbour) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

16 Health Care of Prisoners,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make new provision for the health care of prisoners in England and Wales; and for connected purposes; And that Mr John Battle, Mr Peter Archer, Mr Chris Smith, Sir Charles Irving, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Bruce Grocott, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones, Mr Alex Carlile,
Mr Frank Field, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mr Gerald Bermingham and Audrey Wise do prepare and bring it in.

17 Health Care of Prisoners Bill.—Mr John Battle accordingly presented a Bill to make new provision for the health care of prisoners in England and Wales; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th June and to be printed [Bill 167].

18 New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered in the following order, namely: new Clauses relating to Part I; new Schedules relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 5, Schedule No. 1, Clause No. 6, Schedule No. 2 and Clauses Nos. 7 to 24; new Clauses relating to Part II; new Schedules relating to Part II; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 25 to 43; new Clauses relating to Part III; new Schedules relating to Part III; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 44 to 46, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 47 to 59, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 60 to 98, Schedule No. 5 and Clauses Nos. 99 to 102; new Clauses relating to Part IV; new Schedules relating to Part IV; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 103 to 118, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 119 to 157, Schedule No. 7 and Clauses Nos. 158 to 161; other new Clauses; other new Schedules; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 162 to 164, Schedules Nos. 8 and 9 and Clauses Nos. 165 to 167.—(Mr Roger Freeman.)

A Clause (Annual report on concession agreements and toll orders)—(Mr Roger Freeman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Environmental assessment of projects involving special roads)—(Mr Roger Freeman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Concession statement)—(Joan Ruddock)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

'(SA) The Secretary of State shall issue a code of practice giving guidance on the matters to be dealt with in the concession agreement; and in entering into a concession agreement a highway authority shall have regard to any such code of practice'.—(Mr Thomas McAvoy.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 27, 28, 38 and 39) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 41, to leave out from the word ‘if’ to the end of line 43 and insert the words—

'(a) the road to which the order relates consists of or includes a major crossing to which there is no reasonably convenient alternative, or
(b) the highway authority and concessionaire agree that it should do so’, instead thereof.—(Joan Walley.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 40 and 29 to 34) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Report on toll roads and toll orders in Scotland)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Environmental assessment of projects involving special roads in Scotland)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 72 to 76, 108 and 77 to 80) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Charge for occupation of the highway where works unreasonably prolonged)—(Mr Roger Freeman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 41) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 99, line 26, to leave out the word ‘or’.—(Sir Peter Blaker.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 42 to 65) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 116) proposed to the Bill, in page 53, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

'( ) This section shall cease to have effect upon such day as the Secretary of State may appoint by order made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament'.—(Mr Graham Riddick.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Timothy Wood: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 38.

Another Clause (Charge for occupation of the road where works unreasonably prolonged) [Scotland]—(Mr Greg Knight)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 81 to 91, 109 and 92 to 104) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 117) proposed to the Bill, in page 86, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

'( ) This section shall cease to have effect upon such day as the Secretary of State may appoint by order made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament'.—(Mr Graham Riddick.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Timothy Wood: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Robert N. Wareing: 25.

Other Amendments (Nos. 66 to 69, 15, 16, 110, 105, 111 to 114, 17, 18, 106, 107, 19, 20, 70 and 21 to 26) made to the Bill.

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

Mr Secretary Rifkind, 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 Secretary Rifkind, 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.

19 Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts in Rear Seats by Adults) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 2nd May, be approved—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

20 County Courts, —A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft County Court Remedies Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 3rd May, be approved—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

21 Veterinary Surgeons, —A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th May, be approved—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

22 Broadcasting, —A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.
23 Resettlement Grant.—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, on the dissolution of the present or any future Parliament—

(1) A grant should be payable to any person who is a Member of this House immediately before the dissolution and at the general election consequent upon the dissolution either does not stand for election to this House or, if he does, is not elected.

(2) The amount of the grant in the case of any such person should be equal to the relevant percentage of a year’s salary at the highest rate payable to Members of this House immediately before the dissolution, the relevant percentage for this purpose being that shown in the following Table in relation to—

(a) his age at the dissolution; and

(b) the number of years for which he has served as a Member of this House before the dissolution.

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(3) In calculating for the purposes of paragraph (2) the number of years for which a person has served as a Member of this House before the dissolution, there should be disregarded—

(a) any fraction of a year for which he has so served; and

(b) if a grant was payable to him under this Resolution or any of the former resettlement grant Resolutions on any previous occasion, any period of service which was taken into account or disregarded on that occasion;

and in this paragraph ‘the former resettlement grant Resolutions’ means the second Resolution of 20th December 1971, the fourth Resolution of 4th March 1980 and the third Resolution of 19th July 1983.—(Mr John MacGregor.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 9.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 22nd May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law (Northern Ireland),—Draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

2 Criminal Law (Scotland),—(1) Draft Confiscation of the Proceeds of Drug Trafficking (Designated Countries and Territories) (Scotland) Order 1991, and
(2) draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Scotland) Order 1991

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1188), dated 10th May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

5 Armed Forces Pay,—Supplement to the Twentieth Report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay, on service medical and dental officers [by Command] [Cm. 1529] [The Prime Minister].

6 Bank of England,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Bank of England for the period 1st March 1990 to 28th February 1991 [by Command]; and


   [Mr John Maples].

7 Cayman Islands,—Report of the Constitutional Commissioners on the Cayman Islands [by Command] [Cm. 1547] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on management of the British Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 464] [Clerk of the House].

9 Patents,—Report of the Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 453] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

10 Police,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 412] [Mr Secretary Baker].

11 Police (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland for 1990 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 384] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Fifth Report from the Defence Committee [Options for Change: RAF]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 393];

   (2) Fourth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Reply to the Second Report from the Committee, on the Procurement of the Multiple Launch Rocket System and the Phoenix Remotely Piloted Vehicle]; to be printed [No. 476]; and

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 22nd May; to be printed [No. 287-iii]

   [Mr Michael Mates].

2 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 22nd May; to be printed [No. 208-ix] [Dr Michael Clark].

3 Environment,—(1) Fourth Report from the Environment Committee [DOE, Property Holdings and PSA Estimates 1991-92 and DOE Annual Report 1991], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 389]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 22nd May; to be printed [No. 474-i]

   [Sir Hugh Rossi].
Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1991 and the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1991;

(2) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1991;

(3) Mr David Knox Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 5518/91, relating to veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries;

(4) Mr James Lamond Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 10837/90, relating to protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs, and 10749/90, relating to certificates of specific character for foodstuffs; and

(5) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 8460/90, relating to protection of individuals in relation to processing of personal data in the Community and information security.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Deer Bill [Lords].—The Deer Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 3rd June and to be printed [Bill 168].

3 Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill.—Mr Secretary Heseltine, supported by Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr David Mellor, Mr Michael Portillo and Mr Allan Stewart, presented a Bill to abolish restrictions on the power of the Secretary of State to designate authorities under section 100 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988; to amend the grounds upon which the Secretary of State may make a report under Schedule 3 to the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc. (Scotland) Act 1987; to make provision for the valuation of domestic properties in England, Scotland and Wales; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 3rd June and to be printed [Bill 163].

4 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Gillian Fellows-Jensen for extended voting rights for British citizens resident in the European Community outside the United Kingdom was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr John M. Taylor);

And it being Three o’clock, Madam Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Resolutions [13th May], till Monday 3rd June.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 23rd May 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Immunities and Privileges.—Draft Vienna Document (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Channel Tunnel.—Channel Tunnel (Emergency Medical Services) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1236), dated 22nd May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].


5 Fees and Charges.—European Economic Interest Grouping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1228), dated 21st May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


Other Papers:

7 Telecommunications.—Report of the Director General of Telecommunications for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 445] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

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

PRAYERS.

1 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 Eric Samuel Heifer, Esquire, Member for Liverpool, Walton, 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.

2 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.:

Llanelli Borough Council (Burry Port Harbour) Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

3 Private Bills [Lords] (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, originating in the Lords, and referred after the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 4) Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Oversea Superannuation Bill, without Amendment.

6 Education Provision Bill,—Ordered, That the Education Provision Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th June.

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman)—It was agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Companies (Fees) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1206) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman)—It was agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Welfare of Pigs Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Sydney Chapman)—It was agreed to.

10 Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Allen McKay: 200.

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 Irvine Patnick.)
Committee to-morrow.

11 Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required to enable a valuation to be carried out, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, of all domestic properties in Great Britain, including sums required—

(a) to enable the Secretary of State to make grants to regional or islands councils towards their expenditure for the purposes of, or otherwise in connection with, the valuation; and

(b) to meet administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in making any such grants.—(Mr Michael Portillo.)

12 Labelling of Tobacco Products. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 10146/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Health on 8th May 1991, relating to labelling of tobacco products; recognises that the proposal would require the United Kingdom to extend legislative controls on tobacco products’ labelling and to ban oral snuff products; endorses the Government’s view that it is important to prevent the use of oral snuff from becoming established in the United Kingdom and the European Community and that it is desirable that the users of all tobacco products should be warned about the health risks; and supports the Government’s view that the proposal is acceptable to the United Kingdom—(Mr Nicholas Baker):— It was agreed to.

13 Protection of Habitats of Wild Flora and Fauna, — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 8149/88, 9204/89, 5807/90 and 4684/91 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 10th May 1991, relating to the protection of habitats of wild flora and fauna; and supports the Government’s intention to press urgently for an approach which would provide satisfactory protection throughout the Community for species and habitats which are endangered or vulnerable at the European level—(Mr Nicholas Baker):— It was agreed to.

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Rugby for action to revoke the community charge capping of Warwickshire was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nicholas Baker);

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

[Adjourned at 11.17 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Education (Northern Ireland),—Statements and Summary of the Education and Library Boards’ Accounts for 1989–90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [Cm. 1531] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

2 European Communities (No. 30, 1991),—Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 22nd October 1990, between the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, on trade and commercial and economic co-operation, with exchange of letters [Cm. 1546] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

3 European Communities (No. 31, 1991),—Agreement, done at Brussels on 29th November 1990, between the European Economic Community and the Government of Mauritius on fishing in Mauritian waters, with Protocols [Cm. 1550] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
4 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the merger situation between the Morgan Crucible Company plc and Manville Corporation [Cm. 1551] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

5 Treaty Series (No. 32, 1991),—Adjustments, adopted at the Second Meeting of the Parties held at the headquarters of the International Maritime Organisation in London from 27th to 29th June 1990, to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer signed at Montreal on 16th September 1987 [Cm. 1545] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

6 Treaty Series (No. 33, 1991),—Notes exchanged at London on 25th January and 4th February 1991 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden concerning the termination of Sweden’s commission as protecting power for the United Kingdom in the Islamic Republic of Iran [Cm. 1544] [Mr Secretary Hurd].


8 Treaty Series (No. 36, 1991),—Notes exchanged at Paris on 30th April and 10th August 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic further amending the Air Transport Agreement signed at London on 28th February 1946 [Cm. 1552] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

28th May 1991


30th May 1991


(2) Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1250), and

(3) Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1249),
dated 23rd May 1991 [Mr Francis Maude].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 3rd June 1991:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

15 Building Societies,—Draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of section 41) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

16 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

18 Food,—Food (Miscellaneous Revocations) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1231), dated 20th May 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

19 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—High Court (Distribution of Business) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1210), dated 30th April 1991 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].


Other Papers:

21 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland on—

(1) economy, efficiency and effectiveness examinations of certain matters, and
(2) privatisation of Harland and Wolff
[by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 447 and 450] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

22 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—

(1) agricultural machinery and tractors,
(2) animal feeding stuffs,
(3) insulated wires and cables,
(4) ordnance, small arms and ammunition,
(5) paints, varnishes and printing ink,
(6) soap and toilet preparations, and
(7) textile machinery
[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

23 Dentists,—Account of the General Dental Council for 1990 [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

24 Development of Tourism,—Statement of determination of salaries of the Chairman and members of the British Tourist Authority and the English Tourist Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

25 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Horticultural Development Council for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

26 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance,—Account of the Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 490] [Clerk of the House].

27 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health on 22nd May 1991 on borrowing by—

(1) East Gloucestershire National Health Service Trust, and
(2) Manchester Central Hospitals and Community Care National Health Service Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

28 National Heritage,—Statement of disposals or transfers of property accepted in lieu of tax made in the financial year 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

29 Population Censuses and Surveys,—Paper, entitled Mortality Statistics: childhood, 1988 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

30 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communications declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instruments had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation:

(1) Channel Tunnel (Emergency Medical Services) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1236), and
[by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].
Tuesday 4th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

4 European Standing Committee A,—Mr David Knox reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 5518/91, relating to veterinary checks on live animals entering the Community from third countries; and supports the Government's objective of ensuring that the eventual rules contain the necessary safeguards against the introduction and spread of serious diseases.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

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

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

6 Dangerous Dogs Bill,—Mr Secretary Baker, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr John Selwyn Gummer, Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Secretary Lilley, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Attorney General and Mrs Angela Rumbold, presented a Bill to prohibit persons from having in their possession or custody dogs belonging to types bred for fighting; to impose restrictions in respect of such dogs pending the coming into force of the prohibition; to enable restrictions to be imposed in relation to other types of dog which present a serious danger to the public; to make further provision for securing that dogs are kept under proper control; 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 169].

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Cinemas (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

8 Northern Ireland Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 99 (Northern Ireland Committee), That the Proposal for a draft Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, published on 19th April 1991, being a Matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee for its consideration—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

9 Employment of Children Act 1973 (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Employment of Children Act 1973 in respect of the definition of 'child'; and to make fresh provision for its commencement: And that Mildred Gordon, Mr Ron Leighton, Mr Greville Janner, Mr Peter Archer, Mr John Hughes, Alice Mahon, Audrey Wise, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Keith Vaz, Mr Tony Benn and Ms Joyce Quin do prepare and bring it in.

10 Employment of Children Act 1973 (Amendment) Bill,—Mildred Gordon accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Employment of Children Act 1973 in respect of the definition of 'child'; and to make fresh provision for its commencement: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th June and to be printed [Bill 170].

11 Child Support Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Child Support Bill [Lords];

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, while providing that absent parents should contribute to the support of their children, leaves lone parents on income support not one penny better off, makes lone parents worse off where they receive maintenance just above income support levels and thus lose access to passported benefits, allows maintenance payments to be disrupted if the absent parent defaults, does not take account of property settlements which could lead to an increase in orders for the home to be sold, leaves unclear in which cases the lone parent will be exempt from the requirement to help the agency trace the absent parent and therefore from the penalty of loss of benefit imposed on the caring parent, and does not tackle more serious problems facing lone parents and their children, notably the provision of better child care facilities', instead thereof. (Mr Michael Meacher.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Robert N. Wareing: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 221.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Amendment on second or third reading):—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

12 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Ways and Means Motions in the name of Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

13 Child Support Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Child Support Bill [Lords] [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Child Support Bill, [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State or the Lord Chancellor under that Act; and

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by the Secretary of State by virtue of that Act. (Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

14 Ways and Means,—Gifts for purposes of educational establishments,—Resolved, That provision may be made in substitution for section 84 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. (Mr Francis Maude.)

15 Ways and Means,—Insurance companies and friendly societies,—Resolved, That provision may be made about the taxation of insurance companies and friendly societies,— (Mr Francis Maude.)

16 Ways and Means,—Annuities,—Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made in connection with annuities. (Mr Francis Maude.)

17 Ways and Means,—Company losses,—Resolved, That provision may be made about setting off losses incurred by companies against profits or trading income of accounting periods, whenever ending. (Mr Francis Maude.)

18 Ways and Means,—Sharing of transmission facilities,—Resolved, That provision may be made about agreements relating to the sharing of transmission facilities. (Mr Francis Maude.)

19 Ways and Means,—Stamp duty (consideration),—Resolved, That provision may be made about the apportionment of consideration for stamp duty purposes. (Mr Francis Maude.)

20 Ways and Means,—Advance corporation tax: oil industry,—Resolved, That provision may be made restricting the circumstances in which advance corporation tax may be set against a company’s liability to corporation tax on ring fence profits, within the meaning of Chapter V of Part XII of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. (Mr Francis Maude.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on the Finance Bill that it have power to make provision therein pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions.

21 Northern Ireland Committee,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the Matter of the Proposal for a draft Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, the Northern Ireland Committee shall meet no more than three times; that the Committee have leave to meet twice on the first day on which it shall meet; and that, notwithstanding the provisions of
Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees), the second such sitting shall not commence before half-past Four o’clock nor continue after the Committee has considered the Matter for two and a half hours at that sitting.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

22 Severn Bridges (re-committed) Bill.—Ordered, That the Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the Severn Bridges (re-committed) Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be discharged; and that the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be re-committed to a Standing Committee.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

23 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 4th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Health,—Paper, entitled The Health of the Nation: a consultative document for health in England [by Command] [Cm. 1523] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

4 Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission on transfer of land: implied covenants for title [by Act]; to be printed [No. 437] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Ray Whitney (nominated in respect of the Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1991 and the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1991); and had appointed in substitution Sir Marcus Fox.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Third Report from the Agriculture Committee [Animals in Transit]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 45]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 4th June; to be printed [No. 493-i]

[Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Education, Science and Arts,—(1) Fourth Report from the Education, Science and Arts Committee [Sport in Schools], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 155]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Education, Science and Arts Committee

[Mr Malcolm Thornton].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 494].

5 European Standing Committee A,—Mr James Lamond reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee remains opposed to but takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 10749/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 14th May 1991, relating to certificates of specific character for foodstuffs, and 10837/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 3rd May 1991, relating to protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs; and supports the Government's intention to seek amendments which will encourage producer innovation without undermining the Single Market principles of free and fair trading, benefit consumers, the food industry and primary agricultural producers and facilitate international trade.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

6 European Standing Committee B,—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 8460/90, relating to protection of personal data; and considers that any Community legislation should so far as possible be based on the approach set out in the 1981 Council of Europe Convention on Data Protection.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

7 Criminal Justice Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 171].

8 Education (Swimming and Water Safety),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Education Reform Act 1988 in order to make special provision for the teaching of swimming in maintained schools; and for connected purposes: And that Mrs Ann Winterton, Kate Hoey, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Denis Howell, Sir Neil Macfarlane, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Richard Tracey, Mr Tom Pendry, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Mike Watson and Mrs Sylvia Heal do prepare and bring it in.

9 Education (Swimming and Water Safety) (No. 2) Bill,—Mrs Ann Winterton accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Education Reform Act 1988 in order to make special provision for the teaching of swimming in maintained schools; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th June and to be printed [Bill 172].

10 Opposition day [12th allotted day].,—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Government of London,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deprecates the traffic congestion, the public transport chaos, the pollution, the homelessness, the filthy streets, the inner city decay and the unemployment which have made daily life a misery for millions of Londoners; holds the Government to account
for the policies which have failed London over more than a decade; reaffirms the value and importance of a capital city which can realise its full potential as a manufacturing, trading, financial and cultural centre; and endorses the need for a Labour Government which will bring to London the benefits of constructive national policies on health, education and training, housing and transport, the spur to the efficient delivery of local authority services provided by the Quality Commission, and the establishment of an elected, city-wide, strategic authority which will give Londoners a voice on the future of their city—(Mr Bryan Gould);

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 ‘deplores the habit of the Labour Party of running down London in a way which, if taken seriously, would damage its image abroad, deter foreign investors and bring glee to London’s competitor cities overseas; emphasises that London is one of the world’s finest cities with cultural and business attractions which have few rivals, a transport system as extensive as any in Europe and international hub airports which are the envy of others; welcomes the decision of the Government to relieve London of the unnecessary and highly wasteful Greater London Council; deplores Labour’s plans to establish a still more wasteful London-wide body with powers to control the police which even the Greater London Council did not have; welcomes the Government’s enormous investment programme in public transport and in infrastructure in Docklands; and salutes the Government’s achievements of the last 12 years which have raised Britain’s reputation abroad and with it that of her capital city’, instead thereof.

(Mr Michael Portillo.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Robert N. Wareing: 192.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 300.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Wallace, Mr Archy Kirkwood: 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House deplores the habit of the Labour Party of running down London in a way which, if taken seriously, would damage its image abroad, deter foreign investors and bring glee to London’s competitor cities overseas; emphasises that London is one of the world’s finest cities with cultural and business attractions which have few rivals, a transport system as extensive as any in Europe and international hub airports which are the envy of others; welcomes the decision of the Government to relieve London of the unnecessary and highly wasteful Greater London Council; deplores Labour’s plans to establish a still more wasteful London-wide body with powers to control the police which even the Greater London Council did not have; welcomes the Government’s enormous investment programme in public transport and in infrastructure in Docklands; and salutes the Government’s achievements of the last 12 years which have raised Britain’s reputation abroad and with it that of her capital city.

Training and the Unemployed,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government for the recession which is affecting every part of Britain and every sector of industry, with serious long-term consequences for Britain’s future; notes with dismay that at a time of rising unemployment, the Government is cutting support for the unemployed; and calls upon it to reverse the cuts in training provision and provide additional employment measures for the unemployed without delay—(Mr Tony Blair);

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 the success of policies which have created over a million new jobs since 1979; welcomes the introduction of the most comprehensive range of measures ever available to help the unemployed back to work; notes the very substantial increase in spending on training over the last 12 years; and, in particular, supports the measures in the recent White Paper, Education and Training for the 21st Century’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Howard.)

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 Thomas McAvoy: 208.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 284.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 the Government on the success of policies which have created over a million new jobs since 1979; welcomes the introduction of the most comprehensive range of measures ever available to help the unemployed back to work; notes the very substantial increase in spending on training over the last 12 years; and, in particular, supports the measures in the recent White Paper, Education and Training for the 21st Century.

11 Dangerous Dogs Bill.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Dangerous Dogs 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 Irvine Patnick.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 5th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (Student Loans) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1299), dated 3rd June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


Other Papers:

4 Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 22nd May 1991 on borrowing by Nuclear Electric plc [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

5 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on passenger and other services supplied by London Underground Limited [by Command] [Cm. 1555] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

6 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instruments had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation:

   (1) Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1295), and


   [by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

7 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Comment Cablevision North East Partnership under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Child Support Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mrs Rosie Barnes, Mr John Battle, Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Mr Tony Fawell, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Michael Irvine, Mr Michael Jack, Joan Lestor, Mr John Marshall, Mr Secretary Newton, Mr David Nicholson, Emma Nicholson, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Terry Rooney and Mr Bill Walker.

2 Standing Committee D.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Severn Bridges (re-committed) Bill, viz.: Mr Alan Amos, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Joe Benton, Mr John Cope, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr Roger Freeman, Mr John Hannam, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Paul Murphy, Mr Edward O'Hara, Dawn Primarolo, Sir Wyn Roberts, Mr Peter Snape, Mr Michael Stern and Mr Timothy Wood.

3 Northern Ireland Committee.—Sir 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 Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Robert Adley, Mr David Alton, Mr Robert Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Vivian Bendall, Dr John G. Blackburn, Sir Richard Body, Mr Robert Boscawen, Mr Gerald Bowden, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Churchill, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Richard Needham, Mr Roger Stott and Mr David Winnick.

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr David Curry, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Peter L. Pike, Mr Barry Porter, Mr William Powell, Sir Timothy Raison, Mr Colin Shepherd, Sir Trevor Skeet, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Michael Stern, Mr Andy Stewart, Mr Peter Tapsell and Mr Dennis Turner.

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1991, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Richard Calman, Mr James Douglas-Hamilton, Sir Nicholas Fisher, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mrs Ray Michie, Mr Hector Monroe, Mr David Porter, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Roger Sims, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Ian Stewart, Mr Hugo Summerson, Mr Patrick Thompson, Mr John Wilkinson and Mr Brian Wilson.

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Companies (Fees) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr John Cummings, Mr David Davis, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Dr Kim Howells, Marjorie Mowlam, Mr Dave Nellist, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Tim Rathbone, Mr John Redwood, Mr David Shaw, Sir William Shelton, Mr Keith Speed, Mr Robin Squire, Mr Mike Watson and Mr David Young.

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Welfare of Pigs Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Ron Davies, Kate Hoey, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr David Maclean, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Richard Page, Mr James Pawsely, Mr Peter L. Pike, Mr Graham Riddick, Mr Peter Rost, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr Richard Shepherd, Sir Dudley Smith, Mr Lewis Stevens, Mr David Sumberg and Mr Donald Thompson.

8 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991 and the draft Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (Designated Countries and Territories) (Amendment) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr James Couchman, Mr George Galloway, Mr Bernie
Grant, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mr Max Madden, Mr John Patten, Mr Barry Sheerman, Mr Neil Thorne, Mr John Townend, Mr David Tredinnick, Sir Gerard Vaughan, Mr Peter Viggers, Sir John Wheeler and Mr David Wilshire.

9 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Cinemas (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Tony Benn, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Bob Clay, Mr Julian Critchley, Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr A. E. P. Duffy, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Richard Needham, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Roger Stott, Mr Cyril D. Townsend, Mr Richard Tracey, Mr Neville Trotter, Mr John Ward and Mr Jerry Wiggin.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 495-i] [Mr Ron Leighton].

2 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 343-ii] [Dr Michael Clark].

3 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 474-ii] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

4 European Legislation,—Twenty-second Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xxii] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

5 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 229-vi] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

6 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 463-ii] [Sir John Wheeler].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 5th June; to be printed [No. 368-ii] [Mr James Pawsey].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: New Management Strategy]; and
(2) Twenty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Support for Low Income Families];
to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports [Nos. 165 and 216] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

9 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 496-i] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

10 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 390-iv] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA
Wednesday 5th June 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—
(1) the Child Support Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A;
(2) the Severn Bridges (re-committed) Bill to Standing Committee D;
(3) the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(4) the Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(5) the Companies (Fees) Regulations 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr John McWilliam and Mr James Hill Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Child Support Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Severn Bridges (re-committed) Bill;

(3) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Northern Ireland Standing Committee in respect of the Matter of the Proposal for a draft Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

(4) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 1991;

(5) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1991;

(6) Mr James Lamond Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Companies (Fees) Regulations 1991;

(7) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Welfare of Pigs Regulations 1991;

(8) Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991 and the draft Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (Designated Countries and Territories) (Amendment) Order 1991 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(9) Sir John Hunt Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 6033/90, relating to a supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 4315/91, relating to the safe transport of workers with reduced mobility, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

[No. 118.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 13th June.

2 London Underground Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Underground Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 13th June.

3 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 13th June.
Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th June.

5 London Underground (King's Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King's Cross) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th June.

6 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th June.

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

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

9 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Ted Leadbitter reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 827), referred to a Committee on 2nd May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 497].

10 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 Maintenance Enforcement Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; they have agreed to another of the Amendments made by this House, with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and they have disagreed to certain other Amendments made by this House, but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London Underground (Victoria) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Company to construct works; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

11 Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill [Lords].—The Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

12 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Order [14th May], That the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.

13 Scottish Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 97 (Matters relating exclusively to Scotland), That the Matter of Scottish higher and further education, being a Matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

14 Scottish Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 97 (Matters relating exclusively to Scotland), That the Matter of local government structure and finance in Scotland, being a Matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

15 Scottish Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 97 (Matters relating exclusively to Scotland), That the Matter of constitutional issues in Scotland, being a Matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

16 Dangerous Dogs Bill,—Ordered, That, if the Dangerous Dogs Bill is committed to a Committee of the whole House, further proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed; and that as soon as the proceedings on any Resolution come to by the House on
Dangerous Dogs Bill [Money] have been concluded, this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

17 School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Resources for remuneration awards)—(Mr Derek Fatchett)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, after the word 'shall', to insert the words 'after consultation with those representing the interests of local education authorities, school teachers and governors'.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

'Secretariat

4A.—(1) The Chairman may appoint one or more employees as he thinks fit to perform all or part of the functions of an independent secretariat to the review body.

(2) The Chairman shall pay to his employee or employees such remuneration and allowances as he may determine.

(3) The employee or employees shall be appointed on such other terms and conditions as he may determine.

(4) A determination under sub-paragraph (2) or (3) above requires the approval of the Secretary of State, given with the consent of the Treasury.

4B.—(1) Notwithstanding paragraph 4A above, the Chairman may commission any person, body or organisation to perform all or any remaining part of the functions of an independent secretariat.

(2) The Chairman shall pay to any person, body or organisation commissioned under sub-paragraph (1) above such fees as he may determine.

(3) A determination under sub-paragraph (2) above requires the approval of the Secretary of State, given with the consent of the Treasury.

4C. Any expenses arising under paragraphs 4A or 4B above shall be met by the Secretary of State'.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Robert N. Wareing: 172.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

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

19 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

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

Thursday 6th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Access to Personal Files and Medical Reports (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Clean Air,—Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1282), dated 30th May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


5 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Etc.,—Adopted Children Register (Form of Entry) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1261), dated 20th May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


7 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—(1) Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 1991 (S.R. (N.I.), 1991, No. 231), and
   dated 3rd June 1991 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

Other Papers:

8 Education,—Department of Education and Science Minutes concerning indemnities granted to—
   (1) Bristol City Technology College, and
   (2) Nottingham City Technology College
   [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

9 Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 4th June 1991 on borrowing by Nuclear Electric plc [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

10 Local Government,—Final Report of the West Yorkshire Residuary Body, for 1990–91; and Review of the Body for 1986–91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

11 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) the condition of Scottish housing, and
   (2) sale of the Skills Training Agency
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 485 and 484] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee D,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr Edward O’Hara (nominated in respect of the Severn Bridges (re-committed) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Roy Hughes.
2 Northern Ireland Committee,---Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Northern Ireland Committee Mr Robert Adley and Mr Robert Boscawen (nominated in respect of the Matter of the Proposal for a draft Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Kenneth Hind and Mr Jonathan Sayeed.

3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,---Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Colin Shepherd and Sir Trevor Skeet (nominated in respect of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Emma Nicholson and Mr Anthony Coombs.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,---Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Graham Riddick (nominated in respect of the draft Welfare of Pigs Regulations 1991); and had appointed in substitution Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 6th June 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees,---In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr Michael J. Martin and Mr Norman Hogg Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Matters of Scottish higher and further education, local government structure and finance in Scotland, and constitutional issues in Scotland.

[No. 119.]

Friday 7th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees,—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

3 Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendment to Commons Amendment and Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Commons Amendments to the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to be considered on Monday 10th June; and to be printed [Bill 173].

4 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tom Sackville);

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

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)

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 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].
2 Criminal Law (Northern Ireland),—Draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

3 Criminal Law (Scotland),—Draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Scotland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Defence,—Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

5 Social Security,—Draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


7 Dangerous Drugs,—Controlled Drugs (Substances Useful for Manufacture) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1285), dated 30th May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].


Other Papers:

9 Development of Tourism,—Statement of determination of salary of a member of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Treaty Series (No. 37, 1991),—Convention, done at London on 8th September 1981, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains [by Command] [Cm. 1553] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Paper withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Home Affairs,—Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Police Sickness], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 370] [Sir John Wheeler].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 7th June 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 1991, in place of Sir Anthony Meyer.
Monday 10th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Select Committees. — Minutes of Evidence were reported from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

4 Statutory Instruments, &c.; — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Vienna Document (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.— (Mr John M. Taylor): — It was agreed to.

5 Statutory Instruments, &c.; — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1235) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.— (Mr John M. Taylor): — It was agreed to.

6 Statutory Instruments, &c.; — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1295) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.— (Mr John M. Taylor): — It was agreed to.

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.; — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No 3) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1296) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.— (Mr John M. Taylor): — It was agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.; — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.— (Mr John M. Taylor): — It was agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.; — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.— (Mr John M. Taylor): — It was agreed to.

10 Statutory Instruments, &c.; — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Confiscation of the Proceeds of Drug Trafficking (Designated Countries and Territories) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.— (Mr John M. Taylor): — It was agreed to.

11 Dangerous Dogs Bill (Allocation of Time). — A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Dangerous Dogs Bill:

Second Reading

1. The proceedings on Second Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock.
Committee

2.—(1) In Committee, proceedings on any new Clauses relating to the registration of dogs shall be taken before proceedings on the Clauses.

(2) Proceedings in Committee on new Clauses relating to the registration of dogs shall be brought to a conclusion at One o’clock at this day’s sitting.

(3) The remaining proceedings in Committee shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion at Three o’clock.

Report and Third Reading

3. The proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion at Four o’clock.

Conclusion of proceedings in Committee

4. On the conclusion of the proceedings in Committee the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question and, if he reports the Bill with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill, as amended, without any Question being put.

Order of proceedings

5. No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which proceedings in Committee or on consideration are taken.

Dilatory Motions

6. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings at this day’s sitting shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Extra time

7. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings at this day’s sitting.

Conclusion of proceedings

8.—(1) This paragraph applies in relation to any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order at this day’s sitting.

(2) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings 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 is moved or Motion is made by a Minister of the Crown; and
(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.

(3) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (2) above shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(4) If a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 20 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would, apart from this Order, stand over to Seven o’clock, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings which, under this Order, 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.

Supplemental orders

9.—(1) The proceedings on any Motion moved in the House by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) shall apply to those proceedings.

(2) If at this day’s sitting the House is adjourned, or if this day’s sitting is suspended, before the time at which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order, no notice shall be required of a Motion moved at the next sitting by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.
10. Nothing in this Order shall—
(a) prevent any proceedings to which this Order applies from being taken or completed earlier than is required by this Order; or
(b) prevent any business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with on any day after the completion of all such proceedings on the Bill as are to be taken on that day.

Recommittal

11. —(1) References in this Order to proceedings on consideration or proceedings on Third Reading include references to proceedings at those stages, respectively, for, on, or in consequence of, recommittal.

(2) 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.

Business Committee

12. Standing Order No. 80 (Business Committee) shall not apply to this Order—(Mr John MacGregor);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Dennis Skinner: 56.

So the Question was agreed to.

12 Dangerous Dogs Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dangerous Dogs 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, Mr Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Order this day:—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 Tim Boswell.)

Further proceedings on the Bill stood postponed, pursuant to Order [6th June].

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Dangerous Dogs Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of that Act.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

14 Dangerous Dogs Bill,—The House, pursuant to Order [6th June], immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Dangerous Dogs Bill.

(In the Committee)

A Clause (Control of dogs not otherwise regulated)—(Dame Janet Fookes)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael J. Martin, Mr Alan Meale: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 303.

Clause No. 1 (Dogs bred for fighting).

Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 1, line 6, at the end, to insert the words ‘any dog of the type known as a rottweiler’.—(Mr Robin Corbett.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 1, line 20, after the word 'lead', to insert the words—

'( ) allow such a dog of which he is the owner to be kept in insecure conditions in
around the place where the owner is residing'.—(Mr Stuart Randall.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed, in page 1, line 22, at the end, to insert the words—

'(f) be in charge of such a dog who is under 18 years of age'.—(Mr John McAllion.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being Three o'clock, the Chairman, pursuant to Orde [10th June], put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was negatived.

The Chairman then put forthwith the remaining Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 8 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House, pursuant to Order [10th June].

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr John M. Taylor reported the Bill, without Amendment.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

15 Import of Animals,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), 'hat this House takes note of European Community Document No. 5518/91, relating to veterinary checks on live animals entering the Community from third countries; and supports the Government's objective of ensuring that the eventual rules contain the necessary safeguards against the introduction and spread of serious diseases—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

16 Foods and Agricultural Products,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House remains opposed to but takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 10749/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 14th May 1991, relating to certificates of specific character for foodstuffs, and 10837/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 3rd May 1991, relating to protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs; and supports the Government's intention to seek amendments which will encourage producer innovation without undermining the Single Market principles of free and fair trading, benefit consumers, the food industry and primary agricultural producers and facilitate international trade—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

[Adjourned at 3.2 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 10th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—(1) Draft Farm and Conservation Grant Regulations 1991,

(2) Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1338), dated 6th June 1991, and

(3) Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1339), dated 6th June 1991

[by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].
2 Housing.—Draft North Hull Housing Action Trust (Area and Constitution) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

3 Northern Ireland,—Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


7 Environmental Protection,—(1) Litter Control Areas Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1325), and
   (2) Street Litter Control Notices Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1324), dated 5th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


9 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1348), dated 9th June 1991, and
   (2) National Health Service Trusts (Consultation on Dissolution) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1347), dated 7th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

10 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1349), dated 7th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


12 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Type Approval and Approval Marks) (Fees) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1318), dated 4th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


15 Water Supply (Scotland),—Water Supply (Water Quality) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1333), dated 5th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
Other Papers:

16 Civil Aviation Authority,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th June 1991 on borrowing by the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

17 Covent Garden Market,—Statement of determination of remuneration of the Chairman and members of the Covent Garden Market Authority [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

18 Financial Services,—Report and Accounts of the Securities and Investments Board for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

19 Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission on fifth programme of law reform [by Command] [Cm. 1556] [Mr Attorney General].


APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Timothy Raison and Mr Michael Stern (nominated in respect of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark and Mr Ralph Howell.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 10th June; to be printed [No. 451-ii] [Sir John Wheeler].

2 House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 10th June; to be printed [No. 499-i] [Mr John MacGregor].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 10th June; to be printed [No. 500-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

4 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 10th June; to be printed [No. 496-ii] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

[No. 121.]
Tuesday 11th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Liaison,—Mr Terence L. Higgins reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee), That the Liaison Committee had directed him to report the following recommendation for the allocation of time for the consideration of Estimates on allotted days (being the third allotted day in the present Session):

That a day not later than 5th August be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimates for the financial year 1991-92:

1. Class II, Vote 5, Foreign and Commonwealth Office—Overseas Development Administration: Overseas Aid, so far as it relates to aid to Iraqi refugees;

2. Class VI, Vote 1, Department of Employment: programmes and central services and Class VI, Vote 2, Department of Employment: Employment Service, so far as they relate to future prospects for levels of employment and unemployment;

and that debate on the first of these Estimates be concluded not later than three hours after its commencement.
Report to lie upon the Table.

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

4 Select Committees.—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

5 Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the Matter of Scottish higher and further education, referred to it on 6th June, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 503].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

Water Industry Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the supply of water and the provision of sewerage services, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Water Resources Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the National Rivers Authority and the matters in relation to which it exercises functions, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Statutory Water Companies Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to statutory water companies; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Land Drainage Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to internal drainage boards, and to the functions of such boards, and of local authorities in relation to land drainage, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for consequential amendments and repeals, and for transitional and transitory matters and savings, in connection with the consolidation of certain enactments in the Water Resources Act 1991, the Water Industry Act 1991, the Land Drainage Act 1991 and the Statutory Water Companies Act 1991; and to repeal certain related enactments which are spent or unnecessary; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Water Industry Bill [Lords].—The Water Industry Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 176].

8 Statutory Water Companies Bill [Lords].—The Statutory Water Companies Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 178].

9 Water Resources Bill [Lords].—The Water Resources Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 177].

10 Land Drainage Bill [Lords].—The Land Drainage Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 179].

11 Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Water 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 180].

12 Liaison.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee on 11th June be printed [No. 504].

13 Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill.—The Order for reading the Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

14 British Nationality (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Keith Vaz, supported by Mr Max Madden, presented a Bill to amend Schedule 1 to the British Nationality Act 1981 so as to remove, for applicants aged over 60, the requirement that an applicant should have knowledge of the English, Welsh or Scottish Gaelic language: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 174].
15 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood).—It was agreed to.

16 Cohabitation (Contract Enforcement).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the enforcement of contracts entered into between cohabiting partners; and for connected purposes: And that Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Barry Field, Mr Ivan Lawrence, Mr David Evans, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Shaw, Mr Andrew MacKay and Mr Jonathan Aitken do prepare and bring it in.

17 Cohabitation (Contract Enforcement) Bill.—Mrs Teresa Gorman accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the enforcement of contracts entered into between cohabiting partners; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st June and to be printed [Bill 175].

18 Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Repeal of section 101 of Local Government Finance Act 1988).

Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 1, line 6, at the beginning, to insert the words—

`This section shall have effect for the period between Royal Assent and a date specified by an Order made by the Secretary of State, such date to be not later than the date of implementation of a scheme of local taxation which shall be based on the occupation of property'.—(Mr David Blunkett.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 7, to leave out the word 'which' and insert the words 'so far as it'.—(Mr Paul Murphy.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Timothy Wood: 264.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed, in page 1, line 9, to leave out from the word 'shall' to the end and insert the words 'have no effect in respect of any authority to which it would otherwise be applicable where the amount calculated by it in relation to the year concerned under section 95(4) of that Act or the aggregate amount of precepts issued by it for the year (as the case may be) is greater than the total amount in respect of that authority calculable from its Standard Spending Assessment'.—(Mr William O'Brien.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Ken Eastham: 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Timothy Wood: 286.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words 'after the making of an Order under subsection (4) below'.—(Mr David Blankett.)

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 John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 273.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Mr Ken Eastham: 211.

Clause No. 2 (Amendment of grounds for charge capping in Scotland).

Amendment (No. 41) proposed, in page 2, line 4, at the end, to insert the words —

'The Secretary of State shall not treat the total estimated expenses of an authority as excessive when the budget set by the authority results in an increase in expenditure less than the rate of inflation prevailing at the time the budget is set'.—(Mr John Maxton.)
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 Tim Boswell reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

19 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

20 Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Amendment of grounds for charge capping in Scotland).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 41) be made.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Allen McKay: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 286.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Timothy Wood: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jack Thompson, Mr Ken Eastham: 212.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Tim Boswell 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.

Committee again to-morrow.

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

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

Tuesday 11th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Broadcasting,—Final Report and Accounts of the Cable Authority, for the period 1st April to 31st December 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

5 Coal Industry,—Report of the Domestic Coal Consumers' Council for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
6 Merchant Shipping.—Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for 1989-90 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 483] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 National Health Service.—Account of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 501] [Clerk of the House].

8 Police.—Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1990 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Baker].

9 Race Relations.—Report of the Commission for Racial Equality for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

10 Telecommunications.—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Telford Communications Limited in respect of the Telford cable franchise under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had appointed the Members nominated to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (Designated Countries and Territories) (Amendment) Order 1991, which was referred to a Committee on 14th May, also to serve on the Committee in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 11th June; to be printed [No. 493-ii] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 11th June; to be printed [No. 409-ii] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

3 Members' Interests,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Members' Interests on 11th June; to be printed [No. 388-v] [Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith].

4 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 11th June; to be printed [No. 421-iii] [Mr Frank Field].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xxi] [Mr Bob Cryer].

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 11th June 1991

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 122.]

Wednesday 12th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Birmingham City Council Bill.—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained
in the Preamble to the Birmingham City Council Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

3 Cattewater Reclamation 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 Cattewater Reclamation Bill and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

4 London Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] (changed to London Local Authorities 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 Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] 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.

5 Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr Peter Temple-Morris reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills to which the Statute Law Revision (Isle of Man) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill; and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 12th June.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 508-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 508-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 508-II].

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

7 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

8 European Standing Committee B,—Sir John Hunt reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 6033/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 5th June 1991, relating to supplementary protection certificates for medicinal products; and, in the interests of the National Health Service, patients and the United Kingdom economy, urges the Government to give its full support to the EC proposal.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

9 Welsh Affairs,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 98 (Welsh Grand Committee), 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 Tim Boswell): It was agreed to.

10 Welfare of Calves (Export),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the export of calves where, after such export, they are to be kept in conditions which would be unlawful in Great Britain: And that Mr Chris Mullin, Dame Janet Fookes, Mr Bob Clay, Sir Richard Body, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Andrew Bowden, Mr Ron Davies and Mr Jeremy Corbyn do prepare and bring it in.

11 Welfare of Calves (Export) Bill,—Mr Chris Mullin accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the export of calves where, after such export, they are to be kept in conditions which would be unlawful in Great Britain: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 181].

12 Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill,—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (Valuation of domestic properties).

Amendment (No. 23) proposed, in page 2, line 34, to leave out the word ‘a’ and insert the words ‘an individual’—(Mr David Blunkett.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Robert N. Wareing: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 278.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed, in page 2, line 35, to leave out the word 'all' and insert the word 'new'.—(Mr Bryan Gould.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 50) proposed, in page 2, line 40, to leave out the words 'acting under the direction of those Commissioners'.—(Mr Donald Dewar.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed, in page 2, line 44, at the end, to insert the words—

'(4A) The Commissioners of Inland Revenue in England and Wales and, in Scotland, the local assessors acting under the direction of those Commissioners, shall—

(a) before commencing the work of valuation, and

(b) after completion of the work of valuation

publish the expected and final cost of the valuation and compare it with the estimated cost of assessing individuals' tax status for the purpose of introducing a local income tax to fund local government'.—(Mr David Bellotti.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Wallace, Mr Archy Kirkwood: 26.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr David Davis: 274.

Another Amendment (No. 54) proposed, in page 2, line 49, to leave out the word 'prescribed' and insert the word 'fourteen'.—(Mr Bryan Gould.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Robert N. Wareing: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 260.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed, in page 2, line 49, at the end, to insert the words 'and (in the case of England and Wales) according to regions, in respect of each of which the Secretary of State shall prescribe a band of values'.—(Mr William O'Brien.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Eric Illsley: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Tim Boswell: 259.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed, in page 3, to leave out lines 1 to 14.—(Mr Paul Murphy.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 3, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

'(5A) Where any survey report for the purpose of rating contains details of numbers in a local authority area in receipt of income support and those engaged in full-time education, special regard should be had to the effects of these categories in determining the values placed on property in the area'.—(Mr Dick Douglas.)

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

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 Greg Knight reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

13 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

14 Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (Valuation of domestic properties).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Further provision as to valuation in Scotland).

Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 5, to leave out line 6.—(Mr Donald Dewar.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

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

Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 6, line 41, to leave out from the word 'instrument' to the word 'House' in line 42 and insert the words 'which shall not come into effect unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by each'.—(Mr Dick Douglas.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Alex Salmond: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Irvine Patnick: 270.

Clause agreed to.

A Clause (Reduction of services)—(Mr David Bellotti)—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 Archy Kirkwood, Mr Ronnie Fearn: 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Irvine Patnick: 261.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Secretary Lang, 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 Secretary Lang, 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;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Nicholas Baker: 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Jack Thompson: 185.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

15 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. 88 (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 Neil Hamilton.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.47 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 12th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Draft Farm Woodland (Variation) Scheme 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Montrose Harbour Revision Order 1991, dated 4th June 1991; with a certificate by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 2(5) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Britannia Cablesystems Solent Limited) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1334), and


dated 7th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

4 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—

(1) musical instruments, and

(2) toys and sports goods

[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

5 European Communities (No. 33, 1991),—Agreement, done at Brussels on 11th January 1991, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on fishing off the coast of Côte d'Ivoire, with Protocol [by Command] [Cm. 1554] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

6 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) Britannia Cablesystems Solent Limited, and

(2) Clyde Cablevision in respect of the Paisley and Renfrew cable franchise

under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Vienna Document (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1991, viz.: Mr John Bowis, Mr Michael Brown, Mr James Couchman, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr Douglas Hogg, Sir Russell Johnston, Mr Roger Knapman, Sir Neil Macfarlane, Sir Peter Morrison, Mr Gordon Oakes, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Giles Radice, Mr Keith Raffan, Sir Julian Ridsdale, Mr George Robertson, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Peter Shore, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Jimmy Wray.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No 2) Order 1991 and the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No 3) Order 1991, viz.: Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Michael Forsyth, Mr Jerry Hayes, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr David Sumberg, Mr Neil Thorne, Mr John Townend, Mr David Tredinnick, Mr Peter Viggers, Mr Gareth Wardell, Mr Alan Williams, Mr David Wilshire, Mrs Ann Winterton and Mr Mark Wolfson.

3 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the draft Confiscation of the Proceeds of Drug Trafficking (Designated Countries and Territories) (Scotland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr John Butcher, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Frank Cook, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr Donald Dewar, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Michael Jopling, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Sir Ian Lloyd, Mr Alan Meale, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Lewis Stevens, Mr Donald Thompson, Mr Keith Vaz, Mr George Walden and Mr Brian Wilson.

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Richard Alexander, Mr Peter Archer, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Tony Benn, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Michael Carttiss, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Neil Hamilton, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr Kevin McNamara, Sir David Mitchell, Mr Richard Needham, Mr William Ross, Clare Short, Sir Trevor Skeet and Mr Peter Temple-Morris.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Sixth Report from the Defence Committee [Royal Navy Submarines], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 369];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 12th June; to be printed [Nos. 287-iv and 394-ii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Defence Committee [Mr Michael Mates].

2 Education, Science and Arts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education, Science and Arts Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 507-i] [Mr Malcolm Thornton].

3 Employment,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 509-i] [Mr Ron Leighton].

4 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 505] [Dr Michael Clark].

5 Environment,—(1) Fifth Report from the Environment Committee [London Zoo], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 427];
(2) Sixth Report from the Environment Committee [Indoor Pollution], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 61]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Environment Committee
[Sir Hugh Rossi].

6 European Legislation,—Twenty-third Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xxiii] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

7 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 77-ii] [Mr David Howell].

8 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 430-iv] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

9 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 451-iii] [Sir John Wheeler].

10 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 12th June; to be printed [No. 510-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

11 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 162-xi] [Mr David Marshall].

12 Treasury and Civil Service,—(1) Fourth Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [The Acceptance of Outside Appointments by Crown Servants], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; and

(2) Fifth Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [The New System of Departmental Reports], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee;

to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports [Nos. 269 and 290] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

13 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 390-v] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

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MEMORANDA

Wednesday 12th June 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the draft Vienna Document (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(2) the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) No 2) Order 1991 and the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No 3) Order 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(3) the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the draft Confiscation of the Proceeds of Drug Trafficking (Designated Countries and Territories) (Scotland) Order 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(4) the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Roy Hughes Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the Matter of the Welsh economy;

(2) Sir Michael Shaw Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Vienna Document (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1991;

(3) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic
Shellfish Poisoning) (No 2) Order 1991 and the Food Protection (Emergency
Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No 3) Order 1991;

(4) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory
Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation)
Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the
draft Confiscation of the Proceeds of Drug Trafficking (Designated Countries and
Territories) (Scotland) Order 1991;

(5) Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory
Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation)
Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991;

(6) Mr David Knox Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory
Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Cinemas (Northern Ireland) Order 1991; and

(7) Sir Giles Shaw Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory
Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation)

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European
Standing Committees), European Community Documents Nos. 5896/91 and 4051/91,
relating to financial and technical assistance to and economic co-operation with the
developing countries in Asia and Latin America, have been referred to European
Standing Committee B.

[No. 123.]

Thursday 13th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Liverpool, Walton Writ,—Ordered, That Mr Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of
the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present
Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Liverpool, Walton, in the room of Eric
Samuel Heffer, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr Derek Foster.)

2 King's Cross Railways Bill,—Ordered, That the King's Cross Railways Bill, as amended in
the Committee, be considered on Thursday 20th June.

3 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day
being read, for the Third Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary
Powers) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 18th June at Seven o'clock.

4 London Underground Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the
London Underground Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 20th June.

5 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the
adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the East Coast Main
Line (Safety) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 20th June.

6 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th June.

7 London Underground (King's Cross) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the London Underground (King's Cross) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th June.

8 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th June.
Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

British Railways Bill,—Mr Alan Meale reported from the Committee on the British Railways Bill, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and directed him to report the same; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Bill, as amended, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 16th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 511].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 3rd June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 514].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Lamond reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Companies (Fees) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1206), referred to a Committee on 3rd June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 512].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Football (Offences) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Registered Homes (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of section 41) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.-(Mr Irvine Patnick)—It was agreed to.

Opposition day [13th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Impact of Government Policies on Business,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns Her Majesty's Government for creating and then compounding a recession which has led to large falls in manufacturing output and investment, rapidly rising closures and bankruptcies and the fastest growing unemployment in Western Europe, now hitting all professions, occupations and trades; deplores the problems all businesses, especially small businesses, are facing over high interest rates; regrets, especially in the run-up to 1992, the current contraction of industrial strength in all regions and nations of the country; and calls for an interest rate cut and policies for technology skills and the regions that will build a stronger industrial base throughout the country—(Mr Gordon Brown); 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 determination to defeat inflation and on the increasing success of that policy; recognises that industry's first priority is the defeat of inflation so that growth can be resumed; welcomes the transformation of the British economy over the last 12 years; rejects the pro-inflationary policies of the Opposition who would increase public spending and borrowing, provoke a pay explosion and take risks with the exchange rate; and condemns their anti-industry policies of nationalisation, intervention and punitive taxation which would threaten the Government's remarkable achievement', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Lilley.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 277.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 determination to defeat inflation and on the increasing success of that policy; recognises that industry's first priority is the defeat of inflation so that growth can be resumed; welcomes the transformation of the British economy over the last 12 years; rejects the pro-inflationary policies of the Opposition who would increase public spending and borrowing, provoke a pay explosion and take risks with the exchange rate; and condemns their anti-industry policies of nationalisation, intervention and punitive taxation which would threaten the Government's remarkable achievement.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 13th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Clyde Cablevision) (Greater Glasgow) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1350), dated 5th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

3 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 13th June 1991, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Revised Estimates, Summer Supplementary Estimates and New Estimates for 1991-92 [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

4 Health Service Commissioner,—Second Report of the Health Service Commissioner for Session 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 482] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

5 Sea Fisheries,—Sea Fish (Specified Sea Areas) (Regulation of Nets and Other Fishing Gear) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1380), dated 12th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].


7 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) Britannia Cablesystems Darlington Limited, and

(2) Clyde Cablevision in respect of the Greater Glasgow cable franchise

under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
MEMORANDUM
Thursday 13th June 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr James Lamond Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Welfare of Pigs Regulations 1991, in place of Mr Geraint Howells; and

(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, in place of Sir Giles Shaw.

[No. 124.]

Friday 14th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.:

Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of London for improved arrangements and facilities for asylum seekers and refugees was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

5 Breeding of Dogs Bill,—Mr Alan Williams, supported by Sir Bernard Braine, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mr Dafydd Wigley, Mr Ron Davies, Dame Janet Fookes, Mr Alan W. Williams, Mr Peter Hardy, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr John P. Smith, Mr Terence L. Higgins and Mr John Ward, presented a Bill to extend powers of inspection for the purposes of the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 to premises not covered by a licence under that Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st June and to be printed [Bill 182].

6 Policies on Taxation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House congratulates the Government on achieving reductions in direct taxation with the consequent encouragement of initiative and enterprise; urges the Government to continue its taxation policies of proven success; and warns the British people to recognise that the Labour Party's promises of increased public spending can be achieved only by substantial increases in taxation—(Mr Dudley Fishburn);

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

7 Hare Coursing Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Hare Coursing Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Friday 21st June.

8 Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.
10 Gaming Machines (Prohibition on Use by Persons under Eighteen) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gaming Machines (Prohibition on Use by Persons under Eighteen) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

11 Training and Enterprise Councils Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Training and Enterprise Councils Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

12 Forestry Commission Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Forestry Commission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

13 Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

14 Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

15 Coal Imports Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Imports Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

16 Hospital Schools in London Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hospital Schools in London Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

17 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

18 Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

19 Health Care of Prisoners Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health Care of Prisoners Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

20 Education Provision Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Provision Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

21 Employment of Children Act 1973 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Children Act 1973 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

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

And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Madam Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then three minutes past Three o’clock, till Monday 17th June.

[Adjourned at 3.3 p.m]
Friday 14th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Food.—Food Hygiene (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1343), dated 5th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].


4 Public Health (Scotland).—Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1320), dated 23rd May 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

5 Census of Production.—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—

(a) clocks, watches and other timing devices,
(b) electric lamps and other electric lighting equipment,
(c) jewellery and coins,
(d) medical and surgical equipment and orthopaedic appliances,
(e) optical precision instruments and photographic equipment,
(f) specialised chemical products mainly for household and office use, and
(g) telecommunication equipment, electrical measuring equipment, electronic capital goods and passive electronic components

[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

6 Miscellaneous (No. 9, 1991).—Convention, done at Montreal on 1st March 1991, on the marking of plastic explosives for the purpose of detection [by Command] [Cm. 1558] [Mr Secretary Hurd].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr David Tredinnick (nominated in respect of the draft Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (Designated Countries and Territories) (Amendment) Order 1991 and the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Colin Shepherd.

2 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Kevin McNamara (nominated in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Jim Marshall.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 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).

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

3 Select Committees,—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to facilitate the carrying out in the United Kingdom of inspections under the Protocol on Inspection incorporated in the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe signed in Paris on 19th November 1990; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 184].

6 Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords].—The Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 185].

7 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Order [10th June], That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No 3) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1296) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1339) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.-(Mr Irvine Patnick): It was agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1338) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick): It was agreed to.

10 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1338) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick): It was agreed to.

11 Armed Forces (re-committed) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Armed Forces (re-committed) Bill, as amended in the Select Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Continuance of Services Acts).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 2 to 16 agreed to.
Clause No. 17 (Abolition of the death penalty).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Maria Fyfe, Mr Harry Barnes: 124.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr David Davis: 228.

Clauses Nos. 18 to 27 agreed to.
Clause No. 28 (Short title and commencement).
Amendment (No. 2) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Neil 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.

12 Defence,—Resolved, That the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th June, be approved.—(Mr Archie Hamilton.)

13 Roads and Bridges (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1991, dated 12th May 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th May, be approved—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

14 Companies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Companies (Fees) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1206), dated 20th May 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th May, be approved—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

15 Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 1991, dated 2nd May 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th May, be approved—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

16 Data Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 8460/90, relating to protection of personal data; and considers that any Community legislation should so far as possible be based on the approach set out in the 1981 Council of Europe convention on data protection—(Mr David Davis):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 17th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances,—Draft United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

2 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Special Exemptions) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

3 Rights of the Subject,—Draft Access to Personal Files (Social Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Agriculture,—Eggs (Marketing Standards) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1396), dated 14th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].


(2) Merchant Shipping Act 1970 (Unregistered Ships) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1366), and


dated 12th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


9 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Clyde Cablevision) (Bearsden and Milngavie) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1360), and


dated 10th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

10 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas,—Reports of the Ancient Monuments Board for Wales for—

(1) 1988-89, and

(2) 1989-90

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

11 Census of Production,—Report on the Census of Production, 1989, on miscellaneous machinery and mechanical equipment [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

12 Criminal Justice,—Report of the Parole Board for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 481] [Mr Secretary Baker].

13 Environmental Pollution,—Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, entitled Genhaz: a system for the critical appraisal of proposals to release genetically modified organisms into the environment [by Command] [Cm. 1557] [Mr Secretary Baker].

14 Sex Discrimination,—Report of the Equal Opportunities Commission for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

15 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before a copy was laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a copy had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:


[by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

16 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) Clyde Cablevision in respect of the Bearsden and Milngavie cable franchise, and

(2) Telecable of Harrow Limited in respect of the Harrow cable franchise under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Paper withdrawn:

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Julian Ridsdale (nominated in respect of the draft Vienna Document (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Ian Bruce.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr John Townend (nominated in respect of the draft Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (Designated Countries and Territories) (Amendment) Order 1991 and the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Michael Brown.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 17th June; to be printed [No. 474-iii] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 17th June; to be printed [No. 451-iv] [Sir John Wheeler].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Accommodation for HM Customs and Excise (London Investigation Division)]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 156]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 17th June; to be printed [No. 516-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

4 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 17th June; to be printed [No. 496-iii] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

[No. 126.]

Tuesday 18th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Underground (Victoria) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the London Underground (Victoria) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

2 Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

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

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

5 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

6 Severn Bridges (re-committed) Bill,—Mr Ted Leadbitter reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Severn Bridges (re-committed) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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. 518].
7 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr David Knox reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Cinemas (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 4th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 526].

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Bill to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the New Roads and Street Works Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Education (Swimming and Water Safety) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Education Reform Act 1988 in order to make special provision for the teaching of swimming in maintained schools; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

9 Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill to be considered on Friday 5th July; and to be printed [Bill 186].

10 Education (Swimming and Water Safety) Bill [Lords].—The Education (Swimming and Water Safety) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 188].

11 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Farm Woodland (Variation) Scheme 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

12 Opposition day [14th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Priorities of the Water Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with alarm the level of profits made by the water companies and the huge salary increases of senior management since privatisation; and condemns Her Majesty’s Government for its failure to ensure that the interests of water consumers and the environment are given greater priority than the interests of shareholders—(Mrs Ann Taylor);

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 which the water industry has achieved in the first full year after privatisation in substantially expanding investment to improve the environment and standards of service to customers; endorses the firm and fair system of regulation that has been established to protect customers; and looks forward to the benefits from this massive investment programme and improved efficiency in the years to come’, instead thereof.—(Mr Tony Baldry.)

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 Eric Illsley: 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Irvine Patnick: 297.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Irvine Patnick: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Eric Illsley: 208.

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 which the water industry has achieved in the first full year after privatisation in substantially expanding investment to improve the environment and standards of service to customers; endorses the firm and fair system of regulation that has been established to protect customers and looks forward to the benefits from this massive investment programme and improved efficiency in the years to come.
13 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords];

Verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

Mr Roger Knapman 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 Malcolm Moss, Mr Michael Brown: 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Jimmy Hood: 104.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

14 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Education (School Teachers' Pay and Conditions) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 9th May, be approved—(Mr Secretary Clarke);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Thomas McAvoy. 127.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Education (School Teachers' Pay and Conditions) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 9th May, be approved.

15 Estimates.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee), That this House agrees with the Report [11th June] from the Liaison Committee—(Mr Greg Knight):—It was agreed to.

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Dinas Powys for increased efforts to secure the release of hostages in Lebanon was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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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 five minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.5 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 18th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Consumer Credit,—Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) (Amendment) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1393), dated 14th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

3 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Clyde Cablevision) (Inverclyde) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1361), and
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(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Diamond Cable (Melton Mowbray) Limited) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1362), dated 10th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

4 Government Trading Funds.—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry of consultations held on the proposed establishment of Companies House as a trading fund [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

5 Insolvency,—Statements of sums received and paid by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under the Insolvency Act 1986 and of sums credited and debited to the Investment Account by the National Debt Commissioners, for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 517] [Clerk of the House].

6 Police,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1565] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) Clyde Cablevision in respect of the Inverclyde Cable franchise, and

(2) Diamond Cable (Melton Mowbray) Limited

under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 Water,—Report of the Director General of Water Services for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 492] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had appointed the Members nominated to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No 2) Order 1991, which was referred to a Committee on 10th June, also to serve on the Committee in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) Order 1991.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Social Security,—Third Report from the Social Security Committee [Changes in Maintenance Arrangements: the White Paper ‘Children Come First’ and the Child Support Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 277-II] [Mr Frank Field].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26–xxii] [Mr Bob Cryer].

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 18th June 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) Order 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) Order 1991.
PRAYERS.

1 Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill [Lords].—The Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

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

4 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

5 Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Roy Hughes reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the Matter of rural Wales, referred to it on 18th February, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 535].

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Lamond reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Welfare of Pigs Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 3rd June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 530].

7 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (Designated Countries and Territories) (Amendment) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 14th May, and the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 10th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 527].

8 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 11th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 534].

9 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 Killingholme Generating Stations (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

10 Licensing of Ticket Sales Bill.—Mr Menzies Campbell presented a Bill to provide for the licensing of ticket sales for sporting events and entertainments; and to make further provision with respect to the powers exercisable by local authorities in relation to such sales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 189].

11 Sexual Offences (Amendment) Etc. Bill.—Mr Harry Cohen, supported by Mildred Gordon, presented a Bill to amend the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976; to make further provision in respect of the offences of rape and sexual assault; to provide protection for women at risk of rape, sexual assault or domestic violence; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th June and to be printed [Bill 190].

12 Pet Animals (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Pet Animals Act 1951: And that Mr David Amess, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Andrew Bowden, Mr Harry Cohen, Dane Janet Fookes, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Ken Hargreaves, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Alan Meale and Mr Phillip Oppenheim do prepare and bring it in.

13 Pet Animals (Amendment) Bill.—Mr David Amess accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Pet Animals Act 1951: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th June and to be printed [Bill 191].
The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Status of development plans (No. 1))—(Sir George Young)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Status of development plans (No. 2))—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Agricultural buildings)—(Mr Win Griffiths)—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 Ken Eastham, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 299.

Another Clause (Compensation for works in connection with railways)—(Sir John Stanley)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir John Stanley, Mr Roger Moate: 180.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 255.

A Schedule (Registration of Old Mining Permissions)—(Mr Neil Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Schedule (Registration of Old Mining Permissions) [Scotland]—(Mr Neil Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 42 to 45, 64 to 67, 19, 68, 124 and 142 to 149) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 126) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 28, at the end, to insert the words

"(8) There shall be no fee for submitting applications under section 192".—(Mr Clive Soley.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 151 to 166) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 110) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 24, to leave out the words 'or otherwise' and insert the words 'with the authority or as specified in subsection (1B)', instead thereof.—(Mr Win Griffiths.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Eric Illsley: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Tom Sackville: 251.

Other Amendments (Nos. 25 to 30 and 20) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 114) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, line 51, at the end, to insert the words—

'Referral of applications to the Secretary of State

(3) After section 74(1) of the principal Act (provisions that may be made by a development order for dealing with planning applications) there is inserted—

"'(1A) Any development order made under this section shall specify that a local planning authority shall not grant planning permission for an application which relates to development—

(a) which the local planning authority considers would materially conflict with or prejudice the implementation of any of the policies or general proposals of the development plan or that of an adjoining local planning authority; or

(b) which the structure plan authority considers would materially conflict with or prejudice the implementation of any of the policies or general proposals of the structure plan;

unless they have notified the Secretary of State of the application for planning permission, along with a statement of the issues involved, and either—
(a) a period of twenty-eight days has expired, beginning with the date of the notification, without the Secretary of State's having directed the reference of the application to him or given notice that he requires extra time to consider whether to require reference of the application to him; or

(b) the Secretary of State has notified the authority that he does not intend to require the reference of the application to him". —(Mr Clive Soley.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 167 to 171) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 127) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

'(9) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the local planning authority shall exercise its powers in its full council in cases where the committee (or sub-committee) that would normally exercise delegated planning powers is also the committee (or sub-committee) promoting the development'. —(Mr Clive Soley.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 2 to 10, 54, 11 to 14, 69, 71, 173, 72 to 75, 78, 76, 77, 150, 70 and 172) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 116) proposed to the Bill, in page 32, line 11, to leave out Clause No. 22.—(Mr Tony Baldry.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

15 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

16 Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded further to consider the Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 116) be made.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Eric Illsley: 153.

Another Amendment (No. 61) proposed to the Bill, in page 89, line 13, at the end, to insert the words 'in section 76(1) of that Act, after "direct", there is inserted "(whether the building is occupied or not)" and after "section 54" there is inserted "with the omission of subsection (4)"'.—(Mr W. Benyon.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 174 to 176) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 133) proposed to the Bill, in page 98, line 48, at the end, to insert the words—

'(c) population forecasts issued by central government and by independent agencies, as well as district and county population growth forecasts in relation to specific local areas, and the impact of these forecasts on household formation'. —(Mr Anthony Steen.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 63) proposed to the Bill, in page 104, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

'(4A) Before prescribing any guidance or information under subsection (4) concerning aggregate demand forecasts the Secretary of State shall undertake public consultations with representatives of—

(a) persons carrying out mining operations;
(b) persons using the product of mining operations;
(c) owners of interests in land containing aggregates;
(d) mineral planning authorities;
(e) environmental and conservation interests; and
(f) local interests'.—(Mr Win Griffiths.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 117 to 119) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 120) proposed to the Bill, in page 111, line 38, after the word 'authority', to insert the words 'except that in National Parks, other than those which exercise the functions of county planning authorities under Schedule 17 to the Local Government Act 1972, they shall be exercisable jointly by the National Park Authority and the county planning authority'.—(Mr Win Griffiths.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 35, 79, 194, 177, 59, 32 to 34, 21, 38 to 41, 46 to 49, 121, 51 to 53, 31, 56 to 58, 80, 178 to 181, 81, 182, 183, 82, 83, 84, 85, 185, 86 to 91, 186, 92 to 94, 195 and 187) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 192) proposed to the Bill, in page 66, line 6, at the beginning, to insert the words—

'(1) Section 29(1) of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (right to a home loss payment) shall be amended as follows—

(a) in subsection 29(1)(c) the words "repair of or" shall be inserted immediately before the word "improvement";

(b) in subsection 29(1)(d) the words "repair of or" shall be inserted immediately before the word "improvement";

(c) in subsection 29(1)(e) after the words "Housing Act 1986" shall be inserted the words "or in the case of an assured tenant of a housing association the making of a possession order under Ground 6 of Schedule 2 to the Housing Act 1988";

(d) after subsection 29(1)(e) shall be added the words—

"(f) the making by a magistrates' court of an order under section 82(3) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or section 77 of the Building Act 1984 where the effect of such order will be permanently or indefinitely to prevent the occupier from continuing in occupation"; and

(e) after sub-paragraph (v) shall be added the words—

"(vi) where paragraph (f) applies, the owner of the property or such other person as the magistrates' court may in its discretion direct'—(Mr Clive Soley.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 105) proposed to the Bill, in page 67, line 7, after the word 'different', to insert the words 'percentage and'.—(Mr lain Mills.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 193) proposed to the Bill, in page 69, line 4, at the beginning, to insert the words—

'(9) In section 37(3) of that Act subsection (c) shall be omitted'.—(Mr Clive Soley.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 23, 24, 196, 96, 188, 62, 122, 36, 22, 50, 15, 16, 55, 17, 18, 60, 37, 123, 189, 190, 98 to 101, 191, 102 and 103) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Alan Clark, 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 Alan Clark, 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.

17 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Greg Knight);
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And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock on Wednesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Madam Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then thirteen minutes past Twelve o’clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.13 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 19th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Draft Companies (Disclosure of Interests in Shares) (Orders imposing restrictions on shares) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the University of Oxford, on 19th March 1991, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

Other Papers:

3 Commonwealth Development Corporation,—Report and Accounts of the Commonwealth Development Corporation for 1990 [by Act] [Mrs Lynda Chalker].

4 Development of Rural Wales,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 14th June 1991 on borrowing by the Development Board for Rural Wales [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

5 London Regional Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 14th June 1991 on borrowing by London Regional Transport [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of section 41) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Richard Alexander, Mr David Ashby, Mr Jack Aspinwall, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr John Battle, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr David Gilroy Bevan, Mr Paul Boateng, Sir Richard Body, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Andrew Bowden, Sir Rhodes Boyson, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Frank Field and Mr John Maples.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Michael Forsyth and Mr Timothy Kirkhope (nominated in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) Order 1991 and the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No 2) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr David Curry and Mr Neil Hamilton.

3 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1991, the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991, the Farm and Conservation Grant Regulations 1991 and the draft Farm Woodland (Variation) Scheme 1991, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo, Sir Antony Buck, Mr John Carlisle, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Derek Conway, Mr David Curry, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr Cecil Franks, Mr Peter Fry, Sir George Gardiner, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Peter L. Pike and Mr Alan W. Williams.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—(1) Seventh Report from the Defence Committee [The Procurement of the EH101 and Attack Helicopters and the TRIGAT Missile Systems], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 243];

(2) Eighth Report from the Defence Committee [The Progress of the Trident Programme], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 286]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 287-v]

[Mr Michael Mates].

2 Education, Science and Arts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education, Science and Arts Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 529-i] [Mr Malcolm Thornton].

3 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 285-iii] [Mr Ron Leighton].

4 Energy,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 343-iii] [Mr Michael Clark].

5 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 474-iv] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

6 European Legislation,—Twenty-fourth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xxiv] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

7 Foreign Affairs,—Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Aid to Iraqi Refugees]; to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 528] [Mr David Howell].

8 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 229-vii] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

9 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 451-v] [Sir John Wheeler].

10 House of Commons (Services),—Second Report from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) [New Parliamentary Building (Phase 2): The Initial Brief], together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the New Building Sub-Committee on 30th April and Appendices thereto; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 222] [Mr John MacGregor].

11 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Further matters relating to Northern Ireland]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 294];

(2) Twenty-ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [National Audit Office Estimates and Corporate Plan 1991-92 to 1995-96], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 413];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 19th June; to be printed [No. 441-i]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Committee of Public Accounts

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

12 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 162-xii] [Mr David Marshall].

13 Treasury and Civil Service,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 19th June;

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 19th June; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee;

to be printed [Nos. 531-i, 496-iv and 532-i] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].
MEMORANDA
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1 Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of section 41) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(2) the Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1991, the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991, the draft Farm and Conservation Grant Regulations 1991 and the draft Farm Woodland (Variation) Scheme 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr David Knox Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of section 41) Order 1991;

(2) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1991, the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991, the draft Farm and Conservation Grant Regulations 1991 and the draft Farm Woodland (Variation) Scheme 1991;

(3) Dame Janet Fookes Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 4717/91, relating to a Community award scheme for an eco-label; and

(4) Mr David Knox Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 4822/91, relating to rates of excise duty on mineral oils.

3 European Standing Committees.—European Community Document No. 4658/91, relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations, has been referred to European Standing Committee A [transferred from European Standing Committee B].

[No. 128.]

Thursday 20th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Birmingham City Council Bill.—The Birmingham City Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 London Underground Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Underground Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Monday 24th June at Seven o’clock.

3 King’s Cross Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the King’s Cross Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 27th June.

4 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 27th June.

5 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 27th June.

6 London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 27th June.
7 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 27th June.

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

9 Aire and Calder Navigation 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 Aire and Calder Navigation Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

10 Llanelli Borough Council (Dafen Estuary) 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 Llanelli Borough Council (Dafen Estuary) Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

11 Midland Metro (No. 2) 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 Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Bill to be read the third time.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

12 North Yorkshire 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 North Yorkshire County Council Bill [Lords] 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.

13 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14).—Mr Michael Shersby reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 14, 21 to 24, 31 and 77 and Schedule No. 14), 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 187].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 543].

14 Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the Matter of local government structure and finance in Scotland, referred to it on 6th June, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 540].

15 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Vienna Document (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 10th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 538].

16 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the draft Confiscation of the Proceeds of Drug Trafficking (Designated Countries and Territories) (Scotland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 10th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 542].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Bill, without Amendment.
Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the transfer to and vesting in Commercial and Private Bank of the undertaking of WPZ Bank (UK) Ltd; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

18 Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords].—The Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

19 Gaming (Bingo) Bill [Lords].—The Gaming (Bingo) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th June and to be printed [Bill 192].

20 Cohabitation (Contract Enforcement) Bill.—The Order for reading the Cohabitation (Contract Enforcement) Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

21 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill.

Ordered, That the Lords Amendments to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill be considered in the following order, namely, Nos. 12, 31, 1 to 11, 13 to 30, 32 and 33.—(Dr Brian Mawhinney.)

Lords Amendment No. 12.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

'(f) may, in the interests of justice, investigate any relevant complaints or groups of relevant complaints'.—(Mr Kevin McNamara.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Ken Eastham: 98.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Neil Hamilton: 199.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 31 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 11, 13 to 30, 32 and 33 were agreed to.

22 Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 3rd June, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Brooke.)

23 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Thursday 20th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Road Traffic.—Draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the University of Cambridge, on 15th April 1991, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act][Mr John MacGregor].
Other Papers:

3 Broadcasting,—Account of the Broadcasting Standards Council for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 539] [Clerk of the House].

4 International Labour Conference,—Presentation of two Conventions, two Recommendations and a Protocol to an earlier Convention adopted at the 77th Session of the International Labour Conference (1990) and the proposed action by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Conventions and Recommendations [by Command] [Cm. 1562] [Mr Secretary Howard].

5 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 19th June 1991 on borrowing by the Wirral Hospital National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

6 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 Order for which a Petition, in accordance with the Provisions of the said Act and the General Orders thereunder, was presented to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before 27th March 1991, namely the British Railways Order, and are of the opinion that the Order should be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


Friday 21st June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

3 Local Government Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the widespread discontent with the inadequacies of local government services in parts of Britain, particularly in many inner city areas, as demonstrated by piles of rubbish in the streets of Liverpool and the promotion of eccentric minority interests such as 'gay' advice centres and nuclear-free zones; notes that a number of councils have not collected outstanding domestic rates and have barely started their community charge collection; further notes that this civic disarray is confined to councils controlled by Labour and their allies; and calls on Her Majesty's Government to save the residents of these boroughs by insisting on value-for-money, appropriate competitive tendering and rigorous controls on overspending—(Mr Roger Knapman);

And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11 (Friday sittings).

And the Question being again proposed;

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

4 Hare Coursing Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Hare Coursing Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Friday 28th June.

5 Breeding of Dogs Bill,—The Breeding of Dogs Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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 David Davis 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.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

7 Training and Enterprise Councils Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Training and Enterprise Councils Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

8 Forestry Commission Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Forestry Commission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

9 Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

10 Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

11 Coal Imports Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Imports Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

12 Hospital Schools in London Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hospital Schools in London Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

13 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

14 Health Care of Prisoners Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health Care of Prisoners Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

15 Employment of Children Act 1973 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Children Act 1973 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

16 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 26th June, the Motion in the name of Mr John MacGregor relating to European Standing Committees may be proceeded with, though opposed, for one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, and, if those proceedings have not previously been disposed of, Mr Speaker shall at that hour put the Questions necessary to dispose of them, including the Questions on any Amendments to the said Motion which he may have selected which may then be moved.—(Mr David Davis.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 24th June.

[Adjourned at 3.3 p.m.]
APPENDIX I
Friday 21st June 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Dentists,—(1) Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1991, and
    (2) draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Amendment Order 1991
    [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Gift of Public Property,—Departmental Minute, dated 21st June 1991, concerning the proposed gifting of reversions of unsold tenancies of the Land Settlement Association currently held by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food [by Command] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

4 Legal Aid,—Report of the Legal Aid Board to the Lord Chancellor on the operation and finance of the Legal Aid Act 1988, for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 513] [Clerk of the House].

5 Miscellaneous (No. 10, 1991),—Convention, done at Strasbourg on 8th November 1990, on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds of Crime [by Command] [Cm. 1561] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

6 Miscellaneous (No. 12, 1991),—Amendment, adopted at the Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer held at London on 27th-29th June 1990, to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, done at Montreal on 16th September 1987 [by Command] [Cm. 1567] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 National Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of—
    (1) the National Galleries of Scotland, and
    (2) the National Museums of Scotland

for 1989-90; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 544 and 545] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Michael Colvin (nominated in respect of the Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1991, the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991, the draft Farm and Conservation Grant Regulations 1991 and the draft Farm Woodland (Variation) Scheme 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Anthony Nelson.

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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1991, the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991, the draft Farm and Conservation Grant Regulations 1991 and the draft Farm Woodland (Variation) Scheme 1991, in place of Mr Ted Leadbitter.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

2 Select Committees.—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

3 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Bill, without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Bill, without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill, without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the Road Traffic Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Road Traffic Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Road Traffic Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 193].

5 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Special Exemptions) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick): It was agreed to.

6 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft North Hull Housing Action Trust (Area and Constitution) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick): It was agreed to.

7 Opposition day [15th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.
   The Government of Liverpool.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the incompetence, intimidation, waste and subservience to trade union dictation which have characterised left-wing administration in Liverpool and have caused untold damage to the city and its people; calls for broadly based government in the city to restore basic services and to pursue policies of fiscal rectitude, decentralised administration, partnership with private enterprise and consultation with the people of Liverpool; and believes that such an administration should be given strong backing by Her Majesty’s Government—(Mr David Alton);
   An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘reaffirms its belief in Liverpool as one of the country’s great cities with a proud history and prospects for a secure future; condemns the incompetence, intimidation, waste and subservience to trade union dictation which have characterised successive administrations in Liverpool over the past decade and have caused untold damage to the city and its people; calls for better government in the city to restore basic services and to pursue policies of fiscal rectitude, decentralised administration, partnership with central Government and private enterprise and consultation with the people of Liverpool; and believes that such an administration should be given strong backing by Her Majesty’s Government—(Mr David Alton);
   And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
   Mr James Wallace 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 Wallace, Mr Archy Kirkwood: 18.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr David Davis: 210.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Bob Cryer: 23.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House reaffirms its belief in Liverpool as one of the country’s great cities with a proud history and prospects for a secure future; condemns the incompetence, intimidation, waste and subservience to trade union dictation which have characterised successive administrations in Liverpool over the past decade and have caused untold damage to the city and its people; calls for better government in the city to restore basic services and to pursue policies of fiscal rectitude, decentralised administration, partnership with central Government and private enterprise and consultation with the people of Liverpool; notes the steps taken by the present administration in response to the Government’s compulsory competitive tendering legislation to put the interests of its residents first by contracting with a private sector firm for refuse collection; and commends the Leader of Her Majesty’s Opposition for supporting the Conservative policy of fair and open competition in Liverpool, in the knowledge that it is right, but observes with dismay the Labour Party’s opposition to it elsewhere in the country.

8 London Underground Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the London Underground Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For protection of Jubilee Gardens)—(Kate Hoey)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Control of noise)—(Mr Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 22, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3A) Before completion of Work No. 3A, the promoters shall ensure that any station which may be constructed at Canning Town shall provide the most convenient interchange obtainable between the Jubilee Line and the existing lines of the Docklands Light Railway and the British Railways Board’.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

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

A Motion was made, 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 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 proposed;

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

9 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the London Underground Bill and the Lords Amendments in lieu of Commons Amendments and the Lords Amendment to a Commons Amendment to the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)
10 London Underground Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That Standing Order 205 (Notice of third reading) be suspended and that the London Underground 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.

11 Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Commons Amendments and the Lords Amendment to a Commons Amendment to the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth not insist on its Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton);

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Mr Richard Ryder 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 Irvine Patnick, Mr Neil Hamilton: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Frank Doran: 41.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Irvine Patnick: 115.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 36.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on its Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment in lieu of the Commons Amendment disagreed to, in line 27, to leave out subsection (6).—(Mr Calum Macdonald)

Question put, That the Amendment to the Lords Amendment in lieu be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Allen McKay: 36.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Neil Hamilton: 109.

So the Question was negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in their Amendment in lieu—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Nicholas Baker: 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 36.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Lords in their Amendment in lieu.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

12 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Cinemas (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 15th May, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

13 Animals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Welfare of Pigs Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 21st May, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

14 Criminal Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the
draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th June, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope)—It was agreed to.

15 Criminal Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (Designated Countries and Territories) (Amendment) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 1st May, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope)—It was agreed to.

16 Criminal Law (Northern Ireland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th June, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope)—It was agreed to.

17 International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Vienna Document (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 23rd May, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope)—It was agreed to.

18 Criminal Law (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Confiscation of the Proceeds of Drug Trafficking (Designated Countries and Territories) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope)—It was agreed to.

19 Criminal Law (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 7th June, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope)—It was agreed to.

20 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

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

[Adjourned at 3.8 a.m.]

APPENDIX I
Monday 24th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Building Societies,—Draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Modifications) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

7 Explosives,—Report of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 489] [Mr Secretary Brooke].
8 Government Trading Funds.—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry of consultations held on the proposed establishment of the Patent Office as a trading fund [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts.—(1) Thirty-ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [HM Customs and Excise: Beer Duty and other matters]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 202]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 24th June; to be printed [No. 547–i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury and Civil Service.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 24th June; to be printed [No. 496–v] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

[No. 131.]

Tuesday 25th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.:—

Commercial and Private Bank E.1 [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 Llanelli Borough Council (Dafen Estuary) Bill [Lords].—A Motion being made, That the Llanelli Borough Council (Dafen Estuary) 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 put:—It was agreed to.

3 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Cattewater Reclamation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

4 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

5 Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 4) Bill [Lords].—The Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 4) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

7 Select Committees,—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

8 Scottish Grand Committee,—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the Matter of constitutional issues in Scotland, referred to it on 6th June, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 552].
9 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr David Knox reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of section 41) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 13th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 548].

10 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Geraint Howells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1295), referred to a Committee on 10th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 549].

11 British Racing Commission Bill,—Ordered, That the British Racing Commission Bill be read a second time on Friday.

12 Football Spectators Bill,—Ordered, That the Football Spectators Bill be read a second time on Friday.

13 Greyhound Betting Levy Bill,—Ordered, That the Greyhound Betting Levy Bill be read a second time on Friday.

14 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Order [10th June], That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1235) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.

15 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Access to Personal Files (Social Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

16 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Access to Personal Files and Medical Reports (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

17 Vagrancy (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal sections 3 and 4 of the Vagrancy Act 1824: And that Mr Ken Hargreaves, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mr David Evennett, Mr David Alton, Mr John Battle, Mr Alistair Burt, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Sir Charles Irving, Mr Frank Field and Mr Simon Hughes do prepare and bring it in.

18 Vagrancy (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Ken Hargreaves accordingly presented a Bill to repeal sections 3 and 4 of the Vagrancy Act 1824: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 194].

19 Criminal Justice Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill.

Ordered, That the Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill be considered in the following order, namely, Nos. 44, 45, 1 to 43 and 46 to 175.—(Mr Secretary Baker.)

Lords Amendment No. 44.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr Secretary Baker); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Irvine Patnick: 236.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 158.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 45.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mrs Angela Rumbold); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 219.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie: 147.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) to (n), (p), (q), (o) and (r) to (t)) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 45 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 12 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 13.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

'(4A) For the purpose of facilitating the making and submission of medical reports, the Secretary of State shall by regulations make provision for the establishment of duty psychiatrist schemes in courts to which this section applies.

(4B) Regulations made under subsection (4A) above may be made so as to apply only in specified areas'.—(Mr Barry Sheerman.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr David Davis: 181.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 14 to 43 and 46 to 55 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 56.

Madam Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Speaker was satisfied that the Lords Amendment imposed a charge upon the public revenue such as was required to be authorised by Resolution of the House and that such charge had not been so authorised; and accordingly, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 76 (Lords amendments), the Lords Amendment was deemed to be disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 57 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 58 was disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) to (c)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 59 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 60 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 61 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 62 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 63 and 64 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 65 to 67 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 68 to 73 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 74.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr John Patten);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Nicholas Baker: 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Jack Thompson: 132.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 75 to 77 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 78.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, to leave out lines 12 to 16 and to insert the words—

'(b) in the case of an arrested juvenile who has attained the age of 15 years, that keeping him in such accommodation with such supervision as the local authority proposes to make available would not be adequate to protect the public from serious harm from him before he is brought before the magistrates' court to which he is charged to appear', instead thereof.—(Mr Stuart Randall.)

Question, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment, put and negatived.
The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 79 and 80 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 81.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, after the word 'appoint', to insert the words 'which day shall be no later than the end of the period of four years beginning with the day on which this Act is passed'.—(Mr Stuart Randall.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie: 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Timothy Wood: 202.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 82 to 103 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 104.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 105 to 114 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 115.

Mr Speaker informed the House that he was satisfied that the Lords Amendment imposed a charge upon the public revenue such as was required to be authorised by Resolution of the House and that such charge had not been so authorised; and accordingly, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 76 (Lords amendments), the Lords Amendment was deemed to be disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 116 to 161 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 162 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 163 to 175 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. 44, 56, 57, 60, 62, 65 to 67, 74, 115 and 162.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

Ordered, That Mr Matthew Carrington, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Greg Knight, Mr John Patten and Mr Barry Sheerman be members of the Committee.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

20 Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 7th June, be approved.—(Mr Michael Jack.)

21 Criminal Justice Bill,—Mr John Patten reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 44, 56, 57, 60, 62, 65 to 67, 74, 115 and 162 to the Criminal Justice Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reasons accordingly, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 44) made by the Lords after Clause No. 22, for the following Reason:

Because the mandatory life sentence is necessary to mark the uniquely heinous crime of murder.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 56) made by the Lords after Clause No. 25, for the following Reason:

Because it would involve a charge on the public revenue, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that the above Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 57) made by the Lords after Clause No. 25, for the following Reason:

Because it would be incompatible with the Amendments proposed by the Commons in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 45.
The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 60) made by the Lords in page 21, line 44, for the following Reason:

Because it is an Amendment consequential on Lords Amendment No. 44, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 62) made by the Lords in page 22, line 35, for the following Reason:

Because it is an Amendment consequential on Lords Amendment No. 44, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 65) made by the Lords in page 27, line 6, for the following Reason:

Because it is an Amendment consequential on Lords Amendment No. 58, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 66) made by the Lords in page 27, line 8, for the following Reason:

Because it is an Amendment consequential on Lords Amendment No. 58, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 67) made by the Lords in page 27, line 27, for the following Reason:

Because it is an Amendment consequential on Lords Amendment No. 57, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 74) made by the Lords in page 33, line 12, for the following Reason:

Because it is impractical and unnecessary to make provision by statute as to times at which youth courts are to sit.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 115) made by the Lords before Schedule No. 4 for the following Reason:

Because it would involve a charge on the public revenue, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that the above Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 162) made by the Lords in page 95, line 15, for the following Reason:

Because it is an Amendment consequential on Lords Amendment No. 44, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

22 Adjournment,—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.6 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 25th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds,—(1) Draft Companies House Trading Fund Order 1991, and
   (2) draft Patent Office Trading Fund Order 1991
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

3 Representation of the People,—(1) Draft European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, and
(2) draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents and Amendment) Regulations 1991
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1404), dated 13th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


Other Papers:

6 Crofters (Scotland),—Report of the Crofters Commission for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 25th June; to be printed [No. 550-i] [Mr Frank Field].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xxiii] [Mr Bob Cryer].

[No. 132.]

Wednesday 26th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Midland Metro Bill,—Ordered, That the Midland Metro Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

2 British Railways Bill,—Ordered, That the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered to-morrow.

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

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

5 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

6 European Standing Committee B,—Mr David Knox reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 4822/91, relating to rates of excise duty on mineral oils.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Property Misdescriptions Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Highland Regional Council (Harbours) Order Confirmation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Highland Regional Council (Harbours) Order Confirmation Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Highland Regional Council (Harbours) Order Confirmation Bill to be considered to-morrow.
9 Education (Publication of Examination Results) Bill.—The Order for reading the Education (Publication of Examination Results) Bill a second time on Friday 5th July was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

10 Abolition of Deer Hunting,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to ban the hunting of deer with hounds; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr John Hughes, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mildred Gordon and Mr Robin Corbett do prepare and bring it in.

11 Abolition of Deer Hunting Bill,—Mr Jeremy Corbyn accordingly presented a Bill to ban the hunting of deer with hounds; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 5th July and to be printed [Bill 195].

12 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Timothy Wood);

Mr Derek Foster 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 Ray Powell: 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 312.

So the Question was negatived.

13 European Standing Committees,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees) be further amended as follows:

in paragraph (8), by leaving out lines 64 to 66 and inserting—

'The chairman shall thereupon report to the House any resolution to which the committee has come, or that it has come to no resolution, without any further question being put'; and

in paragraph (9), line 69, by leaving out 'a resolution has been reported' and inserting 'a report has been made'.—(Mr John MacGregor.)

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Robert Fennell against proposals to reorganise schools in Mansfield was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX 1

Wednesday 26th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Fair Trading,—Report of the Director General of Fair Trading for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 502] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

4 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland),—Report on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland for 1989-90 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 491] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Special Exemptions) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr David Alton, Mr Robert Banks, Dr John G. Blackburn, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Hugh Dykes, Dame Peggy Fenner, Mr Douglas French, Mr George Galloway, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Conal Gregory, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Alan Haselhurst, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Mr John Hughes, Mr Irvine Patnick and Mr Dafydd Wigley.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Access to Personal Files (Social Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Robert Adley, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr John Biffen, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Sir Peter Emery, Sir Norman Fowler, Mr David Hinchcliffe, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Gordon McMaster, Alice Mahon, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Jeff Rooker and Audrey Wise.

3 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft North Hull Housing Action Trust (Area and Constitution) Order 1991, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr David Clelland, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Peter Griffiths, Sir Barney Hayhoe, Mr Robert Hayward, Mr Robert Hicks, Kate Hoey, Mr Robert Key, Mr Tom Pendry, Clare Short, Mr Clive Soley and Mr Alan W. Williams.

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Access to Personal Files and Medical Reports (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Jonathan Aitken, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Robert Boscawen, Mr John Browne, Mr John Brown, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Martin Flannery, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mildred Gordon, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Ian Grist, Mr Neil Hamilton, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Jim Marshall and Dr Brian Mawhinney.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 26th June; to be printed [No. 493-iii] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Education, Science and Arts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education, Science and Arts Committee on 26th June; to be printed [No. 529-ii] [Mr Malcolm Thornton].

3 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 26th June; to be printed [Nos. 407-ii, 495-ii and 509-ii] [Mr Ron Leighton].

4 European Legislation,—Twenty-fifth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xxv] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

5 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 26th June; to be printed [No. 226-xi] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

6 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Arrangements for handling serious outbreaks of food poisoning in the light of the salmonella outbreak in July and August 1989 in North Wales], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 328]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Mr Gareth Wardell].
MEMORANDA
Wednesday 26th June 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

   (1) the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Special Exemptions) Regulations 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
   (2) the draft Access to Personal Files (Social Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
   (3) the draft North Hull Housing Action Trust (Area and Constitution) Order 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
   (4) the draft Access to Personal Files and Medical Reports (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

   (1) Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Special Exemptions) Regulations 1991;
   (2) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Access to Personal Files (Social Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1991; and
   (3) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 4466/91, relating to the establishment of European works councils.

3 European Standing Committees,—The Select Committee on European Legislation has withdrawn its recommendation [21st November] that European Community Document No. 8236/90, relating to movement of radioactive waste, be further considered; and the document no longer stands referred to European Standing Committee A.

[No. 133.]

Thursday 27th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Aire and Calder Navigation Bill.—The Aire and Calder Navigation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Midland Metro Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Midland Metro Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 4th July.

3 British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;
   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 2nd July.

4 King’s Cross Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the King’s Cross Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;
   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 4th July.

5 London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill,—The London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
   Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

6 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill be now read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 4th July.

7 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 4th July.

8 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 4th July.

9 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).

10 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr Barry Field reported from the Committee on the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords], That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 2nd July, at half-past Ten o'clock.

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

12 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1339), the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1338) and the draft Farm and Conservation Grant Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 17th June, and the draft Farm Woodland (Variation) Scheme 1991, referred to a Committee on 18th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 559].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Welfare of Animals at Slaughter Bill, without Amendment.

14 Standing Orders (Public Business),—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), as amended on 22nd January and 26th June, be printed [No. 558].

15 Cohabitation (Contract Enforcement) Bill,—The Order for reading the Cohabitation (Contract Enforcement) Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

16 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

17 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:

Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Act 1991
Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors' Reports) Act 1991
Oversea Superannuation Act 1991
Maintenance Enforcement Act 1991
Crofter Forestry (Scotland) Act 1991
Football (Offences) Act 1991
Registered Homes (Amendment) Act 1991
Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance Act 1991
New Roads and Street Works Act 1991
Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991
Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Act 1991
Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991
Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Act 1991
Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991
Property Misdescriptions Act 1991
Welfare of Animals at Slaughter Act 1991
Heathrow Express Railway (No. 2) Act 1991

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

19 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from T. D. Lee for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

20 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I
Thursday 27th June 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Dentists,—Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

2 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Draft Caledonian MacBrayne Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, and
(2) draft Forth Ports Authority (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Agriculture,—Farm Business Non-Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1406), dated 12th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].


5 Sea Fisheries,—Cod (Specified Sea Areas) (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1473), dated 26th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

6 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the Governing Body of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, on 11th March 1991, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

Other Papers:

7 Census of Production,—Report on the Census of Production, 1989, on railway and tramway vehicles [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

8 Erskine Bridge Tolls,—Account of the Erskine Bridge Tolls for 1989–90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 556] [Clerk of the House].

9 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Seed Potato Development Council for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Northern Ireland,—Report of the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights for Northern Ireland for 1990–91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 488] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

11 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the First Report from the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1990–91, on innovation in manufacturing industry [by Command] [Cm. 1575] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Paper withdrawn:

12 Dentists.—Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1991 [laid 21st June].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Quentin Davies and Mr Robert Key (nominated in respect of the draft North Hull Housing Action Trust (Area and Constitution) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson and Mr Tim Yeo.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 27th June 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees,— In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Special Exemptions) Regulations 1991, in place of Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse; and

(2) Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Access to Personal Files (Social Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, in place of Mr Ted Leadbitter.

[No. 134.]

Friday 28th June 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Anti-Social Behaviour,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees that all have a right to the peaceful occupation of their homes; recognises that such a right can be achieved only if nationally sound long-term employment measures are pursued, and locally proper use is made of existing housing, environmental health and mental health legislation, all of which are necessary to achieve the desired environment; and therefore deplores the conduct of Labour local authorities in Liverpool, Lambeth, Hackney and elsewhere for counter-productive local policy and practice and the Labour Party nationally for hoodwinking workers by the advocacy of employment policies, including a national minimum wage, which together work against the achievement of peace in the community—(Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo);

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

3 Hare Coursing Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Hare Coursing Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Friday 5th July.

4 River Safety Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the River Safety Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

5 Marine Accident Investigations Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marine Accident Investigations Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

6 Commonwealth of Britain Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commonwealth of Britain Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

7 Education Provision Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Provision Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.
8 Pet Animals (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pet Animals (Amendment) Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

9 Gaming (Bingo) Bill [*Lords*],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gaming (Bingo) Bill [*Lords*];
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

10 Training and Enterprise Councils Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Training and Enterprise Councils Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

11 Forestry Commission Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Forestry Commission Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

12 Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Descriptions (Animal Testing) Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

13 Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

14 Coal Imports Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Imports Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

15 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

16 Health Care of Prisoners Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health Care of Prisoners Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

17 Employment of Children Act 1973 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Children Act 1973 (Amendment) Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

18 British Racing Commission Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Racing Commission Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

19 Football Spectators Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Football Spectators Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

20 Greyhound Betting Levy Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greyhound Betting Levy Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

21 Vagrancy (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrancy (Amendment) Bill;
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th July.

22 Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [*Lords*],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [*Lords*];
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 1st July.

23 Deer Bill [*Lords*],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deer Bill [*Lords*];
   *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 1st July.

24 Public Health,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No 2) Order
1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1295), dated 29th May 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr Nicholas Baker)—It was agreed to.

25 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nicholas Baker);

And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Madam Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then four minutes past Three o'clock, till Monday 1st July.

[Adjourned at 3.4 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Friday 28th June 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Gas,—Gas (Meters) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1471), dated 25th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].


Other Papers:

4 Duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster,—Revenue and Capital Accounts of the Duchy of Cornwall for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 506] [Mr Francis Maude].

5 Environment,—Government Reply to the Third Report from the Environment Committee, Session 1990-91, on climatological and environmental effects of rainforest destruction [by Command] [Cm. 1579] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

6 European Communities (No. 34, 1991).—Framework Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 2nd April 1990, for trade and economic co-operation between the European Economic Community and the Argentine Republic, with exchange of letters [by Command] [Cm. 1568] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 Health Service Commissioner,—Third Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1990-91, being the Annual Report for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 536] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

8 Miscellaneous (No. 11, 1991).—Resolution, approved at the Seventh Plenary Meeting on 28th September 1990, to further extend the International Coffee Agreement 1983 [by Command] [Cm. 1566] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 Miscellaneous (No. 13, 1991).—European Convention, done at Strasbourg on 20th April 1959, on mutual assistance in criminal matters, with Additional Protocol, done at Strasbourg on 17th March 1978 [by Command] [Cm. 1577] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Report by the Government Actuary on the valuation of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund as at 1st April 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 541] [Clerk of the House].

11 Top Salaries,—Thirty-first Report of the Review Body on Top Salaries, entitled Review of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme and of Resettlement Grants for Members of Parliament [by Command] [Cm. 1576] [Mr John MacGregor].

MEMORANDUM
Friday 28th June 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Special Exemptions) Regulations 1991, in place of Mr Ted Leadbitter.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees,—Memoranda were reported from a Select Committee and ordered to lie upon the Table (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Planning and Compensation Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Coal Mining Subsidence Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Coal Mining Subsidence Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Coal Mining Subsidence Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 197].

5 Highland Regional Council (Harbours) Order Confirmation Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Highland Regional Council (Harbours) Order Confirmation Bill to be considered on Wednesday.

6 Statutory Instruments, &c,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Companies (Disclosure of Interests in Shares) (Orders imposing restrictions on shares) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick)—It was agreed to.

7 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Irvine Patnick);

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

8 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—A Motion being made, That the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament—(Mr Michael Alison);

Mr Michael Alison, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.

9 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—Resolved, That the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Mr Michael Alison.)

10 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Terry Oliver for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Irvine Patnick.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.47 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 1st July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Building Societies,—Draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Modifications) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Census of Production,—Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—
   (1) aerospace equipment manufacturing and repairing,
   (2) brewing and malting, and
   (3) wines, cider and perry
   [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

4 Royal Fine Art Commission,—Twenty-eighth Report of the Royal Fine Art Commission, for 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1560] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Paper withdrawn:

5 Building Societies,—Draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Modifications) Order 1991 [laid 24th June].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Broadcasting, &c.,—Memoranda laid before the Select Committee on Broadcasting, &c. [Mr John MacGregor].

[No. 136.]

Tuesday 2nd July 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.:

   London Underground (King’s Cross) Bill.

   Bill committed.

2 Cattewater Reclamation Bill,—A Motion being made, That the Cattewater Reclamation 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.

3 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

4 North Yorkshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the North Yorkshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

5 Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

6 British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday.

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

8 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

9 Child Support Bill [Lords].—Mr John McWilliam reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Child Support Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 200].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 562].

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

Medical Qualifications (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the definition of a primary United Kingdom qualification for registration as a medical practitioner; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

11 Medical Qualifications (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Medical Qualifications (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 202].

12 Community Charge (Disqualification for Non-payment) Bill,—Mr Michael Shersby, supported by Mr John Wilkinson and Mr Terry Dicks, presented a Bill to provide that a person who by 1st August 1991 has not paid to a charging authority the community charge owed by him in respect of the year ended 31st March 1991 shall be disqualified for a period of five years from elected membership of a charging authority or a precepting authority: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 196].

13 Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Bill Walker presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 relating to the transfer of licences; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 198].

14 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

15 Scottish Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 97 (Matters relating exclusively to Scotland), That the Matter of the National Health Service in Scotland, being a Matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.
16 Scottish Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 97 (Matters relating exclusively to Scotland), That the Matter of fishing and fish farming in Scotland, being a Matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

17 Ministers of the Crown (Financial Interests).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Ministers of the Crown from having outside financial interests; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Dennis Skinner, Dawn Primarolo, Alice Mahon, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Dave Nellist, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Terry Lewis and Mr Dennis Canavan do prepare and bring it in.

18 Ministers of the Crown (Financial Interests) Bill,—Mr Bob Cryer accordingly presented a Bill to prevent Ministers of the Crown from having outside financial interests; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 199].

19 Opposition day [16th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the abysmal failure of the Government's housing policy which after twelve years has resulted in record mortgage levels, record homelessness, the collapse of the public and private rented sector and a crisis in the construction industry; and calls on the Government to put forward proposals for a mortgage rescue scheme, an emergency programme to deal with homelessness and a phased release of the capital receipts from the sale of council houses to fund a planned increase in housing investment—(Mr Bryan Gould);

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 'welcomes the policies being pursued by Her Majesty's Government to put a decent home within the reach of every family by promoting owner occupation, by securing greater private sector investment in housing and by directing public expenditure effectively towards those people and areas that most need support', instead thereof.—(Sir George Young.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Jack Thompson: 194.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Timothy Wood: 276.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 welcomes the policies being pursued by Her Majesty's Government to put a decent home within the reach of every family by promoting owner occupation, by securing greater private sector investment in housing and by directing public expenditure effectively towards those people and areas that most need support.

Conduct of the Privatised Electricity and Gas Industries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the abject failure of the Government to prevent unrestrained increases in the profits of the gas and electricity companies and in the pay and perks of their directors; notes that these profits, which are being achieved at the expense of the customers, damage the long-term interests of the country and result from policies which promote energy sales rather than energy saving, harm the environment, add to the trade deficit and reduce investment in research and development; and calls upon the Government to introduce effective measures to protect the interests of customers and to use its powers as a major shareholder in National Power and PowerGen to block those policies which the Prime Minister has said he deplores—(Mr Frank Dobson);

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 continuing with its successful policy of privatising nationalised industries; notes the recent successful privatisation of the electricity supply industry in Great Britain; and welcomes the benefits that privatisation of the electricity and gas industries has brought
and will bring to consumers, taxpayers and employees', instead thereof. —(Mr Secretary Wakeham.)

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 Ken Eastham: 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 246.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 the Government on continuing with its successful policy of privatising nationalised industries; notes the recent successful privatisation of the electricity supply industry in Great Britain; and welcomes the benefits that privatisation of the electricity and gas industries has brought and will bring to consumers, taxpayers and employees.

20 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Severn Bridges Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

21 Severn Bridges Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Severn Bridges Bill, as amended in the Select Committee and, on re-committal, in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 18, at the end, to insert the words 'after consultations with relevant local authorities in England and Wales'.—(Mr Paul Murphy.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 34, after the word 'services', to insert the words 'including policing services'.—(Mr Paul Murphy.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

'(IA) If the concession agreement is rendered unworkable as a result of any change in legislation, and the concession agreement is thereby terminated, no compensation shall be payable by the Secretary of State to the concessionaire'.—(Dawn Primarolo.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

22 Building Societies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of section 41) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 3rd June, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

23 Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Farm Diversification Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1339), dated 6th June 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

24 Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1338), dated 6th June 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

25 Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Farm and Conservation Grant Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

26 Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the
draft Farm Woodland (Variation) Scheme 1991, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick)—It was agreed to.

27 Rates of Duty on Mineral Oils.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 4822/91, relating to rates of excise duty on mineral oils—(Mr Irvine Patnick)—It was agreed to.

28 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mr A. D. Clark for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

29 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Irvine Patnick);

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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 Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.6 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 2nd July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Education,—Draft Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 [by Act][Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment and determination of salary of a part-time member of the British Tourist Authority [by Act][Mr Secretary Howard].

4 Health,—Government Response to the First Report from the Health Committee, Session 1990-91, on public expenditure on health services: waiting lists [by Command] [Cm. 1586] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

5 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Report and Accounts of the London Docklands Development Corporation for 1990-91 [by Act][Mr Secretary Heseltine].

6 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 1st July 1991 on borrowing by the Norfolk Ambulance National Health Service Trust [by Act][Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

7 Police,—(1) Metropolitan Police Fund Account for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and

(2) Metropolitan Police Fund Estimates for 1991-92
[by Command] [Cm. 1563 and 1564] [Mr Secretary Baker].

8 Special Procedure Orders,—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Montrose Harbour Revision Order 1991 [by Act][Chairman of Ways and Means].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—(1) Second Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Response by the Government to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 1990-91 (MAFF Departmental Report)]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 2nd July;
   to be printed [Nos. 564 and 493-iv] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 2nd July; to be printed [No. 550-ii] [Mr Frank Field].

3 Statutory Instruments.—(1) Twenty-fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; and
   (2) Fifth Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with a Memorandum laid before the Committee;
   to be printed [Nos. 26-xxiv and 27-v] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 137.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

2 Highland Regional Council (Harbours) Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Highland Regional Council (Harbours) Order Confirmation Bill; and the same were agreed to.

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

4 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords],—Mr Barry Field reported from the Committee on the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords], That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and directed him to report the same; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.
   Bill, as amended, and Report to lie upon the Table.
   Report to be printed.

5 Selection,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

6 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

7 European Standing Committee B,—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 4466/91, relating to the establishment of European works councils; endorses the conclusions of the Madrid and Rome European Councils that measures taken in the field of social affairs should have full regard to the effects on job creation, the principle of subsidiarity, and the diversity of national traditions and practices; supports the Government's view that the draft directive is incompatible with these conclusions; and endorses the Government's proposal for a Community initiative on employee involvement which might take the form of a Council recommendation or resolution.
   Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
8 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Access to Personal Files (Social Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 25th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 565].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Badgers (Further Protection) Bill, without Amendment.

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill to which this House has disagreed, but propose an Amendment in lieu of one of those Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; they have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to the words restored to the Bill; they have agreed, without Amendment, to certain of the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of one of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed; they have agreed to the other Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of that Amendment, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and they have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendment made by this House to the remaining one of their Amendments.

Foreign Corporations Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision about the status in the United Kingdom of bodies incorporated or formerly incorporated under the laws of certain territories outside the United Kingdom; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Statute Law Revision (Isle of Man) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to revise the statute law by repealing obsolete, spent, unnecessary or superseded enactments so far as they continue to form part of the law of the Isle of Man; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

10 Foreign Corporations Bill [Lords].—The Foreign Corporations Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 205].

11 Statute Law Revision (Isle of Man) Bill [Lords].—The Statute Law Revision (Isle of Man) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 206].

12 Cardiff Bay Barrage (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Secretary Hunt, supported by Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr David Mellor, Sir Wyn Roberts and Mr Nicholas Bennett, presented a Bill to provide for the construction by the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation of a barrage across the mouth of Cardiff Bay with an outer harbour and of a tidal lagoon and for related works; to make provision for the acquisition and use of land for the works; to make provision about the operation and management of the barrage, the outer harbour, the water impounded by the barrage and the lagoon; to require provision to be made for dealing with property damage caused by an alteration in groundwater levels occurring in consequence of the construction of the barrage and to enable other protective provisions to be made; 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].

13 Rights of Access to Neighbouring Land Bill,—Mr John Ward presented a Bill to make provision for obtaining access to neighbouring land for the purposes of carrying out works; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 203].

14 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Neil Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

15 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Modifications) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Neil Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

16 Constitutional Reform,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the succession, rights and responsibilities of the Crown; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Simon Hughes and Mr Peter Archer do prepare and bring it in.
Constitutional Reform Bill.—Mr Simon Hughes accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the succession, rights and responsibilities of the Crown; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 204].

Estimates [2nd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Resolution [18th June], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee).

Estimates, 1991-92 (Class II, Vote 5).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £910,873,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Overseas Development Administration under the Overseas Development and Co-operation Act 1980 on the official UK aid programme; economic assistance to Eastern Europe and the USSR; and global environmental assistance; including financial and technical assistance to governments, institutions, voluntary agencies and individuals; pensions and allowances in respect of overseas service including contributions to pension funds; capital and other subscriptions and contributions, including payments under guarantee, to multilateral development banks and other international and regional bodies; emergency, refugee and other relief assistance; loans to the Commonwealth Development Corporation; and running costs, related capital expenditure and other administrative costs including for the Natural Resources Institute (an executive agency) — (Mr Douglas Hogg);

The Debate was concluded, and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates).

Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1991-92 (Class VI, Vote 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £1,150,731,000, and including a supplementary sum of £90,392,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Department of Employment, including expenditure via Training and Enterprise Councils, on training, including the provision of training programmes for young people and adults and initiatives within education; on the promotion of enterprise and the encouragement of self-employment and small firms; on help for unemployed people; the improvement of industrial relations; industrial tribunals; compensation for persons disabled by certain industrial diseases; payments towards expenses of trade union ballots; on residual liabilities and disposal of the remaining assets of the former National Dock Labour Board; on the costs of maintaining and disposing of the former Skills Training Agency; administration, central and miscellaneous services including assistance on employment issues to eastern Europe in co-operation with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office — (Mr Robert Jackson);

And it being Ten o’clock, Mr Speaker interrupted the proceedings, and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates).

Mr Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), put the deferred Questions on Estimates, 1991-92 (Class II, Vote 5) and Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1991-92 (Class VI, Vote 1).

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £910,873,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Overseas Development Administration under the Overseas Development and Co-operation Act 1980 on the official UK aid programme; economic assistance to Eastern Europe and the USSR; and global environmental assistance; including financial and technical assistance to governments, institutions, voluntary agencies and individuals; pensions and allowances in respect of overseas service including contributions to pension funds; capital and other subscriptions and contributions, including payments under guarantee, to multilateral development banks and other international and regional bodies; emergency, refugee and other relief assistance; loans to the Commonwealth Development Corporation; and running costs, related capital expenditure and other administrative costs including for the Natural Resources Institute (an executive agency).
Resolved. That a further sum, not exceeding £1,150,731,000, and including a supplementary sum of £90,392,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Department of Employment, including expenditure via Training and Enterprise Councils, on training, including the provision of training programmes for young people and adults and initiatives within education, on the promotion of enterprise and the encouragement of self-employment and small firms; on help for unemployed people; the improvement of industrial relations; industrial tribunals; compensation for persons disabled by certain industrial diseases; payments towards expenses of trade union ballots; on residual liabilities and disposal of the remaining assets of the former National Dock Labour Board; on the costs of maintaining and disposing of the former Skills Training Agency; administration, central and miscellaneous services including assistance on employment issues to eastern Europe in co-operation with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Mr Speaker then, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the other Estimate appointed for consideration this day (Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1991-92 (Class VI, Vote 2)).

Resolved. That a further sum, not exceeding £276,560,000, and including a supplementary sum of £17,514,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Employment Service of the Department of Employment on help for unemployed people, support for people with disabilities, assistance on employment issues to eastern Europe in co-operation with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, on research, publicity and administration.

19 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Batley and Spen for the replacement of Kirklees Metropolitan Council was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

20 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Miss H. M. Latimer,
(2) S. Nicholson, and
(3) Mrs J. M. Thackray

for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

21 Adjournment.—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 pm.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 3rd July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Church Commissioners,—Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for 1990 [by Measure] [Mr Secretary Baker].

3 European Communities (No. 35, 1991),—Framework Agreement, done at Rome on 20th December 1990, for co-operation between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Chile [by Command] [Cm. 1572] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
4 European Communities (No. 36, 1991),—Protocol, done at Brussels on 18th January 1991, defining for the period from 18th January 1990 to 17th January 1993 the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Seychelles on fishing off Seychelles, with exchange of letters provisionally applying the Protocol [by Command] [Cm. 1570] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 National Health Service,—Department of Health Minute, dated 3rd July 1991, on a contingent liability relating to payments to people with haemophilia infected with the HIV virus [by Command] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

6 Redundant Churches Fund,—Report and Accounts of the Redundant Churches Fund for 1990 [by Measure] [Mr Secretary Baker].

7 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Videotron South Limited in respect of the Winchester Cable franchise under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 Transport,—Report and Accounts of the British Railways Board for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Welsh Grand Committee,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Mr David Tredinnick to serve as an additional Member on the Welsh Grand Committee, in place of Mr Derek Conway, for the remainder of this Session, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee of Selection.

2 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr David Alton (nominated in respect of the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Special Exemptions) Regulations 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr A. J. Beith.

3 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr John Butterfill, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Tim Janman, Mr Jim Lester, Mr Andrew MacKay, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Michael Mates, Dr Brian Mawhinney, Mr Richard Page, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mr Robin Squire, Mr Roger Stott and Mr David Trimble.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Bob Clay, Mr Frank Cook, Mr David Davis, Mr Andrew Faulds, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Ron Leighton, Mr Humphrey Malins, Mr John Marshall, Mr lain Mills, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Peter Rost, Joan Ruddock, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Patrick Thompson and Mr Cyril D. Townsend.

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Companies (Disclosure of Interests in Shares) (Orders imposing restrictions on shares) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr Alex Carlile, Mr David Davis, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr John Lee, Mr David Madel, Mr Austin Mitchell, Marjorie Mowlam, Mr Dave Nellist, Mr James Pawsey, Mr John Redwood, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Richard Shepherd, Sir James Spicer, Mr Ivor Stanbrook, Mr Michael Stern, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr Gareth Wardell and Mr David Young.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education, Science and Arts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education, Science and Arts Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 529-iii] [Mr Harry Greenway].

2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 495-iii] [Mr Ron Leighton].
3 Energy,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Energy Committee [Government Observations on the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1990-91, on Energy Efficiency]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 566]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 343-iv]

[Mr Ted Leadbitter].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 474-v] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

5 European Legislation,—Twenty-sixth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xxvi] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Health,—(1) Second Report from the Health Committee [Public Expenditure on Personal Social Services: Child Protection Services]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 570-I]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 430-v]

[Mr Nicholas Winterton].

7 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 572-i] [Sir John Wheeler].

8 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 567-i] [Sir Antony Buck].

9 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 569-i] [Sir Peter Emery].

10 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 557-i] [Mr David Marshall].

11 Treasury and Civil Service,—(1) Second Special Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [Government's Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 1990-91, on the 1991 Budget]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 3rd July;

to be printed [Nos. 571 and 195-ii] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

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MEMORANDA

Wednesday 3rd July 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(2) the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1991 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(3) the draft Companies (Disclosure of Interests in Shares) (Orders imposing restrictions on shares) Regulations 1991 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

(2) Mr David Knox Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the North Hull Housing Action Trust (Area and Constitution) Order 1991;
(3) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1991;

(4) Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Companies (Disclosure of Interests in Shares) (Orders imposing restrictions on shares) Regulations 1991;

(5) Mr James Lamond Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Access to Personal Files and Medical Reports (Northern Ireland) Order 1991; and

(6) Mr Michael Morris Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 9791/90, relating to the efficiency requirements for new hot water boilers fired with liquid gaseous fuels.

3 Public Bills (Scotland),—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 93 (Public bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

4 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 10089/90, relating to the free movement of medicinal products in the European Community, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

5 European Standing Committees,—The Select Committee on European Legislation has withdrawn its recommendation [13th March] that the Programme of the Commission of the European Communities for 1991 be further considered; and the document no longer stands referred to European Standing Committee B.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Midland Metro Bill,—The Midland Metro Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

2 King's Cross Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the King's Cross Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 11th July.

3 British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 11th July.

4 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 9th July at Seven o'clock.

5 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill be read a second time;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 11th July.

6 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 11th July.

7 Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 11th July.
8 Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix I).

9 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr Paul Flynn reported from the Committee on the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 9th July, at Ten o’clock.

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

11 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Special Exemptions) Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 24th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 573].

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

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

Sunday Entertainments (Video Supply) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to permit the supply of video recordings on Sundays; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

13 Smoke Detectors Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Smoke Detectors Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 211].

14 Sunday Entertainments (Video Supply) Bill [Lords].—The Sunday Entertainments (Video Supply) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 210].

15 Cardiff Bay Barrage (No. 2) Bill.—Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Cardiff Bay Barrage (No. 2) Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

16 Criminal Justice Bill,—Lords Amendment in lieu of a Lords Amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill disagreed to, and Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments in lieu of another Lords Amendment thereto disagreed to, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 209].

17 Badgers Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Badgers Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 208].

18 Constitutional Reform Bill,—The Order for reading the Constitutional Reform Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Monday 28th October.

19 British Railways Board (Finance) Bill,—Mr Secretary Rifkind, supported by Mr Secretary Hunt, Mr Secretary Lilley, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr David Mellor and Mr Roger Freeman, presented (under Standing Order No. 48 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to alter the limits under section 42(6) of the Transport Act 1968 relating to the indebtedness of the British Railways Board and the limits on the amount of compensation payable in respect of certain public service obligations of the Board: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 207].

20 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Companies House Trading Fund Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

21 Estimates [3rd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Resolution [10th May], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee).

Estimates, 1991-92 (Class IV, Vote 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £81,404,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Department of Trade and Industry on regional development grants, regional selective assistance, selective assistance to individual industries and firms, UK contributions arising from its commitments under the International Natural Rubber Agreement, a strategic mineral
stockpile, support for the film, aerospace and shipbuilding industries, assistance to redundant steel workers, and other payments—(Mr Allan Stewart);

The Debate was concluded, and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates).

Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1991-92 (Class XIII, Vote 1),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £9,962,627,000, and including a supplementary sum of £162,196,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Department of Health on hospital, community health, family health and family health service administration services, and on related services—(Mrs Virginia Bottomley);

The Debate was concluded, and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates).

It being Ten o'clock, Mr Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), put the deferred Question on Estimates, 1991-92 (Class IV, Vote 1).

Class IV, Vote 1

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £81,404,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Department of Trade and Industry on regional development grants, regional selective assistance, selective assistance to individual industries and firms, UK contributions arising from its commitments under the International Natural Rubber Agreement, a strategic mineral stockpile, support for the film, aerospace and shipbuilding industries, assistance to redundant steel workers, and other payments.

Mr Speaker then, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on another Estimate appointed for consideration this day (Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1991-92 (Class XV, Vote 3)).

Class XV, Vote 3

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £421,137,000, and including a supplementary sum of £161,194,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Scottish Office Industry Department on Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise; on regional enterprise grants; on technical and vocational education; on the promotion of tourism; on financial assistance to the electricity industry and local enterprise companies; on residual expenditure for the Scottish Development Agency and the Highlands and Islands Development Board; on roads and certain associated services, including the acquisition of land, lighting, road safety and related services; on assistance to local transport; on support for transport services in the highlands and islands; on piers and harbours, and on certain other transport services and grants; and on other sundry services in connection with trade and industry, etc.

Mr Speaker then, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), put the deferred Question on Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1991-92 (Class XIII, Vote 1).

Class XIII, Vote 1

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £9,962,627,000, and including a supplementary sum of £162,196,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1992 for expenditure by the Department of Health on hospital, community health, family health and family health service administration services, and on related services.

Mr Speaker then, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the remaining Estimate appointed for consideration this day (Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1991-92 (Class XVI, Vote 8)).

Class XVI, Vote 8

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £697,400,000, and including a supplementary sum of £10,291,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on
22 Estimates.—Mr Speaker then put the Question which he was directed to put pursuant to paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 53 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £78,863,754,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges for Defence and Civil Services for the year ending on 31st March 1992, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 236, 237, 238 and 486.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the five foregoing Resolutions and upon the three Resolutions yesterday relating to Estimates: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr David Mellor, Mr Francis Maude, Mrs Gillian Shephard and Mr John Maples do prepare and bring it in.

23 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill,—Mrs Gillian Shephard accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on 31st March 1992, 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 147].

24 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Miss J. Masson and M. W. Aldridge for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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 4th July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991,
(2) draft Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, and
(3) draft Statistics (Confidentiality) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

2 Social Security,—(1) Draft Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board Regulations 1991, and
(2) draft Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Amendment Regulations 1991
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Environmental Protection,—(1) Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1487), and
(2) Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances (Terms of Office) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1488),
dated 27th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

4 Financial Services,—Financial Services Act 1986 (Schedule 1 (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Exemption) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1516), dated 29th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

6 Water.—North Surrey Water Company (Constitution and Regulation) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1479), dated 27th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:

7 Housing Associations,—(1) Accounts of Housing for Wales for 1990-91, and
    (2) Report of Housing for Wales for 1990-91
    [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

8 Post Office,—Report of the Post Office Users' National Council for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Nicholas Soames (nominated in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Richard Tracey.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mrs Marion Roe (nominated in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Neville Trotter.

[No. 139.]
Friday 5th July 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
    (1) members of the Cats Protection League for restrictions on the supply and use of air weapons, crossbows and ammunition,
    (2) Vivien Mary Fisher against a resumption in the export of low value equines, and
    (3) governors, parents, pupils and staff of Townmead School, West Drayton, for an early decision on the application of the school for grant-maintained status
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

3 Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

4 Badgers Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Badgers Bill.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 17 were agreed to.

5 Smoke Detectors Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Smoke Detectors Bill.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 4 were agreed to.
6 Hare Coursing Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Hare Coursing Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

And it being half-past Two o'clock, Mr Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Friday 12th July.

7 Railway Re-openings (Tribunal) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Re-openings (Tribunal) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

8 Misuse of Drugs (Anabolic Steroids) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Misuse of Drugs (Anabolic Steroids) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

9 Veterans Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Veterans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

10 Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

11 Young Persons (Alcohol Abuse) Etc. Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Young Persons (Alcohol Abuse) Etc. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

12 Garden Supplies (Sunday Trading) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Garden Supplies (Sunday Trading) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

13 Abolition of Political Honours Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of Political Honours Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

14 Asylum Seekers and Refugees Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Asylum Seekers and Refugees Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

15 Welfare of Calves (Export) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welfare of Calves (Export) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

16 Licensing of Ticket Sales Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing of Ticket Sales Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

17 Abolition of Deer Hunting Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of Deer Hunting Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

18 Pet Animals (Amendment) Bill,—The Pet Animals (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

19 Training and Enterprise Councils Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Training and Enterprise Councils Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

20 Forestry Commission Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Forestry Commission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

21 Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.
22 Coal Imports Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Imports Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

23 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

24 Health Care of Prisoners Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health Care of Prisoners Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

25 British Racing Commission Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Racing Commission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

26 Football Spectators Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Football Spectators Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

27 Greyhound Betting Levy Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greyhound Betting Levy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

28 Vagrancy (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrancy (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

29 Medical Qualifications (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Medical Qualifications (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir Gerard Vaughan.)

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 Timothy Kirkhope 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.

30 Community Charge (Disqualification for Non-payment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Community Charge (Disqualification for Non-payment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th July.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

32 Rights of Access to Neighbouring Land Bill,—The Rights of Access to Neighbouring Land Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Clauses Nos. 1 to 8 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Timothy Kirkhope 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.

33 Sunday Entertainments (Video Supply) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday Entertainments (Video Supply) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

34 Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That, in respect of the Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) 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 Timothy Kirkhope.)

35 British Railways Board (Finance) Bill,—Ordered, That, if the British Railways Board (Finance) Bill is committed to a Committee of the whole House, further proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed; and that as soon as the proceedings on any Resolution come to by the House on British Railways Board (Finance) Bill [Money] have been concluded, this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

36 British Railways Board (Finance) Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the British Railways Board (Finance) Bill, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

37 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 8th July.

[Adjourned at 3.10 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 5th July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Collieston Harbour Revision Order 1991, dated 17th June 1991; with a statement by the Secretary of State for Transport under sections 2(5) and 10(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Universities and Colleges,—Education (Universities Commissioners) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1427), dated 21st June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:

5 Defence,—List of exceptions to the Army Regulations as to pay, non-effective pay and allowances during 1990-91 [by Command] [Mr Secretary King].

6 Development of Tourism,—Accounts of the Scottish Tourist Board for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 555] [Clerk of the House].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

2 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Memoranda were reported and ordered to lie upon the Table (see Appendix II).

3 Road Traffic Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Road Traffic Bill.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 144 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 11.

4 Rights of the Subject.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Access to Personal Files (Social Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

5 Human Fertilisation and Embryology.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Special Exemptions) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—(Mr Sydney Chapman):—It was agreed to.

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

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

7 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from friends of the Royal Welch Fusiliers against disbandment of the Regiment was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

   (1) Richard Munson, and

   (2) Andrew Stalkin

   for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.19 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Monday 8th July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**

   (2) Children’s Homes Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1506), and
   (3) Refuges (Children’s Homes and Foster Placements) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1507),
   dated 30th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].


5 Education (Scotland),—(1) Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1493),
   dated 26th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


7 Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks),—Agreements between the Secretary of State for Transport and—
   (1) the Britannia Steam Ship Insurance Association,
   (2) the British Marine Mutual Insurance Association Limited,
   (3) the Liverpool and London War Risks Insurance Association Limited,
   (4) the London Steam-Ship Owners’ Mutual Insurance Association,
   (5) the Newcastle War Risk Indemnity Association,
   (6) the North of England P. & I. Association,
   (7) the Standard Steamship Owners’ Mutual War Risks Association Limited,
   (8) the Sunderland Steamship Mutual War Risks Association,
   (9) the United Kingdom Mutual War Risks Association, and
   (10) the West of England Mutual War Risks Association Limited
   supplemental to Agreements made on 18th February 1988 between the same parties
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

8 Seeds,—Seed Potatoes (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1537), dated 5th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

**Other Papers:**

9 Census of Production,—Report on the Census of Production, 1989, on cycles and motor cycles [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

10 Countryside (Scotland),—Report of the Countryside Commission for Scotland for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 Crown Estate,—Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 1990–91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 554] [Clerk of the House].

12 Development of Tourism,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Tourist Board for 1990–91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

13 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Mint Trading Fund for 1990–91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 498] [Clerk of the House].

14 Home Affairs,—Government Reply to the Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1990–91, on levy on horserace betting [by Command] [Cm. 1583] [Mr Secretary Baker].
15 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [14th May] from Simon William Peel Vickers Fletcher for an inquiry into the consequences of the liquidation of the Wolverhampton Group of Steel Companies [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

16 Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 4th July 1991 on borrowing by the British Railways Board [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

17 Welsh Development Agency,—Accounts of the Welsh Development Agency for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 563] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs,—(1) Sixth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Financing of Greyhound Racing], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 463]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee [Sir John Wheeler].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Dock Labour Compensation Scheme];

(2) Thirty-second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Control of Administrative Manpower in the Northern Ireland Health and Personal Social Services], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee;

(3) Thirty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [HM Land Registry: Review of Performance];

(4) Thirty-fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Nuclear Research and Support Services];

(5) Thirty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [NHS: Outpatient Services];

(6) Thirty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Qualification of Accounts 1989-90];

(7) Thirty-seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Fraud and Irregularities at Defence Establishments];

(8) Thirty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Advisory Services to Agriculture];

(9) Thirty-ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [HM Treasury: The Management of Information Technology Security in Government Departments]; and

(10) Fortieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Oil and Chemical Pollution at Sea];

to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports [Nos. 196, 441, 435, 415, 270, 275, 442, 465, 480 and 395] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 141.]

Tuesday 9th July 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 North Yorkshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The North Yorkshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

2 Mersey Docks and Harbour Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Bill [Lords] 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 no 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, 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;

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);

That the 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 First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

3 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).

4 Selection, Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees, Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Memoranda were reported and ordered to lie upon the Table (see Appendix III).

6 Scottish Grand Committee, Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the Matter of the National Health Service in Scotland, 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. 579].

7 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr David Knox reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft North Hull Housing Action Trust (Area and Constitution) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 24th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 577].

8 New Member sworn, Peter Kilfoyle, Esquire, Member for Liverpool, Walton, was sworn.

9 Restoration of the Franchise Bill, Mr Harry Barnes, supported by Alice Mahon, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Ken Livingstone and Mr Eddie Loyden, presented a Bill to remove impediments to electoral registration; and to limit the uses which may be made of electoral registers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 212].

10 Statutory Instruments, &c., A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Patent Office Trading Fund Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood)—It was agreed to.

11 Statutory Instruments, &c., A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Amendment Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood)—It was agreed to.

12 Statutory Instruments, &c., A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood)—It was agreed to.
13 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Statistics (Confidentiality) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

14 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

15 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents and Amendment) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

16 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

17 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

18 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Forth Ports Authority (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

19 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Caledonian MacBrayne Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

20 Companies (Subsidiaries in Liquidation),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make a holding company responsible for certain debts of its wholly-owned subsidiary in liquidation; and to make other provision for such circumstances: And that Mr Kenneth Hind, Mr Chris Butler, Mr Den Dover, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Charles Wardle, Mr Roger King, Mr John Bowis, Sir John Wheeler, Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr Barry Field and Mr William Powell do prepare and bring it in.

21 Companies (Subsidiaries in Liquidation) Bill,—Mr Kenneth Hind accordingly presented a Bill to make a holding company responsible for certain debts of its wholly-owned subsidiary in liquidation; and to make other provision for such circumstances: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 28th October and to be printed [Bill 213].

22 Opposition day [17th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Low Income and the Quality of Life,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the huge rise in income inequality; and calls on the Government to combat poverty and its effects on health, diet, educational achievement and individual opportunity—(Mr Michael Meacher);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘congratulates Her Majesty’s Government on its policies which have made possible real increases in expenditure on vital public services including social security, education and health; welcomes the recent recognition by the Social Security Committee that real incomes rose across the income scale between 1979 and 1988; and deprecates the commitment of Her Majesty’s Opposition to a national minimum wage which would destroy jobs, thereby reducing opportunities and living standards for up to two million people’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Howard.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
Mr Don Dixon 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 Eric Illsley, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr David Davis: 281.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Question on amendments);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Timothy Wood: 252.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Eric Illsley: 217.

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 Her Majesty's Government on its policies which have made possible real increases in expenditure on vital public services including social security, education and health; welcomes the recent recognition by the Social Security Committee that real incomes rose across the income scale between 1979 and 1988; and deplores the commitment of Her Majesty's Opposition to a national minimum wage which would destroy jobs, thereby reducing opportunities and living standards for up to two million people.

23 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill;

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

Mr Neil Thorne 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 Jonathan Sayeed, Mr David Evans: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harry Cohen: 60.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr David Evans: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Harry Barnes: 49.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

24 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day's sitting, the Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour, and the Motion in the name of Mr John MacGregor relating to Sittings of the House 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 Greg Knight);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Timothy Wood: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Paul Flynn: 54.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour, and the Motion in the name of Mr John MacGregor relating to Sittings of the House 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.
25 Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords];

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Tim Boswell 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.

26 Sittings of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee of fifteen Members be appointed to consider whether the public and private business of the House might be conducted more effectively by making changes to the order and timing of items of business, the hours of sitting, and the arrangement of the parliamentary year; and to make recommendations thereon;

That five be the Quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records; to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House; to adjourn from place to place; and to report from time to time;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the Committee’s order of reference;

That the Committee have leave to confer and meet concurrently with any committee of the Lords on procedure of that House for the purposes of deliberating and of examining witnesses on any aspects of the Committee’s order of reference which affect that House as well;

That Hilary Armstrong, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Alistair Burt, Sir Peter Emery, Mr David Harris, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Michael Jopling, Mr John McFall, Mr Cranley Onslow, Mr Stanley Orme, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Peter Shore, Mr Roger Sims and Mr Michael Stern be members of the Committee;

That the Second Report of the Select Committee on Procedure in Session 1986-87, in the last Parliament, relating to the use of time on the floor of the House, be referred to the Committee; and

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House until the end of the present Parliament.—(Mr John MacGregor);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 8, to leave out the words ‘to adjourn from place to place’.—(Mr Bob Cryer.)

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

Mr Alastair Goodlad 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 Tom Sackville, Mr Timothy Wood: 120.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Alan Meale: 28.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Terry Lewis: 23.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Timothy Wood: 121.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Timothy Wood: 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Terry Lewis: 14.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of fifteen Members be appointed to consider whether the public and private business of the House might be conducted more effectively by making changes to the order and timing of items of business, the hours of sitting, and the arrangement of the parliamentary year; and to make recommendations thereon;

That five be the Quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records; to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House; to adjourn from place to place; and to report from time to time;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the Committee's order of reference;

That the Committee have leave to confer and meet concurrently with any committee of the Lords on procedure of that House for the purposes of deliberating and of examining witnesses on any aspects of the Committee's order of reference which affect that House as well;

That Hilary Armstrong, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Alistair Burt, Sir Peter Emery, Mr David Harris, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Michael Jopling, Mr John McFall, Mr Cranley Onslow, Mr Stanley Orme, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Peter Shore, Mr Roger Sims and Mr Michael Stern be members of the Committee;

That the Second Report of the Select Committee on Procedure in Session 1986-87, in the last Parliament, relating to the use of time on the floor of the House, be referred to the Committee; and

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House until the end of the present Parliament.

27 Informing and Consulting Employees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 4466/91, relating to the establishment of European works councils; endorses the conclusions of the Madrid and Rome European Councils that measures taken in the field of social affairs should have full regard to the effects on job creation, the principle of subsidiarity and the diversity of national traditions and practices; supports the Government's view that the draft directive is incompatible with these conclusions; and endorses the Government's proposal for a Community initiative on employee involvement which might take the form of a Council recommendation or resolution—(Mr Nicholas Baker);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the word 'councils' to the end of the Question and add the words 'draws attention to the Government's consistent refusal to advance the interests of the British working people on any matter where the Social Charter and its action programme are concerned; and deplores the Government's refusal to play a constructive role in producing a directive which will ensure that British workers have the same rights as their counterparts on the Continent', instead thereof. (Mr Frank Haynes.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mrs Llin Golding: 23.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Neil Hamilton: 108.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the said Standing Order;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Nicholas Baker: 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 23.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 4466/91, relating to the establishment of European works councils; endorses the conclusions of the Madrid and Rome European Councils that measures taken in the field of social affairs should have full regard to the effects on job creation, the principle of subsidiarity and the diversity of national traditions and practices; supports the Government's view that the draft directive is incompatible with these conclusions; and endorses the Government's proposal for a Community initiative on employee involvement which might take the form of a Council recommendation or resolution.

28 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) E. Brian Dandy, and

(2) T. Saunders

for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 3.14 a.m.

APPENDIX I
Tuesday 9th July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1475), dated 26th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].


Other Papers:

4 Broadcasting,—Report of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 533] [Mr Secretary Baker].

5 Crown Estate,—Report and Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

6 Defence,—Statement on the Defence Estimates 1991, volume 1, entitled Britain's Defence for the 90s, and volume 2, entitled Defence Statistics 1991 [by Command] [Cm. 1559-I and -II] [Mr Secretary King].

7 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Account of the Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 519] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

8 Post Office,—Report and Accounts of the Post Office for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

9 Prosecution of Offences,—Report of the Crown Prosecution Service for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 487] [Mr Attorney General].

10 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Eighth to Fifteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1990-91 [by Command] [Cm. 1582] [Mr Francis Maude].

11 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before a copy was laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a copy had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:
Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 4)
[by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

Paper withdrawn:

12 Social Security,—Draft Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board Regulations 1991 [laid 4th July].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Toby Jessel (nominated in respect of the draft Companies (Disclosure of Interests in Shares) (Orders imposing restrictions on shares) Regulations 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Robert G. Hughes.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Middle East after the Gulf War], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 143]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Foreign Affairs Committee
[Mr David Howell].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xxv] [Mr Bob Cryer].

MEMORANDUM
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Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr Michael J. Martin and Mr Norman Hogg Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Matters of the National Health Service in Scotland and of fishing and fish farming in Scotland.

[No. 142.]

Wednesday 10th July 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill,—The Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be considered to-morrow.

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

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

5 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Companies (Disclosure of Interests in Shares) (Orders imposing restrictions on shares) Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 1st July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 584].
7 European Standing Committee B.—Mr Michael Morris reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 9791/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Energy on 1st July 1991, relating to energy efficiency requirements for new hot water boilers; and supports the Government's intention of ensuring that the Community's action in this field takes full account of the interests of consumers and others in the United Kingdom.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

8 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 4) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1533) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

9 Scottish Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 97 (Matters relating exclusively to Scotland), That the Matter of the Scottish economy, being a Matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

10 Scottish Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 97 (Matters relating exclusively to Scotland), That the Matter of housing in Scotland, being a Matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Tim Boswell):—It was agreed to.

11 Ancient Forests.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to designate areas of ancient forest within the United Kingdom in connection with the arrangements of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation for declaring World Heritage Sites; to make provision for the conservation and regeneration of such areas of ancient forest; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, Mr George Foulkes, Maria Fyfe, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr John McAllion, Mr John McFall, Mr David Marshall, Mr Chris Smith, Mr Gavin Strang and Mr Brian Wilson do prepare and bring it in.

12 Ancient Forests Bill,—Mr Tam Dalyell accordingly presented a Bill to designate areas of ancient forest within the United Kingdom in connection with the arrangements of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation for declaring World Heritage Sites; to make provision for the conservation and regeneration of such areas of ancient forest; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 214].

13 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Dr Brian Mawhinney);

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business):—It was agreed to.

14 Scottish Grand Committee,—Ordered, That for the remainder of the present Session Standing Order No. 97 (Matters relating exclusively to Scotland) shall have effect as if the word 'eight' were substituted for the word 'six' in line 12.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

15 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mr Brian Bullock for the permanent reopening of the casualty (minor injuries unit) at Castelford Hospital was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) C. Drew,
(2) L. O'Shaughnessy,
(3) A. Ridgway, and
(4) N. Ridgway

for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 10th July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


   (2) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1526), and

   (3) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1527),

dated 4th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


4 Shipbuilding Industry,—British Shipbuilders Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1560), dated 8th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


Other Papers:

6 Criminal Justice,—Report of the Serious Fraud Office for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 560] [Mr Attorney General].

7 Gaming,—Report of the Gaming Board for Great Britain for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 515] [Mr Secretary Baker].

8 Judicial Statistics,—Judicial Statistics for England and Wales for 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1573] [Mr Attorney General].

9 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Fourth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 576] [Clerk of the House].

10 Treaty Series (No. 38, 1991),—Agreement, done at Bonn on 23rd October 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Federal Republic of Germany concerning air navigation services in Berlin [by Command] [Cm. 1578] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr David Clelland, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr John Cummings, Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr David Lambie, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Terry Patchett, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr Lewis Stevens, Mr Cyril D. Townsend, Mr Charles Wardle and Sir John Wheeler.

2 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Statistics (Confidentiality) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Rupert Allason, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr John Carlisle, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Julian Critchley, Mr Martin Flannery, Sir George Gardiner, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr William Hague, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Jim
Marshall, Dr Brian Mawhinney, Mr Roger Stott, Mr David Trimble, Mr Bowen Wells and Mr John Wilkinson.

3 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Richard Tracey (nominated in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr David Shaw.

4 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Modifications) Order 1991, viz.: Mr David Atkinson, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr John Battle, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Alistair Burt, Mr Michael Carttiss, Sir William Clark, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Tony Favel, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr John Maples, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Terry Rooney, Sir Dennis Walters and Mr Jerry Wiggin.

5 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Companies House Trading Fund Order 1991 and the draft Patent Office Trading Fund Order 1991, viz.: Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr W. Benyon, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr William Cash, Mr David Davis, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Stephen Day, Sir Anthony Durant, Mr David Evans, Mr Frank Field, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr John Garrett, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Calum Macdonald, Marjorie Mowlam, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Neville Trotter and Mr John Watts.

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr John Butcher, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Paul Channon, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Neil Hamilton, Maureen Hicks, Mr John Lee, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Jim Marshall, Sir Charles Morrison, Mr Richard Needham, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Roger Stott and Sir Gerard Vaughan.

7 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Amendment Order 1991 and the draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr Keith Bradley, Sir Antony Buck, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr John Hannam, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Jerry Hayes, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Richard Holt, Mr John Hughes, Mr Charles Kennedy, Alice Mahon, Mr Keith Mans, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr John Ward and Mr Ray Whitney.

8 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents and Amendment) Regulations 1991, the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1991, viz.: Mr Alan Amos, Mr John Butterfly, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Neil Hamilton, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Jim Marshall, Dr Brian Mawhinney, Mr William Ross, Mr Roger Stott and Mr Gary Walker.
APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee; to be printed [No. 493-v] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 10th July; to be printed [Nos. 394-iii and 587] [Mr Michael Mates].

3 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 10th July; to be printed [No. 495-iv] [Mr Ron Leighton].

4 Energy,—(1) Fifth Report from the Energy Committee [Clean Coal Technology and the Coal Market after 1993], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 208];

(2) Sixth Special Report from the Energy Committee [Government Observations on the Fourth Report from the Energy Committee, Session 1990-91, on Decommissioning of Oil and Gas Fields]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 585]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Energy Committee [Dr Michael Clark].

5 European Legislation,—Twenty-seventh Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xxvii] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 10th July; to be printed [No. 430-vii] [Audrey Wise].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Fourth Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration for 1990], together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 368] [Sir Antony Buck].

8 Procedure,—Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Procedure [Short Speeches]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 569] [Sir Peter Emery].

9 Transport,—(1) Fifth Report from the Transport Committee [The Government’s Expenditure Plans for Transport 1991-92 to 1993-94], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 361]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Transport Committee [Mr David Marshall].

9 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Fourth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Rail Services in Wales], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 262];

(2) Fifth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Affordable Housing], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 581]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA
Wednesday 10th July 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the draft United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(2) the draft Statistics (Confidentiality) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(3) the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Modifications) Order 1991 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(4) the draft Companies House Trading Fund Order 1991 and the draft Patent Office Trading Fund Order 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(5) the draft Forth Ports Authority (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the draft Caledonian MacBrayne Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(6) the draft Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(7) the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Amendment Order 1991 and the draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1991 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(8) the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents and Amendment) Regulations 1991, the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 and the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1991 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Michael J. Martin and Mr Norman Hogg Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Matters of the Scottish economy and of housing in Scotland;

(2) Mr David Knox Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1991;

(3) Mr Michael Shersby Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Statistics (Confidentiality) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

(4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Modifications) Order 1991;

(5) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Companies House Trading Fund Order 1991 and the draft Patent Office Trading Fund Order 1991;

(6) Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Forth Ports Authority (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the draft Caledonian MacBrayne Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991;

(7) Mr Geraint Howells Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

(8) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Amendment Order 1991 and the draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1991;

(9) Sir Michael Shaw Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents and Amendment) Regulations 1991, the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 and the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1991;

(10) Sir Giles Shaw Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 4658/91, relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations; and

(11) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 10445/90, relating to the oil supply situation.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Documents Nos. 5185/91, relating to the conservation of wild birds, and 5953/91, relating to the landfill of waste, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.
Thursday 11th July 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

   Bill to be read the third time.

2 King’s Cross Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the King’s Cross Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 18th July.

3 British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 18th July.

4 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 16th July at Seven o’clock.

5 Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 18th July.

6 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill be read a second time;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 18th July.

7 London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill,—Ordered, That the Promoters of the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) 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;

   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 Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

   To be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereto.

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

9 Brighton Marine Palace and Pier 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 Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

10 Hook Island (Poole Bay) 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 Hook Island (Poole Bay) 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 empower BP Exploration Operating Company Limited to construct works in Poole Bay; to bring those works within the jurisdiction of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; to authorise the Company to acquire lands; to extend the jurisdiction of the Poole Harbour Commissioners, Dorset County Council and Poole Borough Council; and for other purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

11 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr Paul Flynn reported from the Committee on the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 16th July, at Ten o’clock.

12 Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the Matter of fishing and fish farming in Scotland, 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. 590].

13 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 2nd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 594].

14 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Lamond reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Access to Personal Files and Medical Reports (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 25th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 588].

15 Liaison.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee on 4th July be printed [No. 592].

16 British Railways Board (Finance) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Board (Finance) 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.

17 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the British Railways Board (Finance) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

18 British Railways Board (Finance) Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the British Railways Board (Finance) Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

Further proceedings on the Bill stood postponed, pursuant to Order [5th July].

19 British Railways Board (Finance) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to British Railways Board (Finance) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the British Railways Board (Finance) Bill, it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment out of or into the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund, being an increase attributable to any provision of the Act increasing the limit in section 42(6) of the Transport Act 1968 to £3,000 million or such greater sum not exceeding £5,000 million as the Secretary of State may by order specify.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)
20 British Railways Board (Finance) Bill,—The House, pursuant to Order [5th July], immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the British Railways Board (Finance) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Timothy Kirkhope 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.

21 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) members of the Save Royale Hill Embankment Action Group for preservation of Royale Hill embankment and viaduct; and
(2) (i) Stephen R. Allen,
(ii) David Bailey,
(iii) Janet Bailey,
(iv) M. P. Bailey,
(v) Bethanie Duncan,
(vi) A. B. Hill,
(vii) Clive Ritchie,
(viii) Tristan Shanahan,
(ix) Alan Stebbings,
(x) E. J. Wills, and
(xi) B. Yalden
for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

22 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope);

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

[Adjourned at 12.2 a.m.

APPENDIX
Thursday 11th July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—Draft Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Companies,—Companies Act 1989 (Register of Auditors and Information about Audit Firms) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1566), dated 7th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


6 Education (Scotland),—Students’ Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1522), dated 3rd July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Statutory Storage Period) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1540), dated 8th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

8 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Large Goods and Passenger-Carrying Vehicles) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1541), dated 8th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Other Papers:

9 Canada (No. 1, 1991),—Protocol, done at Ottawa on 5th July 1991, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Canada amending the Films Co-production Agreement, done at London on 12th September 1975 as amended on 9th July 1985 [by Command] [Cm. 1592] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 Government Trading Funds,—(1) Accounts of the Crown Suppliers Trading Fund for 1990; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 589] [Clerk of the House]; and

   (2) Treasury Minute, dated 11th July 1991, determining a further financial objective desirable of achievement by the Buying Agency [by Act] [Mr David Mellor].

11 Scottish Examination Board,—Report of the Scottish Examination Board for 1990 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Lang].

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 11th July 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Sir Giles Shaw an additional Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 4717/91, relating to a Community award scheme for an eco-label.

Friday 12th July 1991.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Cardiff Bay Barrage (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order [4th July], That, in the case of the Cardiff Bay Barrage (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with.

   Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

2 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Uxbridge against a resumption in the export of low value equines was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

5 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tom Sackville);

   And it being Eleven o’clock, Mr Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11 (Friday sittings).

   And 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.
5 Finance Bill.—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 Timothy Wood.)

7 Foreign Corporations Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That, in respect of the Foreign Corporations 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 Timothy Wood.)

8 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords], the Deer Bill [Lords], the Land Drainage Bill [Lords], the Statute Law Revision (Isle of Man) Bill [Lords], the Statutory Water Companies Bill [Lords], the Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], the Water Industry Bill [Lords] and the Water Resources 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 Bills have been read a second time.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 15th July.

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 12th July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Magistrates' Courts.—Draft Magistrates' Courts (Remands in Custody) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:


4 Development of Tourism,—Statement of determination of salary on appointment of a member of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 Industrial Development,—Report by the Secretaries of State for Trade and Industry, Scotland, Wales and Employment, presented pursuant to the Industrial Development Act 1982, for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 593] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

6 Welsh Affairs,—Government Response to the First Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 1990-91, on Cardiff—Wales Airport [by Command] [Cm. 1584] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Simon Coombs (nominated in respect of the draft United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Simon Hughes.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Imprisonment of a Member,—Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter:

Petty Sessional Division of South Sefton, Justice Clerk's Office, The Court Buildings, 29 Merton Road, Bootle, 12th July 1991.

Dear Mr Speaker,

I must advise you that Mr Terence Fields, Member of Parliament for Liverpool, Broadgreen, appeared before this Court yesterday in relation to non-payment of the community charge for the period ending 31st March 1991.

The Court found that he had wilfully refused to pay the outstanding sum and as a consequence he was committed to prison for sixty days, the sentence to commence forthwith.

This information is provided in accordance with the requirement imposed by Home Office Circular 103/1982.

Yours sincerely,

G. W. Budd
Justice of the Peace
South Sefton P.S.D.

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

3 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from several Select Committees and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Social Security (Contributions) Bill, without Amendment.

5 Standing Orders (Private Business),—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Private Business be printed [No. 582].

6 Locus Standi Reports,—Ordered, That the Reports of proceedings before the Court of Referees during Sessions 1983-84 to 1990-91 be printed [No. 583].

7 Hare Coursing Bill,—Ordered, That the Hare Coursing Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be considered on Friday.

8 Veterans Bill,—Ordered, That the Veterans Bill be read a second time on Friday.

9 Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill,—Ordered, That the Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Bill be read a second time on Friday.

10 Young Persons (Alcohol Abuse) Etc. Bill,—Ordered, That the Young Persons (Alcohol Abuse) Etc. Bill be read a second time on Friday.

11 Abolition of Political Honours Bill,—Ordered, That the Abolition of Political Honours Bill be read a second time on Friday.

12 Asylum Seekers and Refugees Bill,—Ordered, That the Asylum Seekers and Refugees Bill be read a second time on Friday.

13 Welfare of Calves (Export) Bill,—Ordered, That the Welfare of Calves (Export) Bill be read a second time on Friday.

14 Abolition of Deer Hunting Bill,—Ordered, That the Abolition of Deer Hunting Bill be read a second time on Friday.
15 Training and Enterprise Councils Bill,—Ordered, That the Training and Enterprise Councils Bill be read a second time on Friday.

16 Forestry Commission Bill,—Ordered, That the Forestry Commission Bill be read a second time on Friday.

17 Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill,—Ordered, That the Parish Councils (Access to Information) Bill be read a second time on Friday.

18 Coal Imports Bill,—Ordered, That the Coal Imports Bill be read a second time on Friday.

19 Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill,—Ordered, That the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill be read a second time on Friday.

20 Health Care of Prisoners Bill,—Ordered, That the Health Care of Prisoners Bill be read a second time on Friday.

21 British Racing Commission Bill,—Ordered, That the British Racing Commission Bill be read a second time on Friday.

22 Football Spectators Bill,—Ordered, That the Football Spectators Bill be read a second time on Friday.

23 Greyhound Betting Levy Bill,—Ordered, That the Greyhound Betting Levy Bill be read a second time on Friday.

24 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Amendment Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

25 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board Regulations 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr John M. Taylor):—It was agreed to.

26 Ways and Means,—Employee share schemes,—Resolved, That provision may be made about savings-related share option schemes and profit sharing schemes.—(Mr Francis Maude.)

27 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.

A Clause (Employee share schemes: non-discrimination)—(Mr Francis Maude)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Expenses of entertainers)—(Mr Francis Maude)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Investment exchanges and clearing houses: stamp duty)—(Mr Francis Maude)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Investment exchanges and clearing houses: stamp duty reserve tax)—(Mr Francis Maude)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Bond washing)—(Mr Francis Maude)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Audit powers in relation to non-residents)—(Mr Francis Maude)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Capital allowances: hiring motor cars)—(Mr Francis Maude)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Mandatory reports to be made by banks)—(Mr Chris Smith)—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 Thomas McAvoy: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 316.

Another Clause (Capital allowances)—(Mr David Shaw)—brought up, and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Developer's self-supply)—(Dr John Marek)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Tax exemptions for certain sporting and recreational associations)—(Kate Hoey)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kate Hoey, Mr Peter Hain: 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 252.

Another Clause (Financing of British films under business expansion scheme)—(Sir Anthony Durant)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (United Kingdom authorised unit trusts)—(Mr John Watts)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Car Tax: amendment of Car Tax Act 1983)—(Mr Roger King)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Equity release product)—(Mr Steve Norris)—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 disabled persons)—(Mr Alfred Morris)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance Act 1990)—(Mr Alex Carlile)—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 (Additional personal allowance—non-discrimination)—(Mr Chris Smith)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Rate of vehicle excise duty (No. 2))—(Dr John Marek)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 6, to leave out '15.00' and insert '11.00', instead thereof.—(Dr John Marek.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 22, 16 and 17) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 45) proposed to the Bill, in page 36, line 31, to leave out from the beginning to the word ‘this’ in line 32 and insert the words ‘In relation to any building society whose accounting period ended before 1st October in the year of assessment 1985-86’, instead thereof.—(Mr Peter Bottomley.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill, in page 36, line 31, to leave out from the word 'society' to the word 'this' in line 32 and insert the words—

'(a) which commenced proceedings to challenge the validity of the regulations before 18th July 1986, or

(b) which, after 18th July 1986 but before 19th March 1991, commenced proceedings for the recovery of money paid by it, being proceedings taken as a result of the outcome of earlier proceedings of the kind to which paragraph (a) of this subsection relates, or

(c) which, after 18th July 1986 but before 19th March 1991, made any payment as provided for by the regulations, and which, in relation to such payment, gave written notice that it disputed the validity of the regulations', instead thereof.—(Mr Peter Bottomley.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr David Trimble: 6.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 119.

Other Amendments (Nos. 23, 1, 24 and 25) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed to the Bill, in page 79, line 34, after the word 'to', to insert the words 'independently appointed'.(Mr Denis Howell.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 26, 34 to 39, 33, 40, 41, 27 and 2 to 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed to the Bill, in page 162, line 12, at the end, to insert the words 'and

(c) otherwise than in respect of the expenses of the trustees'.—(Mr William Cash.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 to 15) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

28 Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved.—(Mr Richard Needham.)

29 Housing,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft North Hull Housing Action Trust (Area and Constitution) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight): It was agreed to.

30 Companies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Companies (Disclosure of Interests in Shares) (Orders imposing restrictions on shares) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight): It was agreed to.

31 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Access to Personal Files and Medical Reports (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight): It was agreed to.

32 Road Traffic,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved—(Mr Greg Knight): It was agreed to.

33 Energy Efficiency Requirements for Hot Water Boilers,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No.
9791/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Energy on 1st July 1991, relating to energy efficiency requirements for new hot water boilers; and supports the Government's intention of ensuring that the Community's action in this field takes full account of the interests of consumers and others in the United Kingdom—(Mr Greg Knight):— It was agreed to.

34 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) C. Davis and others, and
(2) J. Page
for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

35 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Greg Knight.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Four o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjudned at 4.1 a.m.

APPENDIX I
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 12th July 1991 pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Housing,—Housing Benefit and Community Charge Benefits (Miscellaneous) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1599), dated 11th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

2 Social Security,—(1) Family Credit (General) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1520), dated 2nd July 1991,
(2) Income Support (General) Amendment No. 4 Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1559), dated 8th July 1991, and
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 15th July 1991:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


7 Landlord and Tenant,—Rent Regulation (Forms and Information etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1521), dated 17th June 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

8 Census of Production,—Report on the Census of Production, 1989, on construction industry [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].
9 Development of Tourism.—Accounts of the Wales Tourist Board for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 580] [Clerk of the House].

10 Employment.—Account of the Commissioner for the Rights of Trade Union Members for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 596] [Clerk of the House].

11 Fire Services.—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire Services for England and Wales for 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1581] [Mr Secretary Baker].

12 Immigration.—Control of Immigration Statistics for the United Kingdom for 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1571] [Mr Secretary Baker].

13 Radiological Protection.—Account of the National Radiological Protection Board for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 595] [Clerk of the House].

14 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before a copy was laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a copy had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:


[by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

15 Welsh Development Agency.—Report and Accounts of the Welsh Development Agency for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Broadcasting, &c.,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Broadcasting, &c., on 1st July; to be printed [No. 597] [Mr John MacGregor].

2 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 15th July; to be printed [No. 474-vi] [Sir Hugh Rossi].

[No. 146.]

Tuesday 16th July 1991.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill [Lords].—A Motion being made, That the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier 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, without Amendment.

2 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords] be read the third time to-morrow.

3 Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 4) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 4) Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they shall 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 no 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, 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;

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);

That the 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.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

4 Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they shall 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;

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;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first time and shall be ordered to be read a second time;

That, no Petitions against the Bill having been presented within the time limited within the present Session, no Petitioners shall be heard before any Committee on the Bill save those who complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled-up Bill or of any matter which arises during the progress of the Bill before the Committee;

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.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

5 British Railways Bill. —Ordered, That the Promoters of the British Railways Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they shall 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;

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 shall be
recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read) and, having been amended by the Committee in the present Session, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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.)

To be communicated to the Lords and their concurrence desired thereto.

6 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

7 Selection,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

8 Select Committees,—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

9 Scottish Grand Committee,—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the Matter of the Scottish economy, referred to it on 10th July, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 600].

10 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr David Knox reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 3rd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 602].

11 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Companies House Trading Fund Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 4th July, and the draft Patent Office Trading Fund Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 605].

12 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Forth Ports Authority (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991 and the draft Caledonian MacBrayne Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 606].

13 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Geraint Howells reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 601].

14 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents and Amendment) Regulations 1991, the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 and the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 603].

15 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Forestry Bill, without Amendment.

Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the Woodgrange Park Cemetery and Crematorium Bill [Lords] and the Folkestone Harbour Bill [Lords], to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House, viz.:

That the Promoters of the Bills have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bills, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three o'clock on Thursday 17th October and that all Fees due thereon up to that time have been paid;
That the Bills shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three o’clock on the second sitting day in the next Session with a declaration annexed, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bills are the same in every respect as the Bills at the last stage of proceedings thereon in the Lords in the present Session;

That the proceedings on the Bills in the next Session be pro forma in regard to every stage through which the Bills have passed in the present Session, and that no new Fees be charged in regard to such stages;

That the Standing Orders relating to Private Business apply to the Bills in the next Session only in regard to any stages through which the Bills have not passed during the present Session;

That—

(i) any Petitions which have been presented against the Bills in the present Session (if not withdrawn) shall stand referred to any Committee on the Bills in the next Session;

(ii) no Petitioners shall be heard before any Committee on the Bills in the next Session unless their Petition has been presented within the time stipulated for the deposit of Petitions in the present Session or deposited pursuant to paragraph (b) of Standing Order 109 of the House of Lords relating to Private Business;

(iii) in relation to the Bills Standing Order 110 of the House of Lords relating to Private Business shall have effect as if the words ‘under Standing Order 109’ were omitted.

16 House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 18th June be printed [No. 209-iii].

17 Strangers,—Notice having been taken that strangers were present, Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 143 (Withdrawal of strangers from House), put forthwith the Question, That strangers do withdraw.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Wallace, Mr Andrew Welsh: 23.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Sydney Chapman: 235.

So the Question was negatived.

18 Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 5) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1608), be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

19 Helicopters and Heliports,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to helicopter safety and air traffic control; to amend the law relating to planning controls on heliports; to protect the environment by restricting noise levels and controlling the use of helicopters; to assign responsibilities and duties in relation to helicopters; and for connected purposes: And that Kate Hoey, Mr Peter Shore, Mr Tony Banks, Mr John Cartwright, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr James Lamond, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours and Mr Nigel Spearing do prepare and bring it in.

20 Helicopters and Heliports Bill,—Kate Hoey accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to helicopter safety and air traffic control; to amend the law relating to planning controls on heliports; to protect the environment by restricting noise levels and controlling the use of helicopters; to assign responsibilities and duties in relation to helicopters; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th October and to be printed [Bill 215].

21 Finance Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Finance Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Robert N. Wareing: 219.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
22 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Neil Thorne, Mr Gary Waller: 210.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir John Stanley, Mr Mark Wolfson: 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

23 Criminal Justice Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments in lieu of a Lords Amendment and a Lords Amendment in lieu of one of their Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed;

And it being Ten o'clock, Mr Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.

24 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Lords Amendments relating to the Criminal Justice Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

25 Criminal Justice Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments in lieu of a Lords Amendment and a Lords Amendment in lieu of one of their Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed.

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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Timothy Wood: 153.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Frank Haynes: 52.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 6 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 7 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 8 to 18 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. 1 to 6 and 8 to 18.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

Ordered, That Mr Matthew Carrington, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Greg Knight, Mr John Patten and Mr Barry Sheerman be members of the Committee.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

26 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Staffordshire against proposals for the Staffordshire Ambulance Service to become a self-governing trust was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

27 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) Mr S. P. Feeney, and

(2) residents of Sussex

for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

28 Criminal Justice Bill.—Mr John Patten reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 1 to 6 and 8 to 18 relating to the Criminal Justice Bill, that it had drawn up the following Reasons accordingly, which it had directed him to report to the House;

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 1) made by the Lords, in line 2 of the Clause (Duty to release discretionary life prisoners) proposed by the Commons in lieu of
the Amendment made by the Lords to insert a Clause (Court's duty on passing sentence of life imprisonment), for the following Reason:

Because the considerations applicable to the release of persons serving mandatory life sentences are not the same as those applicable to prisoners whose cases will be dealt with under new Clause (Duty to release discretionary life prisoners).

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 2) made by the Lords, in line 14 of the Clause (Duty to release discretionary life prisoners) proposed by the Commons in lieu of the Amendment made by the Lords to insert a Clause (Court's duty on passing sentence of life imprisonment), for the following Reason:

Because it is incompatible with the possibility of passing a life sentence under Clause 2(2)(a) of the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 3) made by the Lords, in line 15 of the Clause (Duty to release discretionary life prisoners) proposed by the Commons in lieu of the Amendment made by the Lords to insert a Clause (Court's duty on passing sentence of life imprisonment), for the following Reason:

Because it is implicit in a life sentence that, if released, the offender should remain on licence, and be subject to recall, for the rest of his life.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments (Nos. 4 to 6 and 8) made by the Lords, in lines 22, 27, 39 and 50 of the Clause (Duty to release discretionary life prisoners) proposed by the Commons in lieu of the Amendment made by the Lords to insert a Clause (Court's duty on passing sentence of life imprisonment), for the following Reason:

Because they are consequential on Lords Amendment No. 1, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments (Nos. 9 to 11) made by the Lords, in lines 7, 16 and 35 of the Clause (Life prisoners transferred to England and Wales) proposed by the Commons in lieu of the Amendment made by the Lords to insert a Clause (Court's duty on passing sentence of life imprisonment), for the following Reason:

Because they are consequential on Lords Amendment No. 1, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 12) proposed by the Lords to the Bill, in page 21, line 45, in lieu of their Amendment in page 21, line 44, to which the Commons have disagreed, for the following Reason:

Because it is consequential on Lords Amendment No. 3, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 13) made by the Lords, in line 6 of the Amendment proposed by the Commons in page 22, line 6, of the Bill in lieu of the Amendment made by the Lords to insert a Clause (Court's duty on passing sentence of life imprisonment), for the following Reason:

Because it is consequential on Lords Amendment No. 1, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 14) made by the Lords, in line 3 of the Amendment proposed by the Commons in page 23, line 5, of the Bill in lieu of the Amendment made by the Lords to insert a Clause (Court's duty on passing sentence of life imprisonment), for the following Reason:

Because it is consequential on Lords Amendment No. 1, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 15) made by the Lords, in line 2 of the Amendment proposed by the Commons in page 27, line 26, of the Bill in lieu of the Amendment made by the Lords to insert a Clause (Court's duty on passing sentence of life imprisonment), for the following Reason:

Because it is consequential on Lords Amendment No. 1, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments (Nos. 16 to 18) made by the Lords, in lines 5, 14 and 27 of the Amendment proposed by the Commons in page 93, line 13, of the Bill in lieu of the Amendment made by the Lords to insert a Clause (Court's duty on passing sentence of life imprisonment), for the following Reason:

Because they are consequential on Lords Amendment No. 1, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 16th July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:


5 Census of Production, Reports on the Census of Production, 1989, on—
   (1) mineral oil processing, and
   (2) production and distribution of electricity
   [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

6 Courts and Legal Services, Report of the Lord Chancellor’s Department Court Service for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 568] [Clerk of the House].

7 Data Protection, Report of the Data Protection Registrar for 1st June 1990 to 31st May 1991 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 553] [Mr Secretary Baker].

8 Employment Protection, Report of the Central Arbitration Committee for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

9 Law Commissions, Report of the Law Commission on transfer of land: obsolete restrictive covenants [by Act]; to be printed [No. 546] [Clerk of the House].

10 London Regional Transport, Report of the London Regional Passengers’ Committee for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

11 Medicines, Reports of the Medicines Commission, the Veterinary Products Committee, the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the British Pharmacopoeia Commission, the Committee on the Review of Medicines and the Committee on Dental and Surgical Materials for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

12 National Health Service (Scotland), Report of the Scottish Hospital Trust for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 537] [Mr Secretary Lang].

13 National Heritage, Accounts of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 598] [Clerk of the House].

14 Statutory Instruments (Notification), Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before a copy was laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a copy had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:


[by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Bowen Wells (nominated in respect of the draft Statistics (Confidentiality) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Patrick Thompson.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Gerald Howarth (nominated in respect of the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Derek Conway.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Richard Holt (nominated in respect of the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Amendment Order 1991 and the draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1991); and had appointed in substitution Sir Marcus Fox.

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Dr Brian Mawhinney (nominated in respect of the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents and Amendment) Regulations 1991, the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, and the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1991); and had appointed in substitution Mr Jeremy Hanley.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xxvi] [Mr Bob Cryer].

[No. 147.]

Wednesday 17th July 1991.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

2 Llanelli Borough Council (Burry Port Harbour) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Llanelli Borough Council (Burry Port Harbour) Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they shall 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;

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;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first time and shall be ordered to be read a second time;
That the Petitions against the Bill presented in the present Session which stand referred to the Committee on the Bill shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill in the next Session;

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 First 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 I).

Selection,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix III).

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Amendment Order 1991 and the draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 608].

European Standing Committee A,—Sir Giles Shaw reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 4658/91 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 8th July 1991, relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of polybrominated biphenyl ethers; and supports the Government's objectives of ensuring more than adequate protection for human health and the environment and a flexible and positive approach to the adoption of alternatives.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

European Standing Committee B,—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 10445/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Energy on 8th July 1991, relating to oil crisis measures and contingency oil stocks; supports the Government's intention to ensure that member states can retain their existing stockholding arrangements; and urges it to resist the proposed increase in the Commission's powers.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

Restraint of Trade (Trading in Motor Vehicles),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish restrictive practices and cartels in the trading of motor vehicles—(Mr Phillip Oppenheim);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Madam Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 19 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Phillip Oppenheim do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Restraint of Trade (Trading in Motor Vehicles) Bill,—Mr Phillip Oppenheim accordingly presented a Bill to abolish restrictive practices and cartels in the trading of motor vehicles: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th October and to be printed [Bill 216].
Opposition day [18th allotted day: first part].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the leader of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Future Structures of Government in Wales.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns this Government’s failure, in its Green Paper ‘The Structure of Local Government in Wales, a Consultation Paper’ to respond adequately to the wishes of the people of Wales to secure a more sensitive and efficient structure of local government, to establish, on an all-Wales level, elected democratic control over the existing tier of Government currently administered by the Welsh Office and nominated bodies, and to provide direct links between Wales and the emerging institutions of the European Community; further notes the political danger that other areas comparable with Wales in the rest of Europe all have directly elected government structures, while Wales does not; asserts that, in order to create coherent and lasting structures of government, all three dimensions need to be considered together and that a prerequisite must be the determination of the appropriate level and mechanism of democratic control over each function of government, in accordance with the European Community principle of subsidiarity; that thereafter methods of funding should be established and only then can sensible propositions be made for boundaries, which should reflect communities of interest; and calls on the Secretary of State to launch the fullest consultation in Wales in order to bring before the House, at an early date, proposals for the future structures of government in Wales which reflect the aspirations of the majority of the Welsh nation—(Dr Dafydd Elis Thomas);

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 publication of the Consultation Paper on The Structure of Local Government in Wales; considers that it provides a sound basis for further public debate on local government structure in Wales; approves of the continuing development of the partnership between Wales and regions of Europe under the present constitutional arrangements of the United Kingdom; reaffirms the position of Wales as an integral part of the United Kingdom; and therefore rejects arguments for an elected Welsh Assembly, the creation of which would undermine the present arrangements for the direct representation of Wales in the Government of the United Kingdom’, instead thereof.(Mr Secretary Hunt.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones 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, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Andrew Welsh: 32.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Tim Boswell: 200.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Tim Boswell: 197.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Andrew Welsh: 102.

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 publication of the Consultation Paper on The Structure of Local Government in Wales; considers that it provides a sound basis for further public debate on local government structure in Wales; approves of the continuing development of the partnership between Wales and regions of Europe under the present constitutional arrangements of the United Kingdom; reaffirms the position of Wales as an integral part of the United Kingdom; and therefore rejects arguments for an elected Welsh Assembly, the creation of which would undermine the present arrangements for the direct representation of Wales in the Government of the United Kingdom.

Foreign Corporations Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Corporations Bill [Lords];
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Timothy Wood: 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Andrew F. Bennett: 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 61 (Committal of bills), That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr Sydney Chapman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 163.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Cryer, Mr Andrew F. Bennett: 28.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Recognition of corporate status of certain foreign corporations).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Tom Sackville: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Dennis Skinner: 39.

Clause No. 2 (Citation, extent and commencement).

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 Timothy Kirkhope reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

13 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day’s sitting, the Foreign Corporations Bill [Lords], the Water Industry Bill [Lords], the Water Resources Bill [Lords], the Statutory Water Companies Bill [Lords], the Land Drainage Bill [Lords], the Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], the Deer Bill [Lords], the Statute Law Revision (Isle of Man) Bill [Lords], the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the Lords Amendments to the Coal Mining Subsidence Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Tim Boswell: 171.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Harry Barnes: 50.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Foreign Corporations Bill [Lords], the Water Industry Bill [Lords], the Water Resources Bill [Lords], the Statutory Water Companies Bill [Lords], the Land Drainage Bill [Lords], the Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], the Deer Bill [Lords], the Statute Law Revision (Isle of Man) Bill [Lords], the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the Lords Amendments to the Coal Mining Subsidence Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

14 Foreign Corporations Bill [Lords].—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Foreign Corporations Bill [Lords].
(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Citation, extent and commencement).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Tom Sackville 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.

15 Water Industries Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Industries Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

16 Water Resources Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Resources Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

17 Statutory Water Companies Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statutory Water Companies Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

18 Land Drainage Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Drainage Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

19 Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

20 Deer Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deer Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

21 Statute Law Revision (Isle of Man) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statute Law Revision (Isle of Man) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

22 Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

23 Coalmining Subsidence Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Coalmining Subsidence Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 10 were agreed to.

24 Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 2nd July, be approved—(Mr Michael Fallon);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Nicholas Baker: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Frank Haynes: 52.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 2nd July, be approved.

25 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) R. J. Curtis,
(2) S. Curtis,
(3) J. Haines,
(4) A. Hudson,
(5) R. Jopson,
(6) Miss R. Lloyd,
(7) W. Munday,
(8) D. Newbery,
(9) M. Noh,
(10) M. E. Smith,
(11) A. Taylor, and
(12) Miss Julie Thorne

for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles were presented; and
ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

26 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do
now adjourn—(Mr John M. Taylor);

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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 Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.28 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 17th July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1991 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

2 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events.—Football (Offences) (Designation of Football
Matches) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1565), dated 9th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
Baker].

Other Papers:

3 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Report and Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board
and Horserace Totalisator Board for 1990–91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

4 Cash Limits.—Statement on Cash Limits for 1990–91: provisional outturn; with 1989–90
outturn [by Command] [Cm. 1587] [Mr David Mellor].

5 National Health Service.—Summarised Accounts of Health Authorities and Family
Practitioner Committees in England and Wales, Summaries of the Accounts of the Dental
Practice Board and of Special Health Authorities providing central services in
England and Wales and Summarised Accounts of Trust Funds held by Health
Authorities, Special Health Authorities and Special Trustees in England and Wales, for
1989–90; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
be printed [No. 609] [Clerk of the House].

6 National Health Service (Scotland).—Summarised Accounts of Health Boards and
Summaries of the Accounts of the Common Services Agency for Scotland, the State
Hospital Management Committee, State Hospital, Carstairs, and the Mental Welfare
Commission for Scotland, for 1989–90; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor
General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 610] [Clerk of the House].

7 New Towns (Scotland).—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) Cumbernauld Development Corporation,
(2) East Kilbride Development Corporation,
(3) Glenrothes Development Corporation,
(4) Irvine Development Corporation, and
(5) Livingston Development Corporation
for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

8 Prisons (Scotland),—Report of the Parole Board for Scotland for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed
[No. 575] [Mr Secretary Lang].

9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs on the Petition [18th June] from residents of Dinas Powys for increased efforts to
secure the release of hostages in Lebanon [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the
House].

10 Social Fund,—Report by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Social Fund for
1990-91 [by Command] [Cm. 1580] [Mr Secretary Newton].

11 Social Security,—Government Reply to the First Report from the Social Security Committee,
Session 1990-91, on low income statistics: households below average income tables 1988
[by Command] [Cm. 1606] [Mr Secretary Newton].

12 Transport,—Report and Accounts of the British Waterways Board for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr
Secretary Heseltine].

**APPENDIX II**

*Committee of Selection*

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from
the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the
First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Social
Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Amendment Regulations 1991 and the draft
Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board Regulations 1991, viz.: Mr Graham Allen,
Mr David Bellotti, Mr Joe Benton, Mildred Gordon, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Mr Robert G.
Hughes, Mr Andrew Hunter, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman,
Sir Hal Miller, Mr Roger Moate, Sir Gerrard Neale, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Edward O’Hara,
Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Nicholas Scott, Mr Colin Shepherd and Clare Short.

2 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from
the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing
Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency
Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 4) Order 1991 and the Food Protection
(Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 5) Order 1991, viz.: Mr
John Cummings, Mr Michael Forsyth, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr John
Hughes, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Roger King, Mr Timothy
Kirkhope, Mr Michael Lord, Sir Robert Mc Crindle, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr Tony
Marlow, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Iain Mills, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Steve Norris, Mr
Cranley Onslow and Mr Brian Wilson.

**APPENDIX III**

*Reports from Select Committees*

1 Agriculture,—Fourth Report from the Agriculture Committee [Disposal of Fallen
Livestock]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to
the Report [No. 493] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—(1) Ninth Report from the Defence Committee [Procurement of Upholder Class
Submarines], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the
Committee; and

(2) Tenth Report from the Defence Committee [Preliminary Lessons of Operation
Granby], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the
Committee;

 to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports
[Nos. 455 and 287] [Mr Michael Mates].

3 Education, Science and Arts,—Fifth Report from the Education, Science and Arts
Committee [Department of Education and Science and Office of Arts and Libraries
Expenditure Plans, 1991–92 to 1993–94], together with Appendices to the Minutes of
Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 507] [Mr Malcolm Thornton].

4 Energy,—(1) Sixth Report from the Energy Committee [The Department of Energy's Spending Plans 1991–92], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 505];

(2) Seventh Report from the Energy Committee [Offshore Safety Management], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 343]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Energy Committee
[Dr Michael Clark].

5 Environment,—(1) Seventh Report from the Environment Committee [The EC Draft Directive on the Landfill of Waste], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 263]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Committee
[Sir Hugh Rossi].

6 European Legislation,—Twenty-eighth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xxvii] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

7 Foreign Affairs,—Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [FCO/ODA Expenditure 1991–92], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 324] [Mr David Howell].

8 Health,—(1) Third Report from the Health Committee [Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 614-I]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Health Committee
[Mr Nicholas Winterton].

9 Trade and Industry,—Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 607] [Mr Kenneth Warren].

10 Transport,—(1) Third Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Observations on the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 1990–91 (Urban Public Transport: the Light Rail Option)]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 604]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 17th July; to be printed [No. 591-i]
[Mr David Marshall].

11 Treasury and Civil Service,—(1) Sixth Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [The Availability of Bank Credit and Interest Rates]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 531];

(2) Seventh Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [The Next Steps Initiative], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 496]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee; to be printed [No. 532-i]
[Mr Terence L. Higgins].

12 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 17th July; to be printed [No. 613] [Mr Gareth Wardell].
MEMORANDA

Wednesday 17th July 1991

1 Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), Mr Speaker allocated—

(1) the draft Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Amendment Regulations 1991 and the draft Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board Regulations 1991 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(2) the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 4) Order 1991 and the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 5) Order 1991 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed—

(1) Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Amendment Regulations 1991 and the draft Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board Regulations 1991;

(2) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 4) Order 1991 and the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 5) Order 1991; and

(3) Sir John Hunt an additional Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 4717/91, relating to a Community award scheme for an eco-label.

3 European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 6762/89, relating to completion of the internal market and approximation of indirect taxes, and the unnumbered explanatory memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 12th July 1991, relating to the preliminary draft budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1992, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

MR SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

Mr Speaker certified that the Finance Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 148.]

Thursday 18th July 1991.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday 24th July.

2 King's Cross Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the King's Cross Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Wednesday 24th July.

3 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday 24th July.

4 Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix).
5 Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) 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 (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) 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.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

6 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Bill to be read the third time.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

7 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr Paul Flynn reported from the Committee on the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 23rd July, at Ten o’clock.

8 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Michael Shersby reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Statistics (Confidentiality) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 615].

9 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 27th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 616].

10 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Atomic Weapons Establishment Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ports Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the Avon Weir Bill [Lords], the British Waterways Bill [Lords], the City of Bristol (Portishead Docks) Bill [Lords], the Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) Bill [Lords], the Harris Tweed Bill [Lords], the River Calder (Welbeck Site) Bill [Lords] and the Torquay Market Bill [Lords], to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House, viz.:

That the Promoters of the Bills have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bills, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three o’clock on Thursday 17th October and that all Fees due thereon up to that time have been paid;

That the Bills shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three o’clock on the second sitting day in the next Session with a declaration annexed, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bills are the same in every respect as the Bills at the last stage of proceedings thereon in the Lords in the present Session;

That the proceedings on the Bills in the next Session be pro forma in regard to every stage through which the Bills have passed in the present Session, and that no new Fees be charged in regard to such stages;

That the Standing Orders relating to Private Business apply to the Bills in the next Session only in regard to any stages through which the Bills have not passed during the present Session;

That—

(i) any Petitions which have been presented against the Bills in the present Session (if not withdrawn) shall stand referred to any Committee on the Bills in the next Session;
(ii) any minutes of evidence taken before any Committee on the Bills during the present Session shall stand referred to any Committee on the Bills in the next Session;

(iii) no Petitioners shall be heard before any Committee on the Bills in the next Session unless their Petition has been presented within the time stipulated for the deposit of Petitions in the present Session or deposited pursuant to paragraph (b) of Standing Order 109 of the House of Lords relating to Private Business;

(iv) in relation to the Bills Standing Order 110 of the House of Lords relating to Private Business shall have effect as if the words 'under Standing Order 109' were omitted.

11 Ports Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Ports Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 217].

12 Child Support Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Child Support Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Application to Crown)—(Mr Michael Jack)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Jurisdiction)—(Mr Solicitor General)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Relationship between maintenance assessments and certain court orders and related matters)—(Mr Solicitor General)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Welfare of children: the general principle)—(Mr Michael Jack)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Liability Orders: enforcement throughout United Kingdom)—(Mr Solicitor General)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Right of audience: Scotland)—(Mr Solicitor General)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Safeguarders)—(Dr Norman A. Godman)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time: Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Child support inspectors)—(Emma Nicholson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time: Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 8, 78, 9 to 12, 79, 13 to 16, 80, 17 to 19, 81, 20, 100, 101, 21 to 43, 82 and 44) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 102) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 8, at the end, to insert the words

'4) The Secretary of State shall make regulations providing for the division of maintenance payments between the person with care and the Secretary of State in circumstances where the amount of family credit or any another benefit of prescribed kind paid to the person with the care of the child or children has been calculated on the basis that the absent parent is not paying any child support maintenance'.—(Emma Nicholson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 93, 94, 45, 46, 95, 96, 47 to 50, 83, 89, 51, 53, 84, 54 and 55) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 29, line 44, to leave out the second word 'her' and to insert the words 'either parent', instead thereof.—(Mr Roger Sims.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 6, after '5) to insert 'a)'.—(Joan Lestor.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 34, at the end, to insert the words—

'(12) The Secretary of State shall make regulations specifying circumstances in which the child support officer may give a reduced benefit direction—

(a) for such shorter period as may appear to him to be appropriate;

(b) for such smaller amount as is appropriate in the circumstances of the case'.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 268.

Other Amendments (Nos. 56 to 62, 85, 63, 86, 64, 97, 65, 88, 67 to 77, 91, 92 and 90) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Nicholas Scott, 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.

13 Motions for Nominations, &c., of certain Select Committees,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) be amended by inserting at the end of line 38 the words—

'(e) proceedings on a motion such as is referred to in paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 104 (Nomination of select committees) for the nomination or discharge of members of select committees appointed under Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) which has been opposed at or after the interruption of business on a preceding day:

Provided that any questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings on such a motion shall be put at Eleven o'clock or one hour after the commencement of those proceedings, whichever is the later'.—(Mr John MacGregor.)

14 Communication of Evidence, &c.,—Ordered, That—

Standing Order No. 122 (Committee of Public Accounts) be amended by adding at the end the words—

'(3) The Committee shall have power to communicate to any committee appointed under Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) such evidence as it may have received from the National Audit Office (having been agreed between that Office and the government department or departments concerned) but which has not been reported to the House'; and

Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended by inserting in line 33, after the word 'committee', the words 'and to the Committee of Public Accounts'.—(Mr John MacGregor.)

15 Select Committees related to Government Departments,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended—

in line 3, by inserting after the word 'departments', the word 'as';

in line 6, by inserting at the end the words 'excluding the expenditure, administration and policy of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Northern Ireland');

in the Table, by leaving out the words—

'3. Education, Science and Arts Department of Education and Science 11 3'

and inserting the words—

'3. Education, Science and Arts Department of Education and Science; Office of Arts and Libraries';

by leaving out the words—
'9. Home Affairs  Home Office  11 3'

and inserting the words—

'9. Home Affairs  Home Office; policy, administration and expenditure of the Lord Chancellor’s Departments (including the work of staff provided for the administrative work of courts and tribunals, but excluding consideration of individual cases and appointments); and administration and expenditure of the Attorney General’s Office, the Treasury Solicitor’s Department, the Crown Prosecution Service and the Serious Fraud Office (but excluding individual cases and appointments and advice given within government by Law Officers)';

by leaving out the words—

'10. Scottish Affairs  Scottish Office  13 5'

and inserting the words—

'10. Scottish Affairs  Scottish Office; and administration and expenditure of the Lord Advocate’s Departments, together with policy functions discharged by the Lord Advocate through the Scottish Courts Administration, but excluding consideration of individual cases and appointments, advice given within government by Scottish Law Officers, and the drafting of bills';

by leaving out the words—

'14. Treasury and Civil Service  Treasury, Management and Personnel Office, Board of Inland Revenue, Board of Customs and Excise'  11 3

and inserting the words—

'14. Treasury and Civil Service  Treasury, Office of the Minister for the Civil Service (but excluding the drafting of bills by the Parliamentary Counsel Office), Board of Inland Revenue, Board of Customs and Excise';

in line 12, by inserting at the beginning the words 'The Education, Science and Arts Committee (in respect of matters relating to science and technology principally within the responsibilities of the Department of Education and Science or an associated public body)';

and by leaving out lines 15 to 20.—(Mr John MacGregor.)

16 House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That, with effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, the following amendments to Standing Orders be made:

(1) Standing Order No. 104 (Nomination of select committees) be amended in line 12, after the word 'departments', by inserting the words 'or under Standing Order No. 125 (Domestic Committees)'.

(2) Standing Order No. 125 (Select Committee on House of Commons (Services)) be repealed and the following Standing Orders be made—

'Domestic Committees.  125.—(1) There shall be four Select Committees to consider the services provided for the House in regard to the following matters:

1. Accommodation and Works
2. Administration
3. Catering
4. Information.'
(2) Each committee appointed under this order shall consist of seven Members, and the quorum shall be three.

(3) Each committee appointed under this order shall have the assistance of the Officers of the House appropriate to the matters under consideration.

(4) Each committee appointed under this order shall have power—

(a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place, and to report from time to time;

(b) to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee’s order of reference;

(c) to communicate to any other such committee, or to the Finance and Services Committee appointed under Standing Order No. 125A, or to the Broadcasting Committee appointed under Standing Order No. 125B, or to the House of Commons Commission, its evidence and any other documents relating to matters of common interest; and

(d) to meet concurrently with any other such committee, or with the Finance and Services Committee, or with the Broadcasting Committee, for the purpose of deliberating or taking evidence.

(5) Each committee appointed under this order shall have leave to meet concurrently with any committee of the Lords on House of Lords Offices or any sub-committee of that committee, for the purpose of deliberating or taking evidence, and to communicate to any such committee or sub-committee its evidence or any other documents relating to matters of common interest.

(6) Each committee appointed under this order shall have power to make recommendations to the House of Commons Commission or to Mr Speaker; but any such recommendation whose implementation would incur additional expenditure from the Votes for House of Commons (Administration) or (Works) shall also be considered by the Finance and Services Committee.

(7) Each committee appointed under this order shall have power to make rules and give directions to Officers of the House in respect only of such administrative matters as may from time to time be determined by Mr Speaker or by the House of Commons Commission.

(8) Unless the House otherwise orders, all Members nominated to a committee appointed under this order shall continue to be members of that committee for the remainder of the Parliament.

125A.—(1) There shall be a select committee, to be called the Finance and Services Committee, to consider expenditure on and the administration of services for the House and—

(a) with the assistance of the Board of Management, to prepare the Estimates for the Votes for House of Commons (Administration) and (Works) for submission to the House of Commons Commission;

(b) to monitor the financial performance of the Departments of the House; and

(c) to report to the House of Commons Commission or Mr Speaker on the financial and administrative implications of recommendations made to them by any of the committees appointed under Standing Orders No. 125 (Domestic Committees) or No. 125B (Select Committee on Broadcasting).

(2) The Committee shall consist of not more than eight Members, and the quorum shall be three.

(3) The Committee shall be assisted by the Accounting Officer and by other Officers of the House appropriate to the matters under consideration.

(4) The Committee shall have power—

(a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place, and to report from time to time;

(b) to communicate to any committee appointed under Standing Orders No. 125 (Domestic Committees) and No. 125B (Select Committee on Broadcasting), or to the House of Commons Commission, its
evidence or any other documents relating to matters of common interest; and

(c) to meet concurrently with any committee appointed under Standing Orders No. 125 (Domestic Committees) or No. 125B (Select Committee on Broadcasting), for the purpose of deliberating or taking evidence.

(5) The Committee shall have leave to meet concurrently with any Committee of the Lords on House of Lords Offices or any sub-committee of that committee, for the purpose of deliberating or taking evidence, and to communicate to any such committee or sub-committee its evidence or any other documents relating to matters of common interest.

(6) Unless the House otherwise orders, all Members nominated to the Committee shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of the Parliament'.—(Mr John MacGregor.)

17 Select Committee on Broadcasting.—Ordered, That,

1. with effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, the following Standing Order be made:

   (1) There shall be a Select Committee with power to give directions and to perform other duties, relating to the broadcasting of proceedings of the House and matters ancillary thereto.

   (2) The Committee shall consist of eleven Members, and the quorum shall be three.

   (3) The Committee shall have powers—

   (a) to send for persons, papers and records; to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House; to adjourn from place to place; and to report from time to time;

   (b) to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the Committee's order of reference;

   (c) to communicate to any Committee appointed under Standing Order No. 125 (Domestic Committees), or to the Finance and Services Committee appointed under Standing Order No. 125A, or to the House of Commons Commission, its evidence and any other documents relating to matters of common interest; and

   (d) to meet concurrently with any Committee appointed under Standing Order No. 125 (Domestic Committees), or with the Finance and Services Committee, for the purposes of deliberating or taking evidence.

   (4) The Committee shall have leave to meet concurrently with any Committee of the Lords on Broadcasting, for the purpose of deliberating or taking evidence, and to communicate to any such Committee its evidence or any other documents relating to matters of common interest.

   (5) The Committee shall have power to make recommendations to the House of Commons Commission or to Mr Speaker; but, any such recommendation whose implementation would incur additional expenditure from the Votes for House of Commons (Administration) or (Works) shall also be considered by the Finance and Services Committee.

   (6) The Committee shall have power to make rules and give directions to Officers of the House in respect only of such administrative matters as may from time to time be determined by Mr Speaker or by the House of Commons Commission.

   (7) Unless the House otherwise orders, all Members nominated to the Committee shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of the Parliament.

(2) The Order of 25th October 1990, relating to Broadcasting and having the effect of a temporary Standing Order, shall lapse upon the coming into force of this Standing Order'.—(Mr John MacGregor.)

18 Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (Limit on
Borrowing) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—
(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

19 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 25th June, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

20 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents and Amendment) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 25th June, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

21 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 25th June, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

22 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

23 Dentists,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Dentally Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

24 Dentists,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Amendment Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 21st June, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

25 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion in the name of Mr John MacGregor relating to Parliamentary Pensions may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or the end of a period of one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

26 Parliamentary Pensions,—Resolved, That this House endorses the proposals for changes in Members’ pension contributions and scheme benefits to achieve reductions in the Member contributions from 9 per cent. to 6 per cent. and improvements in the ill health provisions of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme, thereby implementing the recommendations in the Top Salaries Review Body Report on the Parliamentary Pensions Scheme presented on Friday 28th June (Cm. 1576).—(Mr John MacGregor.)

27 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) Katrine Barrett,
(2) residents of Clwyd,
(3) Victor Thomas,
(4) Andrew Todd, and
(5) Jacqueline Toland

for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

28 Adjournment,—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

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 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Designs,—(1) Design Right (Proceedings before Comptroller) (Amendment) Rules 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1626), and
   (2) Registered Designs (Fees) Rules 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1628),
   dated 16th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


4 Patents,—Patents (Fees) Rules 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1627), dated 16th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


Other Papers:

6 Agriculture,—(1) Report on smallholdings in England for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer]; and
   (2) Report on smallholdings in Wales for 1989-90 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

7 Civil Aviation Authority,—Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


9 Firearms,—Report of the Firearms Consultative Committee for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 574] [Mr Secretary Baker].

10 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Accounts of the Land Authority for Wales for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 612] [Clerk of the House].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [14th May] from Simon William Peel Vickers Fletcher for an inquiry into the consequences of the liquidation of the Wolverhampton Group of Steel Companies [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Treaty Series (No. 93, 1990),—Index to Treaty Series 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1585] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Paper withdrawn:

13 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [14th May] from Simon William Peel Vickers Fletcher for an inquiry into the consequences of the liquidation of the Wolverhampton Group of Steel Companies [laid 8th July].

[No. 149.]

Friday 19th July 1991.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mr Simon Spencer for an enquiry into possible breaches by Lloyds Bank of the terms of its licence was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
2 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

3 House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 16th July be printed [No. 209-iv].

4 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr David Lhighbrown);

And it being Eleven o’clock, Mr Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11 (Friday sittings).

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

5 Sittings of the House,—Resolved, That—

(1) this House do meet on Thursday 25th July at half-past Nine o’clock;

(2) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 17 (Time for taking questions), no Questions shall be taken, provided that at Eleven o’clock Mr Speaker may interrupt the proceedings in order to permit questions to be asked which are in his opinion of an urgent character and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of business, statements to be made by Ministers, or personal explanations to be made by Members; and

(3) at Three o’clock Mr Speaker do adjourn the House without putting any Question, provided that this House shall not adjourn until Mr Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr Neil Hamilton.)

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alastair Goodlad.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd July.

[Adjourned at 3.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Friday 19th July 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Public Health (Scotland),—Bathing Waters (Classification) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1609), dated 3rd July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


Other Papers:

3 Aliens’ Employment,—Office of the Minister for the Civil Service Minute, dated 12th July 1991, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity under the Crown during 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Tim Renton].

4 Employment Protection,—Account of the Redundancy Fund for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 619] [Clerk of the House].

5 Local Government (Scotland),—Account of the Commission for Local Authority Accounts in Scotland for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 618] [Clerk of the House].

6 Scottish Development Agency,—Accounts of the Scottish Development Agency for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 611] [Clerk of the House].
[No. 150.]

Monday 22nd July 1991.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

2 Selection.—Sir Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

3 Select Committees.—A Report was made from another Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Memoranda were reported and ordered to lie upon the Table (see Appendix III).

4 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Child Support Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Birmingham City Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Magistrates’ Courts (Remands in Custody) Order 1991 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

6 Adjournment (Summer).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, at its rising on Thursday, do adjourn until Monday 14th October (Mr Timothy Wood);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic adjournments):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising on Thursday, do adjourn until Monday 14th October.

7 Government Trading Funds,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Companies House Trading Fund Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 25th June, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

8 Government Trading Funds,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Patent Office Trading Fund Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 25th June, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):—It was agreed to.

9 Rating and Valuation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Forth Ports Authority (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):— It was agreed to.

10 Rating and Valuation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Caledonian MacBrayne Limited (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):— It was agreed to.

11 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the
draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):— It was agreed to.

12 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Statistics (Confidentiality) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved—(Mr Irvine Patnick):— It was agreed to.

13 Oil Crisis Measures and Contingency Oil Stocks,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 10445/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Energy on 8th July 1991, relating to oil crisis measures and contingency oil stocks; supports the Government’s intention to ensure that member states can retain their existing stockholding arrangements; and urges it to resist the proposed increase in the Commission’s powers—(Mr Irvine Patnick):— It was agreed to.

14 Marketing and Use of Polybrominated Biphenyl Ethers,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 4658/91 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 8th July 1991, relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of polybrominated biphenyl ethers; and supports the Government’s objectives of ensuring more than adequate protection for human health and the environment and a flexible and positive approach to the adoption of alternatives—(Mr Irvine Patnick):— It was agreed to.

15 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill;

Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 54 (Consolidated Fund Bills), put forthwith the Question, 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.

16 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 54 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Irvine Patnick);

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And it being Nine o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

17 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) C. Percival against disbandment of the Royal Welch Fusiliers; and

(2) (i) Simon Bolton,
  (ii) Karen Carter,
  (iii) Michael Henley,
  (iv) M. Patton,
  (v) Alistair Smith, and
  (vi) Sandra A. Wakeham

for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles

were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Nine o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 9.25 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 22nd July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Libraries,—Draft Library Charges (England and Wales) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Tim Renton].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Acquisition of Land.—Black Country Development Corporation (Swan Village, West Bromwich) Compulsory Purchase Order 1989, dated 4th April 1991; with a certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 2(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


4 Education.—(1) Education (National Curriculum) (Exceptions) (Wales) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1658), and

   (2) Education (School Curriculum and Related Information) (Wales) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1657),
dated 17th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

5 Environmental Protection.—Controlled Waste (Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1624), dated 17th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

6 Fees and Charges.—Department of Economic Development (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R. (N.I.), 1991, No. 296), dated 8th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

7 Social Security.—Income Support (General) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1656), dated 18th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].


   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

9 Agricultural Wages.—Report on wages in agriculture for 1990 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

10 Census.—(1) Preliminary Report on the 1991 Census for England and Wales [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave]; and

   (2) Preliminary Report on the 1991 Census for Scotland [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 Citizen's Charter.—Paper, entitled The Citizen's Charter: Raising the Standard [by Command] [Cm. 1599] [The Prime Minister].

12 Countryside Commission.—Account of the Countryside Commission for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 621] [Clerk of the House].

13 Crown Agents.—Accounts of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 1990; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 622] [Clerk of the House].

14 Development of Tourism.—Report and Accounts of the Wales Tourist Board for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

15 General Medical Council.—Accounts of the General Medical Council for 1990 [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

16 Local Government, Planning and Land.—Reports and Accounts of ——

   (1) the Black Country Development Corporation,

   (2) the Bristol Development Corporation,

   (3) the Central Manchester Development Corporation,

   (4) the Leeds Development Corporation,

   (5) the Merseyside Development Corporation,
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(6) the Sheffield Development Corporation,
(7) the Teesside Development Corporation,
(8) the Trafford Park Development Corporation, and
(9) the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation
for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

17 Mental Health (Scotland),—Report of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland for 1990
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

18 Northern Ireland,—Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of Northern Ireland for
1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland
thereon [by Command] [Cm. 1597] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

19 Telecommunications,—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry
to —
(1) Mercury Personal Communications Network Limited,
(2) Microtel Communications Limited,
(3) Oxford Cable Limited, and
(4) Unitel Limited
under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Marcus Fox reported from
the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee
on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Robert G. Hughes (nominated in respect of the draft
Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Amendment Regulations 1991 and the
draft Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board Regulations 1991); and had
appointed in substitution Mr Julian Brazier.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Home Affairs,—(1) Seventh Report from the Home Affairs Committee [The Tote], together
with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed,
with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 451]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee
[Sir John Wheeler].

MR SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

Mr Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill is a Money Bill
within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 151.]

Tuesday 23rd July 1991.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill,—The London Regional Transport
(Penalty Fares) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension),—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Messages [16th July
and 18th July] as relates to the Avon Weir Bill [Lords], the British Waterways Bill [Lords],
the City of Bristol (Portishead Docks) Bill [Lords], the Folkestone Harbour Bill [Lords],
the Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) Bill [Lords], the Harris Tweed Bill
[Lords], the River Calder (Welbeck Site) Bill [Lords], the Torquay Market Bill [Lords]
and the Woodgrange Park Cemetery and Crematorium Bill [Lords] be now
considered.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to consider so much of the said Messages.
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.

3 Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill.—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they shall 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 shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read) and, having been amended by the Committee in the present Session, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

To be communicated to the Lords and their concurrence desired thereto.

4 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

5 Standing Orders,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee the following Resolution:

That, in the case of the Cardiff Bay Barrage (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders relating to Private Business, so far as not complied with in the respect mentioned in the Report [12th July] of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills relating to that Bill, ought not to be dispensed with.

Report to lie upon the Table.

6 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from other Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

7 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Amendment Regulations 1991 and the draft Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board Regulations 1991, referred to a Committee on 15th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 627].

8 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Modifications) Order 1991, referred to a Committee on 3rd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 624].


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 628].

10 European Standing Committee A,—Sir John Hunt reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 4717/91 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 20th June 1991, relating to an environmental labelling scheme; endorses the Government’s support for a voluntary scheme which would award labels on the basis of a cradle-to-grave assessment of products and set high standards of environmental
protection; and supports the Government's view that the scheme should neither be highly centralised nor complex to administer.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

11 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the North Yorkshire County Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill to which this House has disagreed, but propose an Amendment to words so restored to a Clause proposed by this House; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Dangerous Dogs Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

12 Dangerous Dogs Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Dangerous Dogs Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 218].

13 Ports Bill [Ways and Means] (No. 2).—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Ports Bill, it is expedient to authorise a levy in respect of gains accruing to any company to which the undertaking of a harbour authority is transferred under the Act on disposals of—

(a) land which belongs both immediately before and immediately after the transfer to a transferred 51 per cent. subsidiary;

(b) interests in land which belong both immediately before and immediately after the transfer to a transferred 51 per cent. subsidiary; and

(c) interests in land within paragraph (a) above or in land in which an interest within paragraph (b) above subsists at the time of the transfer. (Mr Irvine Patnick.)

14 Ports Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Ports Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 36 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 2, 7 to 18, 26 to 28, 32 and 33.

The Title was accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to provide for the transfer to companies of certain statutory port undertakings and for the disposal of securities of the companies; to provide for a levy on initial disposals of securities of any company receiving such a transfer or of rights to require the issue of such securities; to provide for a levy in respect of gains accruing to such a company on disposals of certain land or certain interests in land; to provide for the transfer of certain property, rights, liabilities and functions of the Port of London Authority to a company formed by that Authority and for the disposal of securities of the company; to amend the law with respect to lighthouses, buoys and beacons and the authorities responsible for them; and for connected purposes.

15 Criminal Justice Bill.—Ordered, That the Lords Amendment to words restored to a Clause proposed by this House to be included in the Criminal Justice Bill be now considered.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

Which Amendment was, in the Clause (Duty to release discretionary prisoners), in line 19, to leave out the words 'subject to subsection (7) below'.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the said Lords Amendment; and the same was agreed to.

16 Water Industry Bill [Lords].—The Water Industry Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.
Clauses Nos. 1 to 223 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 15 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Greg Knight 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.

17 Water Resources Bill [Lords].—The Water Resources Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

Clauses Nos. 1 to 225 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 26 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Greg Knight 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.

18 Statutory Water Companies Bill [Lords].—The Statutory Water 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 Greg Knight.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

Clauses Nos. 1 to 17 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Greg Knight 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.

19 Land Drainage Bill [Lords].—The Land Drainage Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

Clauses Nos. 1 to 76 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Tom Sackville 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.

20 Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Water 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 Tom Sackville.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Tom Sackville 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.

21 Deer Bill [Lords].—The Deer Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

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 18 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Tom Sackville 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.

22 Statute Law Revision (Isle of Man) Bill [Lords].—The Statute Law Revision (Isle of Man) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

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.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Tom Sackville 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.

23 Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

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 89 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 13 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Tom Sackville 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.

24 Northern Ireland.—Resolved. That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 18th June, be approved.—(Mr Solicitor General.)

25 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tom Sackville);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

26 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

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 23rd July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Appropriation Accounts,— Appropriation Account of the sums granted by Parliament for Class XIXB for 1990–91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 578] [Sir Peter Hordern].

3 Atomic Energy Authority,—Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 1990–91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 633] [Clerk of the House].


5 Census of Production,—Report on the Census of Production, 1989, on water supply industry [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

6 Crown Suppliers,—Letter of comfort, dated 26th March 1991, relating to financial assistance to a management buy-out team for the Crown Suppliers [by Command] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

7 Defence,—Paper, entitled Britain’s Army for the 90s [by Command][Cm. 1595][Mr Secretary King].

8 Development of Tourism,—Accounts of—

(1) the British Tourist Authority, and
(2) the English Tourist Board
for 1990–91; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 625 and 626] [Clerk of the House].

9 Development of Tourism,—Report of the English Tourist Board for 1990–91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

10 Education,—Accounts of—

(1) the Education Assets Board,
(2) the National Curriculum Council,
(3) the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council, and
(4) the Universities Funding Council
for 1990–91; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 629, 630, 632 and 631] [Clerk of the House].

11 Friendly Societies,—Report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies on the activities of the Central Office under the Building Societies Act 1986 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].
12 Journals, — General Index to the Journals of the House of Commons, commencing with Volume 237 (1980-81) and ending with Volume 246 (1989-90); to be printed [Mr Speaker].

13 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors, — Account of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 623] [Clerk of the House].

14 Ordnance Survey, — Trading Accounts of the Ordnance Survey for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 620] [Mr Francis Maude].

15 Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland), — Report of the Registrar General for Scotland for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

16 Scottish Development Agency, — Report and Accounts of the Scottish Development Agency for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

17 Transport, — Report of the Transport Users Consultative Committee for Wales for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Legislation, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 23rd July; to be printed [No. 332-iii] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

2 Statutory Instruments, — Twenty-seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xxvii] [Mr Bob Cryer].

3 Treasury and Civil Service, — (1) Third Special Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [Government's Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1990-91, on The System of Notes and Coins]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 23rd July;

   to be printed [Nos. 635 and 636-i] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 23rd July 1991

Chairmen of Standing Committees, — In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 4315/91, relating to the safe transport of workers with reduced mobility.

[No. 152.]

Wednesday 24th July 1991.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords], — The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 15th October.

2 King's Cross Railways Bill, — The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the King's Cross Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 15th October.

3 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill, — The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill be read a second time;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 15th October.
4 British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they shall 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 no 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, 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;

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);

That the 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 proceeding 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.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

5 Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

6 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr Ian Bruce reported from the Committee on the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 15th October, at Ten o'clock.

7 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

8 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Armed Forces Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Breeding of Dogs Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the British Railways Board (Finance) Bill, without Amendment.

Police Custody (Time Limits) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to place limits on the length of time for which prisoners may lawfully be held in a police station or on court premises; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Private Bills (Suspension).—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the Aire and Calder Navigation Bill, the British Railways (No. 2) Bill, the Cattewater Reclamation Bill, the London Docklands Railway Bill, the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill, the London Underground Bill, the Midland Metro Bill and the Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House, viz.:

That the Promoters of the Bills shall 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 Thursday 17th October, and that all Fees due thereon up to that time have been paid;

That, if the Bills are brought from the Commons in the next Session, the Agents for the Bills shall deposit in the Private Bill Office declarations, signed by them, stating that the Bills are the same in every respect, as the Bills which were brought from the Commons in the present Session;
That the proceedings on the 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 apply to the Bills in the next Session of Parliament only in regard to any stages through which the Bills have not passed during the present Session;

That, in the case of any Bills against which there is any Petition outstanding—

(i) any Petitions which have been presented against the Bills in the present Session (if not withdrawn) shall stand referred to any Committee on the Bills in the next Session;

(ii) any minutes of evidence taken before any Committee on the Bills during the present Session shall stand referred to any Committee on the Bills in the next Session;

(iii) no Petitioners shall be heard before any Committee on the Bills in the next Session unless their Petition has been presented within the time stipulated for the deposit of Petitions in the present Session or deposited pursuant to paragraph (b) of Standing Order 109 of the House of Lords relating to Private Business;

(iv) in relation to the Bills Standing Order 110 of the House of Lords relating to Private Business shall have effect as if the words 'under Standing Order 109' were omitted.

9 Registered Homes (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—Mr David Hinchliffe, supported by Mr Tom Clarke, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Keith Bradley, Alice Mahon, Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr Max Madden, Mr Mike Watson and Mr Michael Welsh, presented a Bill to make further provision with regard to accommodation and conditions provided in residential care homes and in nursing homes, and to residential security in such homes; and for connected purposes:

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th October and to be printed [Bill 219].

10 Immigration (Dependent Children),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to permit, in certain circumstances, the immigration into the United Kingdom of dependent children of parents settled in the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes (Mr John Hughes);

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. 19 (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 Alan Meale, Mr Peter Hain: 98.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Stephen Day: 124.

So the Question was negatived.

11 Opposition day [19th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Government Economic Policies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deprecates the failures of Government economic policy, which have caused a deep and damaging recession, steeply rising unemployment and sharply falling levels of output and investment; notes with concern that the United Kingdom is at the bottom of the league tables for growth, investment and job creation of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations in 1991 and is predicted to remain at the bottom in 1992; and calls upon the Government to take immediate action to promote economic recovery and an early end to recession by lowering interest rates, by stimulating investment in manufacturing and in the regions, by fostering innovation and new technology and by initiating an extensive and sustained training programme to tackle serious skill shortages and to help combat rising unemployment—(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 'congratulates Her Majesty's Government on its pursuit of sound economic policies; notes that those policies have led to a large fall in inflation; notes also that as inflationary pressures have eased, interest rates have been cut substantially, while the £ sterling has maintained its position in the ERM; and calls on the Government to continue with its prudent policies, which will lead to a resumption of sustained growth', instead thereof. (Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
Mr Derek Foster 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 Ken Eastham, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 199.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 311.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 pursuit of sound economic policies; notes that those policies have led to a large fall in inflation; notes also that as inflationary pressures have eased, interest rates have been cut substantially, while the £ sterling has maintained its position in the ERM; and calls on the Government to continue with its prudent polices, which will lead to a resumption of sustained growth.

Ordered, That the Order of the House [10th June] be supplemented as follows:

**Lords Amendments**

1. The proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at this day’s sitting and, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of the proceedings on this Order.

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 moved by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in a Lords Amendment;

(iii) put forthwith with respect to the Amendments designated by Mr Speaker which have not been disposed of the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendments; 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.

**Stages subsequent to first consideration of Lords Amendments**

3. Mr Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further Message from the Lords on the Bill.

4. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion one hour after the commencement of those proceedings.

5. For the purpose of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion—

(a) Mr Speaker shall 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

6.—(1) Mr Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons.

(2) Such a Committee shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

7.—(1) In this paragraph “the proceedings” means proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or 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) Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(3) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(4) If the proceedings are interrupted by a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 20 (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 Tom Sackville.)

13 Dangerous Dogs Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Dangerous Dogs Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 28 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 3.

14 Building Societies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Modifications) Order 1991, which was laid before this House on 1st July, be approved—(Mr Tom Sackville):—It was agreed to.

15 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Amendment Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 4th July, be approved—(Mr Tom Sackville):—It was agreed to.

16 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board Regulations 1991, which were laid before this House on 11th July, be approved—(Mr Tom Sackville):—It was agreed to.

17 Public Health,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 4) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1533), dated 5th July 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th July, be approved—(Mr Tom Sackville):—It was agreed to.

18 Public Health,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 5) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1608), dated 12th July 1991, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th July, be approved—(Mr Tom Sackville):—It was agreed to.

19 Medicinal Products (Legal Protection).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 6033/90 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 5th June 1991, relating to supplementary protection certificates for medicinal products; and supports the Government’s intention to ensure that a proper balance is achieved between the various interests involved before any agreement is
reached, but considers that the European Commission's proposal is a good basis for achieving this—(Mr Tom Sackville)—It was agreed to.

20 Ecological Labelling.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 4717/91 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 20th June 1991, relating to an environmental labelling scheme; endorses the Government's support for a voluntary scheme which would award labels on the basis of a cradle to grave assessment of products and set high standards of environmental protection; and supports the Government's view that the scheme should be neither highly centralised nor complex to administer—(Mr Tom Sackville)—It was agreed to.

21 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of Ogwr for the restoration of Phase II of the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, to the ten year capital programme of the Mid Glamorgan Health Authority;
(2) residents of Langleybury, Hertfordshire, against a proposed gypsy encampment; and
(3) residents of Ogwr for the restoration of Phase II of the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, to the ten year capital programme of the Mid Glamorgan Health Authority
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

22 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) Frank Bateman, and
(2) Trevor Jones
for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

23 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.10 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 24th July 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—(1) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in History) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1668), and


5 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1680), dated 23rd July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].


7 Social Security.—Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1632), dated 16th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Newton].
Other Papers:

8 Animals,—Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals in Great Britain in 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 1574] [Mr Secretary Baker].

9 Australia (No. 2, 1991),—Agreement, done at London on 1st October 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Australia on social security [by Command] [Cm. 1589] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 Boundary Commission,—Report of the Boundary Commission for Scotland with respect to the areas comprised in the European constituencies of Mid Scotland and Fife, Lothians, South of Scotland, North East Scotland, Strathclyde East, Strathclyde West and Glasgow [by Act]; to be printed [No. 599] [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for 1990–91 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Baker].

12 Coal Industry,—Report and Accounts of the British Coal Corporation for 1990–91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

13 Education,—Accounts of the School Examinations and Assessment Council for 1990–91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 638] [Clerk of the House].

14 Employment,—Paper, entitled Industrial Relations in the 1990s: proposals for further reform of industrial relations and trade union law [by Command] [Cm. 1602] [Mr Secretary Howard].

15 Local Government Finance,—Accounts of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales for 1990–91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 641] [Clerk of the House].

16 Local Government, Planning and Land,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation for 1990–91, and

(2) Report and Accounts of the Land Authority for Wales for 1990–91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

17 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on control and monitoring of pollution: review of the Pollution Inspectorate [by Act]; to be printed [No. 637] [Clerk of the House].

18 National Heritage,—Report of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, for 1987–90 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

19 Nature Conservancy Council,—Account of the Nature Conservancy Council for 1990–91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 639] [Clerk of the House].

20 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Observations by the Government on the Second Report of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1990–91 [by Command] [Cm. 1598] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

21 Public Lending Right,—Accounts of the Public Lending Right Central Fund for 1990–91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 640] [Clerk of the House].


24 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Report of the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology on the science budget 1991–92 [by Command] [Cm. 1609] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

25 Telecommunications,—Report and Accounts of British Telecommunications plc for 1990–91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

26 Transport (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 22nd July 1991 on borrowing by Caledonian MacBrayne Limited [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—(1) Eleventh Report from the Defence Committee [Statement on the Defence Estimates 1991], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 394];

(2) Fifth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Replies to the Fourth and Seventh Reports from the Committee on Further Examination of Defence Procurement Projects, and on Procurement of the EH101 and Attack Helicopters and the TRIGAT Missile Systems]; to be printed [No. 646];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 24th July; to be printed [No. 647]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Defence Committee
[Mr Michael Mates].

2 Education, Science and Arts.—(1) Sixth Report from the Education, Science and Arts Committee [Education and Training for the 21st Century (Cm 1536)], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 529]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Education, Science and Arts Committee
[Mr Malcolm Thornton].

3 Employment.—(1) Fourth Report from the Employment Committee [The European Community Social Charter], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; and

(2) Fifth Report from the Employment Committee [Training and Enterprise Councils and Vocational Training], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee;

to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports [Nos. 509 and 285] [Mr Ron Leighton].

4 Environment.—(1) Eighth Report from the Environment Committee [Eco-labelling], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 474]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Committee
[Sir Hugh Rossi].

5 European Legislation.—Twenty-ninth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xxix] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Members’ Interests.—Third Report from the Select Committee on Members’ Interests, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 586] [Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith].

7 Trade and Industry.—Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee [Mr Kenneth Warren].

8 Welsh Affairs.—(1) Sixth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Elective Surgery], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 390]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Welsh Affairs Committee
[Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 24th July 1991

European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. COM (91) 258, relating to the development and future of the Common Agricultural Policy, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.
PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

2 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents of Redcar and elsewhere for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motorcycles; and
   (2) residents of the United Kingdom for the withholding of aid to the Soviet Union until countries forcibly included therein can decide their own destiny

3 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents of Finchley and elsewhere for reconsideration of proposed North Circular road schemes; and
   (2) residents of Boston and elsewhere for prevention of the export of live horses and ponies for the purpose of slaughter

4 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.

5 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tom Sackville);

6 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, and to the following Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919:

   Finance Act 1991
   Appropriation Act 1991
   Agriculture and Forestry (Financial Provisions) Act 1991
   Planning and Compensation Act 1991
   Badgers (Further Protection) Act 1991
   Badgers Act 1991
   Smoke Detectors Act 1991
   Medical Qualifications (Amendment) Act 1991
   Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Act 1991
   Road Traffic Act 1991
   Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Act 1991
   Social Security (Contributions) Act 1991
   Forestry Act 1991
   Foreign Corporations Act 1991
   Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991
   Atomic Weapons Establishment Act 1991
   Mental Health (Detention) (Scotland) Act 1991
   Child Support Act 1991
   School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Act 1991
   Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991
   Local Government Finance and Valuation Act 1991
   Ports Act 1991
Criminal Justice Act 1991
Deer Act 1991
Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991
Water Industry Act 1991
Water Resources Act 1991
Statutory Water Companies Act 1991
Land Drainage Act 1991
Statute Law Revision (Isle of Man) Act 1991
Armed Forces Act 1991
British Railways Board (Finance) Act 1991
Breeding of Dogs Act 1991
Dangerous Dogs Act 1991
Highland Regional Council (Harbours) Order Confirmation Act 1991
London Local Authorities Act 1991
North Yorkshire County Council Act 1991

Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991

7 Adjournment,—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;
And it being Three o'clock, Mr Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution [19th July], till Monday 14th October.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Thursday 25th July 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Representation of the People,—Draft European Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Changes) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Education (Scotland),—Testing in Primary Schools (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1682), dated 22nd July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


5 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1731), dated 24th July 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


7 Seeds,—(1) Fodder Plant Seeds (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1601), and

Other Papers:

8 Broadcasting,—Statement of principles concerning additional payments to the Independent Broadcasting Authority by programme contractors [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].
9 Commonwealth Development Corporation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th July 1991 on borrowing by the Commonwealth Development Corporation [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

10 Development Commission,—Accounts of the Development Commission for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 634] [Clerk of the House].

11 Employment and Training,—Accounts of the Training Agency for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 645] [Clerk of the House].


13 Foreign Affairs,—Government Observations on the Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1990-91, on aid to Iraqi refugees [by Command] [Cm. 1610] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

14 House of Commons Commission,—(1) Accounts of the House of Commons Refreshment Department for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and
   (2) Report of the House of Commons Commission for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 643 and 642] [Mr Speaker].

15 Housing Associations,—(1) Report, and
   (2) Accounts
   of the Housing Corporation for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

16 Local Government Finance,—Report and Accounts of the Audit Commission for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

17 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Ministry of Defence: support information technology, and
   (2) repair and maintenance of school buildings
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 644 and 648] [Clerk of the House].

18 National Insurance Fund,—Account of the National Insurance Fund for 1989-90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 617] [Clerk of the House].

19 National Savings Bank,—Accounts of the National Savings Bank with respect to investment deposits for 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 649] [Clerk of the House].

20 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Report of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

21 Post Office,—Report of the Post Office Users' National Council for Scotland for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

22 Special Procedure Orders,—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 Collieston Harbour Revision Order 1991 [by Act] [Chairman of Ways and Means].

23 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before a copy was laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a copy had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:
   [by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

24 Video Recordings,—Report and Accounts of the British Board of Film Classification for 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].
14th October 1991

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Deaths of Members,—Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of the Right honourable Alick Laidlaw Buchanan-Smith, Member for Kincardine and Deeside, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the Right honourable Member.

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of George James Buckley, Esquire, Member for Hemsworth, 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.

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of James Richard Holt, Esquire, Member for Langbaurgh, 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.

2 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

3 Defence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1991 contained in Cm. 1559—(Mr Secretary King);

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 'welcomes the continuing improvement in East-West relations and the development of NATO and the CSCE to accommodate these changes; recognises the opportunities now available for further reductions in defence expenditure; calls for the maximum co-operation with the United Kingdom's European partners to re-examine the roles and commitments of the armed forces; welcomes the successful negotiation of the START Treaty; calls on the Government to seek the establishment of further talks on strategic nuclear disarmament and then to secure British participation in such discussions; and urges the Government to provide assistance for defence industry diversification and expand the provision for re-training and re-housing ex-service personnel', instead thereof.—(Mr Martin O'Neill.)

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.

4 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) supporters of the Keep Our Scottish Battalions campaign in the constituencies of—

(i) Dumfries,
(ii) East Lothian, and
(iii) Moray,

(2) people of Cheshire in support of the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment,

(3) supporters of the Keep Our Scottish Battalions campaign in the constituencies of—

(i) Gordon, and
(ii) Roxburgh and Berwickshire,

(4) supporters of the Save Our Staffords campaign in the constituency of South Staffordshire,

(5) supporters of the Keep Our Scottish Battalions campaign in the constituency of Greenock and Port Glasgow, and

(6) supporters of the Save Our Staffords campaign in the constituencies of—

(i) Walsall South, and
(ii) Stafford

against proposed reductions in and amalgamations of army regiments were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John M. Taylor.)
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

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

30th September 1991

1 Immigration,—Statement of changes in Immigration Rules [Cm. 1672] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Other Papers:

2 Agriculture,—Report on Agriculture in Scotland for 1990 [Cm. 1648] [Mr Secretary Lang].

3 Animals (Scientific Procedures),—Report of the Animal Procedures Committee for 1990 [Cm. 1646] [Mr Secretary Baker].

4 Customs and Excise,—Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise for 1990-91 [Cm. 1636] [Mrs Gillian Shephard].

5 Defence,—List of exceptions to the Navy Regulations as to pay, non-effective pay and allowances for 1990-91 [Mr Secretary King].

6 Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration,—Supplement to the Twenty-first Report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration [Cm. 1632] [The Prime Minister].

7 Environment,—(1) Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Environment Committee, Session 1990-91, on indoor pollution [Cm. 1633];

(2) Paper, entitled Improving Environmental Quality: the Government's proposals for a new, independent environment agency; and

(3) Paper, entitled This Common Inheritance: the first year report [Cm. 1655] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

8 Environmental Pollution,—Fifteenth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, on emissions from heavy duty diesel vehicles [Cm. 1631] [Mr Secretary Baker].

9 European Communities (No. 37, 1991),—Convention, done at Rome on 6th November 1990, between the Member States of the European Communities on the simplification of procedures for the recovery of maintenance payments [Cm. 1604] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 European Communities (No. 38, 1991),—Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 8th March 1991 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia laying down the arrangements applicable from 1st January 1991 to imports into the Community of untreated olive oil originating in Tunisia [Cm. 1605] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

11 European Communities (No. 39, 1991),—Agreement, done at Brussels on 21st November 1990, between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on the simplification of inspections and formalities in respect of the carriage of goods [Cm. 1622] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

12 European Communities (No. 40, 1991),—Convention, done at Dublin on 15th June 1990, determining the state responsible for examining applications for asylum lodged in one of the Member States of the European Communities [Cm. 1623] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

13 European Communities (No. 41, 1991),—Framework Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 26th April 1991, for co-operation between the European Economic Community and the United Mexican States [Cm. 1642] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

14 European Communities (No. 42, 1991),—Protocol, done at Brussels on 10th October 1990, establishing, for the period from 1st January 1990 to 31st December 1991, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the People's Republic of Mozambique on Fisheries Relations, with an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the provisional Application of the Protocol [Cm. 1644] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
15 European Communities (No. 43, 1991).—Paper, entitled Developments in the European Community January-June 1991 [Cm. 1657] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

16 Export of Works of Art.—Report of the Reviewing Committee on exports of works of art for 1990-91 [Cm. 1641] [Mr Tim Renton].

17 Fire Services.—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire Services for Scotland for 1990 [Cm. 1594] [Mr Secretary Lang].

18 Health.—Government Responses to—
   (1) the Second Report from the Health Committee, Session 1990-91, on public expenditure on personal social services; child protection services, and
   (2) the Third Report from the Health Committee, Session 1990-91, on public expenditure on health and personal social services
   [Cm. 1678 and 1664] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

19 Honours, Decorations and Medals.—Paper, entitled The Gulf Medal: Service in the Gulf from 2nd August 1990 to 7th March 1991 [Cm. 1627] [The Prime Minister].

20 Law Commissions.—Report of the Law Commission on criminal law: corroboration of evidence in criminal trials [Cm. 1620] [Mr Attorney General].

21 Miscellaneous (No. 14, 1991).—Protocol, adopted at Madrid on 27th June 1989, relating to the Madrid Agreement concerning the international registration of marks [Cm. 1601] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

22 Miscellaneous (No. 15, 1991).—Convention, done at Espoo, Finland, on 25th February 1991, on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context [Cm. 1645] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

23 Miscellaneous (No. 16, 1991).—Resolution, adopted at the 15th meeting of the EUMETSAT Council on 4th to 5th June 1991, on Amendments to the Convention for the Establishment of a European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites ("EUMETSAT") done at Geneva on 24th May 1983 [Cm. 1665] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

24 Monopolies and Mergers.—Reports by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on—
   (1) the acquisition of Jarmain & Son Ltd by enterprises carried on by or under the control of Mr Alan J. Lewis,
   (2) the merger situation between Prosper De Mulder Ltd and Croda International plc, and
   (3) the supply by manufacturers of carbonated drinks in the United Kingdom
   [Cm. 1612, 1611 and 1625] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

25 Morocco (No. 1, 1991).—Agreement, done at Rabat on 30th October 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for the promotion and protection of investments [Cm. 1603] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

26 Prisons.—(1) Paper, entitled Custody, Care and Justice: The Way Ahead for the Prison Service in England and Wales, and
   (2) Statistics of offences against prison discipline and punishments in England and Wales for 1990
   [Cm. 1647 and 1651] [Mr Secretary Baker].

27 Prisons (Scotland).—Report on Prisons in Scotland for 1990-91 [Cm. 1663] [Mr Secretary Lang].

28 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Sixteenth to Nineteenth and Twenty-first to Twenty-fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1990-91 [Cm. 1617] [Mr Francis Maude].

29 Royal Fine Art Commission for Scotland.—Fourteenth Report of the Royal Fine Art Commission for Scotland, for 1990 [Cm. 1591] [Mr Secretary Lang].

30 Science and Technology.—Government Response to the Second Report of the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1990-91, on international scientific programmes [Cm. 1629] [The Prime Minister].

31 Social Security.—Reports of the Social Security Advisory Committee on—
(1) the Social Security (Adjudication) Amendment Regulations 1991, and
(2) the Social Security (Adjudication) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1991
with statements by the Secretary of State for Social Security [Cm. 1607 and 1662] [Mr Secretary Newton].

32 Spain (No. 1, 1991).—Convention, done at Madrid on 5th February 1991, on Social Security, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain (with Protocol on Healthcare and Supplementary Protocol concerning Medical Treatment for Residents of Jersey and Spain) [Cm. 1618] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

33 Treaty Series (No. 92, 1990).—Fourth supplementary list of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc., for 1990 [Cm. 1596] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

34 Treaty Series (No. 39, 1991).—Notes exchanged at Dakar on 29th December 1989 and Bamako on 14th February 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Mali concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Mali Debt Agreement (1988)) [Cm. 1588] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

35 Treaty Series (No. 40, 1991).—Notes exchanged at Dakar on 26th October 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Senegal concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Senegal Debt Agreement No. 8 (1990)) [Cm. 1590] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

36 Treaty Series (No. 41, 1991).—European Convention, done at Strasbourg on 24th April 1986, on the recognition of the legal personality of international non-governmental organisations [Cm. 1593] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

37 Treaty Series (No. 42, 1991).—Notes exchanged at Warsaw on 16th January and 23rd February 1991 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Poland further amending the Agreement on Civil Air Transport done at Warsaw on 2nd July 1960 [Cm. 1613] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

38 Treaty Series (No. 43, 1991).—First supplementary list of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc., for 1991 [Cm. 1619] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

39 Treaty Series (No. 44, 1991).—Agreement, done at Madrid on 26th June 1989, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Spain concerning the prevention and suppression of drug trafficking and the misuse of drugs [Cm. 1614] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

40 Treaty Series (No. 45, 1991).—Headquarters Agreement, done at London on 15th April 1991, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development [Cm. 1615] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

41 Treaty Series (No. 46, 1991).—Notes exchanged at Antananarivo on 25th October 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Madagascar Debt Agreement No. 6 (1988)) [Cm. 1616] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

42 Treaty Series (No. 47, 1991).—Agreement, done at Bangkok on 22nd January 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand on the transfer of offenders and on co-operation in the enforcement of penal sentences [Cm. 1630] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

43 Treaty Series (No. 48, 1991).—General Co-operation Agreement, done at London on 14th May 1986, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of Angola [Cm. 1621] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

44 Treaty Series (No. 49, 1991).—Notes exchanged at Washington on 9th November 1990 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America extending the Treaty between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America concerning the Cayman Islands relating to mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, signed at Grand Cayman on 3rd July 1986, to Anguilla, British Virgin Island and Turks and Caicos Islands [Cm. 1624] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
45 Treaty Series (No. 51, 1991).—Notes exchanged at Mexico City on 22nd March 1991 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Mexico Debt Agreement No. 3 (1989)) [Cm. 1626] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

46 Treaty Series (No. 52, 1991).—Memorandum of Understanding, done at New York on 22nd February 1991, between the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Government of Canada, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Government of the Republic of Italy, the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America, on the one hand, and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on the other hand, on the avoidance of overlaps and conflicts relating to deep seabed areas [Cm. 1628] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

47 Treaty Series (No. 53, 1991).—Convention, done at Oslo on 19th June 1990, on Social Security, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, with Protocol concerning Medical Treatment [Cm. 1635] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

48 Treaty Series (No. 54, 1991).—European Convention, done at Strasbourg on 26th November 1987, for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment [Cm. 1634] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

49 Treaty Series (No. 55, 1991).—Notes exchanged at Rome on 20th November 1986 and 23rd February 1987 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Italy concerning the Agreement for the Regulation of Trade in Medicinal Products, signed at Rome on 21st March 1940, with notes exchanged at Rome on 28th April and 27th June 1987 concerning the Import of Drugs and Medicinal Preparations signed at Rome on 9th July 1907 [Cm. 1650] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

50 Treaty Series (No. 56, 1991).—Programme, done at Moscow on 8th June 1990, for the development of economic and industrial co-operation between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the period 1991 to 2000 [Cm. 1637] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

51 Treaty Series (No. 57, 1991).—Agreement, done at London on 29th January 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning mutual assistance in relation to drug trafficking [Cm. 1638] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

52 Treaty Series (No. 58, 1991).—Amendments to the Annex to the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals, 1972, made in accordance with Article 9 of the Convention following the 1988 Meeting to review the Operation of the Convention, held in London from 12th to 16th September 1988 [Cm. 1640] [Mr Secretary Hurd].


54 Treaty Series (No. 60, 1991).—Notes exchanged at Rabat on 25th and 28th March 1991 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Morocco Debt Agreement No. 5 (1990)) [Cm. 1643] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

55 Treaty Series (No. 61, 1991).—Notes exchanged at Dar es Salaam on 4th March 1991 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Tanzania Debt Agreement No. 3 (1990)) [Cm. 1649] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

56 Treaty Series (No. 62, 1991).—Notes exchanged at Dakar on 13th June 1988 and Nouakchott on 11th February 1989 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Mauritania Debt Agreement No. 3 (1987)) [Cm. 1656] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
Treaty Series (No. 63, 1991),—Agreement, done at London on 18th February 1991, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria on co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture [Cm. 1653] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Treaty Series (No. 64, 1991),—Agreement, done at London on 18th February 1991, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria on the establishment and activities of cultural centres [Cm. 1654] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Treaty Series (No. 65, 1991),—Protocol of Amendment, done at Brussels on 13th June 1985, to the International Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance for the Prevention, Investigation and Repression of Customs Offences, Nairobi, 9th June 1977 [Cm. 1660] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

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Turkey (No. 2, 1991),—Agreement, done at London on 15th March 1991, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Turkey for the promotion and protection of investments [Cm. 1600] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

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70 Dogs,—(1) Dangerous Dogs Compensation and Exemption Schemes Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1744), and

   [Clerk of the House].


   [Mr Secretary Lilley].


84 Civil Aviation.—(1) Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1697), and

85 Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation Authority Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1672), dated 22nd July 1991 [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


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92 Road Traffic and Vehicles.—Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R. (N.I.), 1991, No. 316), dated 22nd July 1991 [Mr Secretary Brooke].


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95 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1797), dated 31st July 1991 [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

96 Telecommunications.—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Videotron Thamesmead Limited) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1778), and


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8th August 1991

98 Education.—(1) Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1830), and


9th August 1991


100 Education.—(1) Education (Bursaries for Teacher Training) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1804), dated 1st August 1991,


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13th August 1991


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116 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1904), dated 22nd August 1991 [Mr Secretary Lang].


29th August 1991

30th August 1991


[Mr Secretary Newton].


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124 Children and Young Persons,—(1) Adoption (Amendment) Rules 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1880), and
dated 5th August 1991 [Clerk of the House].


3rd September 1991

[Mr Secretary Howard].

4th September 1991

(2) Insolvency (Monetary Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R. (N.I.), 1991, No. 386), and
dated 20th August 1991 [Mr Secretary Brooke].

5th September 1991


133 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Aid Act 1988 (Children Act 1989) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1924), and
(2) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1925),
dated 25th July 1991 [Clerk of the House].

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144 Companies,—(1) Companies (Inspection and Copying of Registers, Indices and Documents) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1998), dated 2nd September 1991 [Mr Secretary Lilley]; and


145 Education,—(1) Education (Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1975), and


(5) Insolvent Companies (Reports on Conduct of Directors) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R. (N.I.), 1991, No. 368), and


149 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Civil Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2036), dated 21st August 1991,

(2) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2037), dated 21st August 1991, and


[Mr Secretary Waldegrave].


(2) Motor Vehicles (Type Approval for Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1970), and

(3) Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1971),

dated 3rd September 1991 [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


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(2) Child Minding and Day Care (Applications for Registration and Registration and Inspection Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2129), dated 22nd September 1991, and


25th September 1991


26th September 1991


182 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2125), dated 20th September 1991 [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Kirklees Cable) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2142), dated 18th September 1991, and


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185 Fees and Charges,—Agricultural or Forestry Tractors and Tractor Components (Type Approval) (Fees) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2098), dated 17th September 1991 [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

186 Roads and Bridges (Scotland),—Assignation Statement (Prescribed Information) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2152), dated 26th September 1991 [Mr Secretary Lang].

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188 Merchant Shipping,—(1) Merchant Shipping (Crew Agreements, Lists of Crew and Discharge of Seamen) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2144), and


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(2) Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Variation of Fees) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2176),
(3) Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (No. 2) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2177), and


8th October 1991


9th October 1991


10th October 1991


201 Education,—Education (Teachers) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2240), dated 7th October 1991 [Mr Secretary Clarke].


204 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2229), dated 7th October 1991 [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

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206 National Health Service,—National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2263), dated 10th October 1991 [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

207 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2241), dated 8th October 1991 [Mr Secretary Lang].


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(2) Extradition (Drug Trafficking) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1701),
(3) Extradition (Protection of Nuclear Material) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1720), and

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211 Public Health,—Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 2 Partial Revocation) and (Nos. 4 and 5 Revocation) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1800), dated 1st August 1991 [Mr Secretary Lang].

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217 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Draft Scottish Seed Potato Development Council (Amendment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

218 Northern Ireland,—Draft Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

219 Town and Country Planning,—Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

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221 Road Traffic,—Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences, Qualifications and Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2239), dated 7th October 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


223 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the Governing Body of St. Anne's College, Oxford, on 24th April 1991, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr John MacGregor].

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224 Agriculture,—Report and Accounts of the Meat and Livestock Commission for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

225 Appropriation Accounts,— Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for—

(1) Class I (Defence),

(2) Class III (Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Intervention Board Executive Agency and Forestry Commission), and
(3) Classes IV (Trade and Industry) and V (Energy) for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 655-1, -III and -IV] [Mr Francis Maude].

226 Atomic Energy.—Report and Accounts of British Nuclear Fuels plc for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

227 Atomic Energy Authority.—Review and Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

228 British Museum (Natural History).—Report of the Natural History Museum for 1987-89 [by Act] [Mr Tim Renton].

229 Data Protection.—Account of the Data Protection Registrar for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 663] [Clerk of the House].

230 Defence (Royal Air Force).—Amendment List No. 11 to Major Revision 1985 to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

231 Defence (Territorial Army and Volunteer Reserve).—Order, dated 22nd July 1991, amending the Territorial Army Regulations 1978 [by Act] [Mr Secretary King].

232 Development of Inventions.—Report and Accounts of the British Technology Group for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

233 Development of Tourism.—Report and Accounts of the British Tourist Authority for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

234 Education.—Accounts of the Curriculum Council for Wales for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 659] [Clerk of the House].

235 Education, Science and Arts.—Government Reply to the Second Report from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, Session 1990-91, on prison education [by Command] [Cm. 1683] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

236 Electricity.—Directions given by the Secretary of State for Energy on 14th October 1991 to—

(1) Eastern Electricity plc,
(2) East Midlands Electricity plc,
(3) London Electricity plc,
(4) MANWEB plc,
(5) Midlands Electricity plc,
(6) National Grid Company plc,
(7) National Power plc,
(8) Northern Electric plc,
(9) NORWEB plc,
(10) Nuclear Electric plc,
(11) PowerGen plc,
(12) Scottish Hydro-Electric plc,
(13) Scottish Nuclear Limited,
(14) Scottish Power plc,
(15) SEEBOARD plc,
(16) Southern Electric plc,
(17) South Wales Electricity plc,
(18) South Western Electricity plc, and
(19) Yorkshire Electricity Group plc

for preserving security of electricity supplies [by Act] [Mr Secretary Wakeham].

237 Electricity.—Report and Accounts of Scottish Nuclear Limited for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
238 Employment,—Report of the Commissioner for the Rights of Trade Union Members for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

239 Farm Land and Rural Development,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State for Wales and Scotland on a review of the rates at which grants are payable on Farm Woodland Schemes [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

240 Fisheries,—Report and Accounts of the Sea Fish Industry Authority for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

241 Food Safety,—(1) Food Safety Act 1990 Code of Practice No. 8: Food Standards Inspections,
(2) Food Safety Act 1990 Code of Practice No. 9: Food Hygiene Inspections, and
(3) Food Safety Act 1990 Code of Practice No. 10: Enforcement of the Temperature Control Requirements of Food Hygiene Regulations
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

242 Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minutes, dated 2nd September, indicating further financial objectives desirable of achievement by—
(1) the Companies House Executive Agency, and
(2) the Patent Office Executive Agency
[by Act] [Mr David Mellor].

243 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority Code of Practice [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

244 Industrial Training,—Report and Accounts of—
(1) the Clothing and Allied Products Industry Training Board for 1990-91,
(2) the Engineering Industry Training Board for 1990-91, and
(3) the Hotel and Catering Industry Training Board for the period 1st April 1990 to 29th March 1991
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

245 International Monetary Arrangements,—Indemnity given by the Treasury to the Bank of England covering its commitment to the Bank for International Settlements in respect of a loan to Romania [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

246 Legal Aid (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Legal Aid Board for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

247 Local Government,—Report and Accounts of the London Pensions Fund Authority for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

248 Miscellaneous Financial Provisions,—Report and Accounts of the Inward Agency for Investment into North West England [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

249 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on management of support vehicles in the Ministry of Defence [by Act]; to be printed [No. 656] [Clerk of the House].

250 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health on—
(1) 15th August 1991 on borrowing by the Anglian Harbours National Health Service Trust,
(2) 26th July 1991 on borrowing by Lincolnshire Ambulance and Health Transport Service National Health Service Trust, and
(3) 1st August 1991 on borrowing by St. James’s University Hospital National Health Service Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

251 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of English Heritage for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

252 National Insurance Fund,—Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31st March 1991 as investments for moneys, forming part of the National Insurance Fund [by Act] [Clerk of the House].
253 Nature Conservancy Council,—Report and Accounts of the Nature Conservancy Council for 1990–91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

254 New Towns,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Commission for the New Towns for 1990–91 [by Act]; and

(2) Reports of the Development Corporations for 1990–91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 654]
[Mr Secretary Heseltine].

255 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Account of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for 1989–90; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 650] [Mr Secretary Lang].


257 Post Office,—Reports of the Post Office Users’ Council for—

(1) Northern Ireland, and

(2) Wales
for 1990–91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

258 Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th September 1991 on borrowing by the Post Office [by Act] [Mr Francis Maude].

259 Public Accounts,—Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memoranda on—

(1) the Twenty-eighth Report, and

(2) the Thirty-second Report
from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1990–91 [by Command] [Cm. 1685 and 1686] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

260 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Thirty-first and Thirty-third to Thirty-fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1990–91 [by Command] [Cm. 1679] [Mr Francis Maude].

261 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the Petitions [5th and 12th July] from Vivien Mary Fisher and residents of the constituency of Uxbridge against a resumption in the export of low value equines; and

(2) the Secretary of State for the Environment on—

(i) the Petition [25th April] from D. N. Campbell-Savours, a Member of the House, for an extension of parliamentary privilege, and

(ii) the Petition [11th July] from members of the Save Royale Hill Embankment Group for preservation of Royale Hill embankment and viaduct
[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

262 Race Relations,—Code of Practice in Non-Rented (Owner-Occupied) Housing for the elimination of racial discrimination and the promotion of equal opportunities [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

263 Slaughter of Poultry,—Welfare of Poultry at Slaughter Code of Practice [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

264 Social Security,—Report of the Occupational Pensions Board on the Occupational Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1991, preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 1687] [Mr Secretary Newton].

265 Special Procedure Orders,—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 Black Country Development Corporation (Swan Village, West Bromwich) Compulsory Purchase Order 1989 [by Act] [Chairman of Ways and Means].

266 Sports Council,—Accounts of the Sports Council and the Sports Council Group for 1990-91 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].
Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communications declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instruments had come into operation before copies had been laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation:


(2) Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 2 Partial Revocation) and (Nos. 4 and 5 Revocation) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 1800),


(8) Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 11) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2020), and


[by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

Telecommunications.—Licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) Broadland Cablevision Limited in respect of the Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft cable franchise,

(2) Diamond Cable (Grantham) Limited,

(3) General Cable Limited,

(4) Kirkles Cable in respect of the Huddersfield and Dewsbury cable franchise,

(5) Northampton Cable Television Limited in respect of the Northeast Northamptonshire franchise,

(6) Stafford Communications Limited in respect of the Stafford cable franchise,

(7) Videotron Thamesmead Limited in respect of the Thamesmead cable franchise,

(8) West Midlands Cable Communications Limited in respect of the cable franchise in the Black Country, and

(9) Windsor Television Limited

under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Trade.—Return in part to an Order [27th November 1989] for a Return of statistics relating to overseas trade for the year 1990, for 1990 [Mr John Maples].

Transport.—(1) Report of the Transport Tribunal for 1990 [by Act] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Report of the Transport Users Consultative Committee for Scotland for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Birmingham City Council Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Birmingham City Council Bill; and the same were agreed to.

2 Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) Bill [Lords], Standing Order 205 (Notice of third reading) be suspended and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

3 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

4 King's Cross Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the King's Cross Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.

5 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

6 Private Bills (Suspension),—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [24th July] as relates to the Aire and Calder Navigation Bill, the British Railways (No. 2) Bill, the Cattewater Reclamation Bill, the London Docklands Railway Bill, the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill, the London Underground Bill, the Midland Metro Bill and the Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill be now considered.(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to consider so much of the said message.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Aire and Calder Navigation Bill, the British Railways (No. 2) Bill, the Cattewater Reclamation Bill, the London Docklands Railway Bill, the London Regional Transport (Penalty Fares) Bill, the London Underground Bill, the Midland Metro Bill and the Midland Metro (No. 2) Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bills in the next Session of Parliament, provided that in the case of each Bill the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention to suspend further proceedings not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid;

That on the fifth day on which the House sits in the next Session the Bills shall be presented to the House;

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;

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;

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 First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

7 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).
8 Select Committees.—Several Reports were made from Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

9 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 (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 5) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the British Technology Group Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the Severn Bridges Bill, viz.

That if a Bill in the same terms as those in which the Severn Bridges Bill stood when it was brought to the House of Lords from this House in this Session of Parliament is brought to the House of Lords from this House in the next Session—

(a) the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time;

(b) the Standing Orders of the House of Lords applicable to the Bill, so far as complied with in this Session of Parliament, shall be deemed to have been complied with in the next Session; and

(c) any Petitions deposited against the Bill in accordance with the Order of the House of Lords of 3rd July 1991 shall be taken to be deposited against the Bill in the next Session of Parliament.

10 British Technology Group Bill,—Lords Amendment to the British Technology Group Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 222].

11 European Standing Committees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That European Community Document No. 5577/91, relating to the European Coal and Steel Community, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee B—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

12 Local Government (Scotland).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to local government organisation in Scotland: And that Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr John McFall, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr George Robertson, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr William McKelvey, Mr George Foulkes, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Harry Ewing, Mrs Irene Adams and Mr Gordon McMaster do prepare and bring it in.

13 Local Government (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Thomas McAvoy accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to local government organisation in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 221].

14 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 1991 contained in Cm. 1559;

Which Amendment was, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the continuing improvement in East-West relations and the development of NATO and the CSCE to accommodate these changes; recognises the opportunities now available for further reductions in defence expenditure; calls for the maximum co-operation with the United Kingdom’s European partners to re-examine the roles and commitments of the armed forces; welcomes the successful negotiation of the START Treaty; calls on the Government to seek the establishment of further talks on strategic nuclear disarmament and then to secure British participation in such discussions; and urges the Government to provide assistance for defence industry diversification and expand the provision for re-training and re-housing ex-service personnel', instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 345.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 324.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eddie Loyden, Mr Bill Michie: 66.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House approves the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1991 contained in Cm. 1559.

15 ECSC Treaty.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 5577/91, relating to the future of the European Coal and Steel Community; supports the Government’s view that early termination is to be preferred; but considers that, in the event that the Treaty is not terminated early, the flexibility contained within the Treaty should be used to bring about a less interventionist application of its provisions and to reduce burdens on business—(Mr Edward Leigh);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the word ‘Community’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘believes that the European Coal and Steel Community should be allowed to run its course and that between now and the expiry date of 2002 ways of incorporating industrial, social and regional elements of the ECSC Treaty into the EC Treaties should be fully examined’, instead thereof.—(Ms Joyce Quin.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Madam Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), put the Questions necessary to dispose of them.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Ken Eastham: 65.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Nicholas Baker: 189.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 5577/91, relating to the future of the European Coal and Steel Community; supports the Government’s view that early termination is to be preferred; but considers that, in the event that the Treaty is not terminated early, the flexibility contained within the Treaty should be used to bring about a less interventionist application of its provisions and to reduce burdens on business.

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of and visitors to the Yorkshire Dales National Park for a review of the powers and policies of the Yorkshire Dales National Park was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) K. R. Beadle,

(2) Mr P. Clayden, and

(3) N. J. Leatherland

for a reduction in vehicle excise duty in respect of motor cycles were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to One o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.46 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 15th October 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Designated Countries and Territories) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Local Government,—Dorset, Hampshire, West Sussex and Wiltshire (County Boundaries) Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2247), dated 7th October 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


Other Papers:

6 Local Government,—Accounts of the West Yorkshire Residuary Body for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

7 National Heritage,—Account of the Board of Trustees of the Armouries for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 662] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Privileges,—Report from the Committee of Privileges [Complaint concerning a Resolution of the Yorkshire Area Council of the National Union of Mineworkers], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 420] [Mr John MacGregor].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-xxviii] [Mr Bob Cryer].

3 Treasury and Civil Service,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [Government’s Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1990-91: The New System of Departmental Reports]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 15th October;

... to be printed [Nos. 669 and 636-ii] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr David Knox Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 5896/91 and 4051/91, relating to financial and technical assistance to and economic co-operation with the developing countries in Asia and Latin America.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Kincardine and Deeside 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 Kincardine and Deeside, in the room of the Right honourable Alick Laidlaw Buchanan-Smith, deceased.—(Mr Richard Ryder.)

2 Langbaurgh 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 Langbaurgh, in the room of James Richard Holt, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr Richard Ryder.)

3 Hemsworth 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 Hemsworth, in the room of George James Buckley, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr Derek Foster.)

4 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords];

      Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

5 King's Cross Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the King's Cross Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

      Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.

6 East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the East Coast Main Line (Safety) Bill be now read a second time;

      Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

7 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

8 London Underground (King's Cross) Bill,—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the London Underground (King's Cross) 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.

9 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

10 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

      That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 4315/91 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Transport on 3rd June 1991, relating to safe transport of workers with reduced mobility; notes that the principle of improved transport for people with reduced mobility is in line with the Government's aims; and endorses the Government's intention to seek amendments to the draft Directive so that it neither undermines the policy aims of the Government supported by its disability advisers nor imposes unreasonable burdens on the transport industries.

      Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

11 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

      Private Bills (Suspension).—The Lords concur with the Commons in their Messages [11th July] relating to the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill, [16th July] relating to the British Railways Bill, and [23rd July] relating to the Hook Island (Poole Bay) Bill.

      Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—The Lords communicate that they have considered the Messages from the Commons [9th July] relating to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Bill [Lords], [16th July] relating to the Commercial and Private Bank Bill [Lords]
and the Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (No. 4) Bill [Lords], [17th July] relating to the Llanelli Borough Council (Burry Port Harbour) Bill [Lords] and [24th July] relating to the British Railways (No. 3) Bill [Lords]; and that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the said Bills, viz.:

That the Promoters of the Bills have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in the present Session of Parliament in order to proceed with the Bills in the next Session, notice of their intention to do so having been deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments;

That the Bills shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than three o'clock on the second sitting day in the next Session with a declaration annexed, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bills are the same in every respect as the Bills at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in the Lords in the present Session;

That the proceedings on the Bills in the next Session of Parliament be pro forma in regard to every stage through which the Bills 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 apply to the Bills in the next Session only in regard to any stages through which the Bills have not passed during the present Session.

12 Disqualification of Elected Persons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to disqualify from membership of the House of Commons or local authorities any person who is sentenced to a term of imprisonment—(Mr Roger King);

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. 19 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Maureen Hicks, Mr Jacques Arnold: 91.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Bob Cryer: 104.

So the Question was negatived.

13 Opposition day [20th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Decline of the Manufacturing Economy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House strongly condemns the economic incompetence of the Government which has caused a decline in manufacturing output, investment and jobs, has brought very high levels of bankruptcies and closures, and caused fast rising unemployment in every sector of industry and every region of the United Kingdom; and demands that the Government now take seriously the needs of manufacturing industry with policies, both nationally and for the regions, to halt the huge decline in manufacturing investment, to bring unemployment down, and to improve the skills base of the economy—(Mr Gordon Brown);

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 success in bringing down inflation to German levels and in creating almost three million jobs since 1983; recognises that the defeat of inflation is essential in maintaining international competitiveness, and in further job creation; welcomes the dramatic transformation which has taken place in training in the country and the continuing successes in export markets and in attracting inward investment; recognises that sustained growth depends upon quality and innovation and welcomes the Government's policies to stimulate these; and notes the revival in business confidence, which would be put at risk by the inflationary, job-destroying and anti-industry policies of the Opposition, in particular their commitment to nationalisation, state intervention, punitive taxation, renewed union power and a national minimum wage', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Lilley.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

Mr Derek Foster 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 Martyn Jones, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 306.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 success in bringing down inflation to German levels and in creating almost three million jobs since 1983; recognises that the defeat of inflation is essential in maintaining international competitiveness, and in further job creation; welcomes the dramatic transformation which has taken place in training in the country and the continuing successes in export markets and in attracting inward investment; recognises that sustained growth depends upon quality and innovation and welcomes the Government's policies to stimulate these; and notes the revival in business confidence, which would be put at risk by the inflationary, job-destroying and anti-industry policies of the Opposition, in particular their commitment to nationalisation, state intervention, punitive taxation, renewed union power and a national minimum wage.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Sackville.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 16th October 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Banking,—Draft Bank Accounts Directive (Miscellaneous Banks) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

2 Companies,—Draft Companies Act 1985 (Bank Accounts) Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

3 Marine Pollution,—Draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Town and Country Planning (Scotland),—Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 National Health Service,—National Health Service Contracts (Dispute Resolution) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 725), dated 19th March 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Waldegrave].

Other Papers:

6 Agricultural Marketing,—Report and Accounts of Food from Britain for 1990-91 [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

7 Appropriation Accounts,— Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for—

(1) Classes IX (Home Office and Charity Commission) and X (Lord Chancellor’s and Law Departments), and

(2) Classes XI (Education and Science) and XII (Arts and Libraries)
for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 655-VII and -VIII] [Mr Francis Maude].

8 Foreign Affairs,—Government Observations on—

(1) the Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1990-91, on the Middle East after the Gulf War, and
(2) the Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1990-91, on FCO/ODA expenditure 1991-92
[by Command] [Cm. 1682 and 1681] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments,—Report of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 652] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Miscellaneous (No. 19, 1991),—Final Document, done at Paris on 19th November 1990, of an Extraordinary Conference pursuant to Article XXI, paragraph 2 of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, with a Statement by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and a Statement by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cm. 1684] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HIV and AIDS related health services [by Act]; to be printed [No. 658] [Clerk of the House].

12 Overseas Pensions,—Overseas Service (Allocation of Pension) (Amendment) Scheme 1991 [by Act] [Mrs Lynda Chalker].

13 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Fifth Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration for Session 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 657] [Clerk of the House].

14 Public Lending Right,—Report by the Minister for the Arts on the Public Lending Right Scheme for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 651] [Mr Tim Renton].

15 Science and Technology,—Accounts of—
   (1) the Agricultural and Food Research Council (Grant in Aid),
   (2) the Economic and Social Research Council (Grant in Aid),
   (3) the Medical Research Council (Grant in Aid),
   (4) the Natural Environment Research Council (Grant in Aid), and
   (5) the Science and Engineering Research Council (Grant in Aid)
for 1990-91; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 655-VIII] [Clerk of the House].

16 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before a copy had been laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a copy had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:

   National Health Service Contracts (Dispute Resolution) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 725)
[by Standing Order] [Mr Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Sixth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Replies to the Sixth and Ninth Reports from the Defence Committee, Session 1990-91]; to be printed [No. 674] [Mr Michael Mates].


   (2) Third Special Report from the Employment Committee [Government Reply to the Fourth Report from the Employment Committee, Session 1990–91, The European Community Social Charter]; to be printed [No. 676];

   (3) Fourth Special Report from the Employment Committee [Government Reply to the Fifth Report from the Employment Committee, Session 1990–91, Training and Enterprise Councils and Vocational Training]; to be printed [No. 677]; and
(4) Memoranda laid before the Employment Committee
[Mr Ron Leighton].


(2) Eighth Special Report from the Energy Committee [Government Observations on the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 1990–91, on Offshore Safety Management]; to be printed [No. 672];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Committee on 16th October; to be printed [No. 673]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Energy Committee
[Dr Michael Clark].

5 European Legislation,—Thirtieth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 29-xxx] [Mr Nigel Spearing].

6 Health,—Fourth Report from the Health Committee [Maternity Services: Preconception], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 430-I] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

7 Public Accounts,—(1) Forty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Initiatives in Defence Procurement];

(2) Forty-second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [National Health Service Supplies in England]; and

(3) Forty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Inland Revenue Department matters];

to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports [Nos. 246, 466 and 382] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

8 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 16th October; to be printed [No. 532-ii] [Mr Terence L. Higgins].
4 London Underground (King's Cross) Bill,—Ordered, That the Promoters of the London Underground (King's Cross) 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;

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 shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read) and, having been amended by the Committee in the present Session, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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.)

To be communicated to the Lords and their concurrence desired thereto.

5 London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Promoters of the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords] 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 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;

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;

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) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as have been made by the Committee in the present Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be considered and ordered to be read the third time;

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.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

6 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).

7 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr Paul Flynn reported from the Committee on the London Docklands Railway (Lewisham, etc.) Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned beyond the next sitting day.

8 Select Committees,—Several Reports were made from Select Committees and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported and ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

9 Public Accounts,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Thirty-third to Forty-second Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1989-90, of the First to Thirty-fifth Reports of Session 1990-91, and of the Treasury Minutes and Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memoranda on those Reports (Cm. 1323, 1405, 1462, 1479, 1542, 1582, 1617, 1679, 1685 and 1686) with particular reference to the following Reports:

Session 1989-90

Thirty-sixth, Restructuring and finances of universities;
10 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nicholas Baker);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Thursday 17th October 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 Companies,—Report on companies in 1990–91 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

2 Electoral Law (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 1990–91 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 660] [Mr Secretary Brooke].

3 Salmon,—Report of a review of salmon net fishing in the areas of the Yorkshire and Northumbria regions of the National Rivers Authority and the salmon fishery districts from the River Tweed to the River Ugie [by Act] [Mr John Selwyn Gummer].

4 Welsh Affairs,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 1990–91, on the future of opencast coalmining in Wales [by Command] [Cm. 1652] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

Paper withdrawn:

5 Marine Pollution,—Draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Order 1991 [laid 16th October].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Third Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Agriculture Committee, Session 1990–91, on Animals in Transit];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 17th October; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee;

to be printed [Nos. 678, 66-vi and 66-vii] [Mr Jerry Wiggin].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Sixth Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 27-vi] [Mr Bob Cryer].
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents of Leicester and elsewhere for improved services for children; and
   (2) Mr Steve Pudley against opting-out by hospitals

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

2 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).

3 Select Committees,—Minutes of Evidence were reported from a Select Committee, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

4 Local Government (Scotland) Bill,—Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Local Government (Scotland) Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

5 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn— (Mr Sydney Chapman);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

6 Severn Bridges Bill (Suspension),—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [15th October] as relates to the Severn Bridges Bill be now considered.——(Mr David Davis.)

The House accordingly proceeded to consider so much of the said Message.

Ordered, That further proceedings on the Severn Bridges Bill shall be suspended until the next Session of Parliament;

That if a Bill is presented to this House in the next Session in the same terms as the Severn Bridges Bill at the last stage of its proceedings in this House in this Session—

(a) the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first, second and third time; and
(b) the Standing Orders and practice of the House applicable to the Bill, so far as complied with in relation to the Bill in this Session, shall be deemed to have been complied with in relation to the Bill in the next Session;

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(Mr David Davis.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

7 European Standing Committees,—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 5896/91 and 4051/91, relating to financial and technical assistance for developing countries, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee B.——(Mr David Davis.)

8 Sittings of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 22nd October, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House), Mr Speaker shall, not later than half an hour after a Motion has been made by a Minister of the Crown for the Adjournment of the House, suspend the sitting until a Message is received from the Lords Commissioners.—(Mr David Davis.)

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr David Davis.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 21st October.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Friday 18th October 1991

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Housing,—Draft Waltham Forest Housing Action Trust (Area and Constitution) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Immigration,—Statement of changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 670] [Mr Secretary Baker].

Other Papers:

5 Appropriation Accounts,— Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Class II (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 655-II] [Mr Francis Maude].

6 National Audit,— Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) creating and safeguarding jobs in Wales,
   (2) Inland Revenue: control of tax reliefs on occupational pension schemes,
   (3) National Insurance contributions, and
   (4) Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 664, 666, 665 and 668] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Library of Wales,— Report and Accounts of the National Library of Wales for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

8 National Museum of Wales,— Report and Accounts of the National Museum of Wales for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

9 Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation,— Report and Accounts of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 1990 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Baker].

10 Social Services,— Government Reply to the Ninth Report from the Social Services Committee, Session 1989-90, on community care: social security for disabled people [by Command] [Cm. 1608] [Mr Secretary Newton].

11 Treaty Series (No. 67, 1991),— Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, adopted on 8th April 1979 at the seventh plenary meeting, opened for signature at Vienna from 8th April to 7th October 1979 and then at United Nations headquarters at New York [by Command] [Cm. 1666] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

12 Treaty Series (No. 68, 1991),— Amendment, done at Rome on 6th November 1990, to Article 26 of the Statute of the Council of Europe [by Command] [Cm. 1667] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Paper withdrawn:

13 Criminal Law,— Draft Criminal Justice Act (Designated Countries and Territories) Order 1991 [laid 15th October].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Home Affairs,— (1) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 17th October; to be printed [No. 679-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee [Sir John Wheeler].

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 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).

2 Select Committees,—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Memoranda were reported, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

3 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Export and Investment Guarantees Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London Underground (King's Cross) Bill (Suspension),—The Lords concur with the Commons in their Message [17th October] relating to the London Underground (King's Cross) Bill.

London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords] (Suspension),—The Lords communicate that they have considered the Message from the Commons [17th October] relating to the London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill [Lords]; and that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the said Bill, viz.:

That the Promoters of the Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in the present Session of Parliament in order to proceed with the Bill in the next Session, notice of their intention to do so having been deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Twelve noon to-morrow;

That the Bill shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three o'clock on the second sitting day in the next Session with a declaration annexed, 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 the Lords in the present Session;

That the proceedings on the Bill in the next Session of Parliament be pro forma in regard to every stage through which the Bill has 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 apply to the Bill in the next Session only in regard to any stage through which the Bill has not passed during the present Session.

4 Export and Investment Guarantees Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Export and Investment Guarantees Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 223].

5 European Standing Committee A,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee A be printed [No. 682].

6 European Standing Committee B,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee B be printed [No. 683].

7 The Prime Minister's Undertaking on the National Health Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the record extra resources provided for the National Health Service and the substantial increase in the number of NHS patients treated since the Government came to office in 1979; supports the Government's reforms of the NHS which are already bringing about improvements in patient care; deplores the intellectual bankruptcy of Her Majesty's Opposition which, bereft of any coherent proposals of its own for the modernisation of the NHS, is reduced to peddling smears and scares which lower morale amongst NHS staff and cause wholly unnecessary fear amongst patients; notes with approval the Prime Minister's unequivocal statement on the NHS that there will be no charges for hospital treatment, no charges for visits to the doctor, no privatisation of health care, either in part or as a whole, now or in the future; and welcomes his unequivocal assurance that Trust hospitals remain a permanent part of the NHS—(Mr Secretary Waldegrave);

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 'deplores the decision of Her Majesty's Government to ignore the evidence from the consultation period that the overwhelming opinion of the local public and health staff was opposed to the commercialisation of their health service by further units opting out of the local health service; condemns as irresponsible the approval of further trust applications in the face of the widespread financial difficulties experienced by existing trusts with their original business plans; rejects the relentless privatisation of health services by the construction of more private wings, the transfer of geriatric care to nursing homes, the increased
introduction of private contractors, the decline in access to a National Health Service dental service, and the introduction of tax relief on private medicine; notes with alarm the spreading practice of charges for hospital services and the damage done to eye screening by the introduction of commercial charges for eye tests; regrets the persistent refusal of Her Majesty's Government to recognise the self-evident underfunding of the hospital service and rejects the priority attached by Her Majesty's Government to cutting taxes rather than restoring cuts in public services; and commends Labour's policy document "A Fresh Start for Health" as the comprehensive basis for renewing a public health service over the lifetime of a full Labour Government', instead thereof. (Mr Robin Cook.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ray Powell, Mr Eric Illsley: 209.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 303.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr John M. Taylor: 301.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ray Powell, Mr Eric Illsley: 224.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the record extra resources provided for the National Health Service and the substantial increase in the number of NHS patients treated since the Government came to office in 1979; supports the Government's reforms of the NHS which are already bringing about improvements in patient care; deplors the intellectual bankruptcy of Her Majesty's Opposition which, bereft of any coherent proposals of its own for the modernisation of the NHS, is reduced to peddling smears and scares which lower morale amongst NHS staff and cause wholly unnecessary fear amongst patients; notes with approval the Prime Minister's unequivocal statement on the NHS that there will no charges for hospital treatment, no charges for visits to the doctor, no privatisation of health care, either in part or as a whole, now or in the future; and welcomes his unequivocal assurance that Trust hospitals remain a permanent part of the NHS.

8 Business of the House,—Ordered. That, at this day's sitting, the Lords Amendment to the British Technology Group Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour. — (Mr Tim Boswell.)

9 British Technology Group Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the British Technology Group Bill.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 6, after the word 'universities', to insert the words 'and research councils'.—(Dr Lewis Moonie.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:— The Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Consequential Amendments Nos. (1) and (2) were made to the Bill.

10 Aid to Developing Countries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4051/91 and the supplementary explanatory memoranda submitted by the Overseas Development Administration on 18th and 25th February 1991 and 5896/91+COR I, relating to financial and technical co-operation with developing countries in Asia and Latin America; and endorses the Government's policy on Community aid to Asian and Latin American countries—(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. 14 (Exempted business);

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4051/91 and the supplementary explanatory memoranda submitted by the Overseas Development Administration on 18th and 25th February 1991 and 5896/91+COR I, relating to financial and technical co-operation with developing countries in Asia and Latin America; and endorses the Government's policy on Community aid to Asian and Latin American countries.
Transport of Disabled Workers.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 4315/91 and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Transport on 3rd June 1991 relating to safe transport of workers with reduced mobility; notes that the principle of improved transport for people with reduced mobility is in line with the Government’s aims; and endorses the Government’s intention to seek amendments to the draft Directive so that it neither undermines the policy aims of the Government supported by its disability advisers nor imposes unreasonable burdens on the transport industries—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope).—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Miss Lisa Steele and other residents of Chelmsford and other places against cruelty to animals in connection with production of cosmetics and toiletries was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to One o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.58 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 21st October 1991
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Milk Quota (Calculation of Standard Quota) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2309), dated 16th October 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1991 (S.I., 1991, No. 2305), dated 17th October 1991 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].


Other Papers:

4 Administration of Justice,—Accounts of Funds in Court in England and Wales for the period 1st March 1987 to 29th February 1988; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 681] [Clerk of the House].

5 Appropriation Accounts,— Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for—

(1) Classes XIII (Health and Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys) and XIV (Social Security), and

(2) Class XV (Scotland)

for 1990-91 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 655-IX and -X] [Mr Francis Maude].

6 Merseyside Museums and Galleries,—Account of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 680] [Clerk of the House].

7 Social Security,—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee on the Income Support (General) Amendment No. 6 Regulations 1991; with a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 1694] [Mr Secretary Newton].

Paper withdrawn:

8 Immigration,—Statement of changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 670) [laid 18th October].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs,—(1) Eighth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Home Office Annual Report]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 572]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 572] [Sir John Wheeler].
2 Trade and Industry,—Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee [Mr Kenneth Warren].

MEMORANDUM
Monday 21st October 1991

Public Bills (Scotland).—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 93 (Public bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 160.]

Tuesday 22nd October 1991.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees,—A Report was made from a Select Committee and ordered to be printed; and Minutes of Evidence were reported, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix II).

3 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the consequential Amendments made by this House to the British Technology Group Bill.

4 Agriculture,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Agriculture Committee be printed [No. 684].

5 Broadcasting, &c.,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Broadcasting, &c., be printed [No. 685].

6 Defence,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Defence Committee be printed [No. 686].

7 Education, Science and Arts,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Education, Science and Arts Committee be printed [No. 687].

8 Employment,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Employment Committee be printed [No. 688].

9 Energy,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Energy Committee be printed [No. 689].

10 Environment,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environment Committee be printed [No. 690].

11 Foreign Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Foreign Affairs Committee be printed [No. 691].

12 Health,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Health Committee be printed [No. 692].

13 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Home Affairs Committee be printed [No. 693].

14 Members' Interests,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Members' Interests be printed [No. 694].

15 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration be printed [No. 695].

16 Procedure,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Procedure be printed [No. 696].

17 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Public Accounts be printed [No. 697].
18 Sitings of the House,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Sittings of the House be printed [No. 698].

19 Social Security,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Social Security Committee be printed [No. 699].

20 Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 700].

21 Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 701].

22 Trade and Industry,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Trade and Industry Committee be printed [No. 702].

23 Transport,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Transport Committee be printed [No. 703].

24 Treasury and Civil Service,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee be printed [No. 704].

25 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Affairs Committee be printed [No. 705].

26 Northern Ireland Committee,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Committee relating to its consideration of the Matter of the proposal for a draft Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 be laid before the House.

27 Scottish Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Grand Committee relating to its consideration of the Matter of constitutional issues in Scotland be laid before the House.

28 Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Grand Committee relating to its consideration of the Matters of rural Wales and the Welsh economy be laid before the House.

29 Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give a company’s directors standing authority to allot equity share capital to lending bankers to discharge indebtedness; to protect a lender in such circumstances from the shadow director provisions of company law and insolvency law; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Tim Smith, Mr John Watts, Mr Colin Shepherd, Mr Charles Wardle, Mr James Paice, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Barry Field, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Terry Dicks and Mr John Bowis do prepare and bring it in.

30 Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Mr Ian Taylor accordingly presented a Bill to give a company’s directors standing authority to allot equity share capital to lending bankers to discharge indebtedness; to protect a lender in such circumstances from the shadow director provisions of company law and insolvency law; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 220].

31 Export and Investment Guarantees Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Export and Investment Guarantees Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

An Amendment ((c)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 7, at the end, to insert the words ‘In the exercise of this power the Secretary of State shall be guided by the duty imposed on him under the old law of encouraging British exports’.—(Ms Joyce Quin.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 173.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Irvine Patnick: 202.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

An Amendment ((e)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 4, at the end, to add the words ‘and shall be obliged to consult the Council in the exercise of his duty under that subsection if so requested by the Council’.—(Ms Joyce Quin.)
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 ((f)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 4, at the end, to add the words 'particularly with regard to the principles in accordance with which the Secretary of State shall determine whether any reinsurance may be provided under that section'—(Mr Rhodri Morgan.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—It was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

32 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Alastair Goodlad);

And it being half an hour after the Motion had been made, Mr Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting, pursuant to Order [18th October].

33 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:

British Technology Group Act 1991
Export and Investment Guarantees Act 1991
Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) Act 1991

And afterwards Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord Chancellor (in pursuance of Her Majesty's Command), as follows:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

The Duke of Edinburgh and I were pleased to receive the State Visits of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Poland and Mrs Walesa in April and His Excellency the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Mrs Mubarak in July.

We recall with pleasure our State Visit to the United States of America in June. We remember with satisfaction our State Visits to Namibia and Zimbabwe in October, where I was also present on the occasion of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

My Government played a full and vigorous part in the action taken by the United Nations and the international community to eject Iraqi forces from Kuwait and to restore that country's independence and legitimate government, and in setting up a compensation fund for those who suffered following Iraq's invasion. They responded rapidly to the Iraqi Government's persecution of their own people. They have made it clear that Iraq cannot resume its place in the international community while the present government remains in power.

My Government have continued to make a substantial contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and otherwise to maintain provision for national defence commitments. They have welcomed improvements in the security situation in Europe and are participating fully in adapting the Alliance, including the development of a stronger European defence identity in the Western European Union. They have announced proposals to restructure Britain's defences to reflect changing international circumstances.

My Government hosted the successful Economic Summit in July and the subsequent historic meeting between Summit leaders and President Gorbachev of the Soviet Union. Following the Summit, my Government vigorously denounced the attempted coup in the Soviet Union, and supported President Yeltsin's courageous stand against it. They have been working actively to encourage the integration of the Soviet Union and its Republics into the international economy. My Government welcomed warmly the return to independence of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

My Government have continued to work for balanced and verifiable arms control agreements. They played an important part in concluding the Treaty on Conventional

My Government have played a full part in the development of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. They have worked actively for new mechanisms for maintaining stability in Europe.

My Government have continued to work towards the Single European Market. They have participated fully in negotiations in the Inter-Governmental Conferences on political union and economic and monetary union. They have supported the development of the Community's relations with other European nations. They have, with our European partners, concluded joint declarations with the United States, Canada and Japan and economic and financial agreements with Asia, Latin America and the Mediterranean non-member countries.

My Government welcomed the inaugural meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London in April. They have continued their active support for democratic change in Eastern Europe.

My Government's commitment to strengthening the United Nations was reflected in the political declaration issued by the London Economic Summit.

My Government have maintained a substantial and effective overseas aid programme to assist developing countries.

My Government welcomed progress towards democratic government in Africa, and towards the end of apartheid in South Africa. They have worked strenuously for the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong. They have welcomed the continuing progress in Latin America towards democracy and market economies.

My Government have continued their sustained efforts to combat terrorism in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. They welcomed the recent release of hostages from Lebanon and have maintained their efforts to obtain the release of all remaining hostages in the Middle East.

My Government ratified the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and have played a full part in establishing the United Nations International Drugs Control Programme. They concluded agreements with seven governments to confiscate drug traffickers' funds.

My Government welcomed the agreement of the consultative parties to an environmental protocol to the Antarctic Treaty.

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 pursued firm financial policies which have reduced inflation sharply and laid the foundations for the resumption of sustained growth. The pound sterling has remained well within its band in the Exchange Rate Mechanism.

My Government have further reduced the rate of Corporation Tax and made a number of changes to the tax system to benefit businesses. They have introduced additional measures to help unemployed people return to work.

As part of my Government's privatisation programme, the electricity supply industry in Great Britain has been restructured and shares in the companies sold.

The Citizen's Charter White Paper set out my Government's policies for improving the quality of public services through increased choice, better value for money and stronger accountability.

Legislation has been enacted to establish a School Teachers' Review Body for England and Wales.

My Government have implemented reforms of the National Health Service, and announced strategies for improving health. They have implemented the Children Act.

An Act has been passed to improve the town and country planning system, and the arrangements for compensation for compulsory purchase.

My Government have continued to work for the regeneration of our cities. New competitive funding initiatives have been introduced to improve the quality of regeneration in priority areas and the renovation and management of local authority housing in England and Wales.

An Act has been passed to give the courts jurisdiction to try certain war crimes of the Second World War.
Legislation has been enacted to improve the administration of criminal justice and the treatment of offenders in England and Wales.

An Act has been passed to strengthen the law on dangerous dogs.

Legislation has been enacted to provide new benefits for disabled people and to strengthen parental responsibility for children by improving the assessment, collection and enforcement of maintenance.

An Act has been passed to improve the arrangements governing coal mining subsidence.

Legislation has been enacted to encourage private financing of roads and better co-ordination of streetworks; to improve road traffic law and management; and to enable trust ports to become publicly-owned companies.

Legislation has been enacted to enable contractor operation of the Atomic Weapons Establishment, and to provide for the sale of the British Technology Group.

An Act has been passed to update the powers of the Export and Credit Guarantee Department and to facilitate the sale of the Insurance Services business.

In Northern Ireland, my Government's efforts to combat terrorism have continued. An Act has been passed to reform anti-terrorist legislation. My Government have continued to encourage political progress by promoting collective talks with the main constitutional Northern Ireland parties. They have maintained a constructive relationship with the Republic of Ireland under the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

For Scotland, legislation has provided for a Natural Heritage Agency, to secure an integrated approach to conservation and countryside matters.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

By virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission which has been now read we do, in Her Majesty’s name, and in obedience to Her Majesty’s Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Thursday the thirty-first day of this instant October, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the thirty-first day of this instant October.

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Tuesday 22nd October 1991

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Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Building Societies,—Draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Modifications) (No. 2) Order 1991 [by Act] [Mr John Maples].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Immigration,—Statement of changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 670] [Mr Secretary Baker].


Other Papers:

4 Gas Levy,—Account of the Gas Levy for 1990-91; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 706] [Clerk of the House].

5 Home Affairs,—Government Reply to the Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1990-91, on police sickness [by Command] [Cm. 1692] [Mr Secretary Baker].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the implementation and development of the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative [by Act]; to be printed [No. 667] [Clerk of the House].

7 Northern Ireland Committee,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Committee on consideration of the Matter of the proposal for a draft Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 707] [Clerk of the House].

8 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 1990-91, Fiftieth Parliament, Fourth Session, 39th and 40th Elizabeth II, 7th November 1990 to 22nd October 1991; to be printed [No. 709] [Mr Speaker].

9 Scottish Grand Committee.—Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Grand Committee on consideration of the Matter of constitutional issues in Scotland [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 708] [Clerk of the House].

10 Social Security.—Government Reply to the Second and Third Reports from the Social Security Committee, Session 1990-91, on changes in maintenance arrangements: the White Paper “Children Come First” and the Child Support Bill [by Command] [Cm. 1691] [Mr Secretary Newton].

11 Welsh Grand Committee.—Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Grand Committee on consideration of the Matters of rural Wales and the Welsh economy [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 710] [Clerk of the House].

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1 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 22nd October; to be printed [No. 567-ii] [Sir Antony Buck].

2 Social Security.—(1) Fourth Report from the Social Security Committee [The Financing of Private Residential and Nursing Home Fees], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 421]; and

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Order, That, in respect of the 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, 515.

Order, That if the Bill is committed to a Committee of the whole House, further proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed; and that as soon as the proceedings on any Resolution come to by the House on [Money] have been concluded, this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill, 515.

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British Railways Board (Finance) Bill: Presented and read the first time, 112. Read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee, 169. G, 175. Reported without Amendment, 232. Not amended, considered; Motion for Third Reading; proceedings stood postponed; proceedings resumed; read the third time and passed, 324. Agreed to by the Lords, with an Amendment, 607. Lords Amendment considered—agreed to; consequential Amendments made to the Bill, 620. Lords agree to consequential Amendments, 622. (Cited as British Railways Board (Finance) Act 1991) Royal Assent, 584.

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Order, That, in respect of the 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, 515.

Money Resolution, 51. Ways and Means Resolution, 52.

Order, That, in respect of the Bill, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee may be accepted by the Clerks of the Table before the Bill has been read a second time, 37.

Order, That if the Bill is committed to a Committee of the whole House, further proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed; and that as soon as the proceedings on any Resolution come to by the House on [Money] and [Ways and Means] have been concluded this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill, 48.

British Technology Group Bill: Presented and read the first time, 169. G, 175. Reported without Amendment, 232. Not amended, considered; Motion for Third Reading; proceedings stood postponed; proceedings resumed; read the third time and passed, 324. Agreed to by the Lords, with an Amendment, 607. Lords Amendment considered—agreed to; consequential Amendments made to the Bill, 620. Lords agree to consequential Amendments, 622. (Cited as British Technology Group Act 1991) Royal Assent, 624.

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British Railways Board (Finance) Bill: Presented and read the first time, 11. Read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee, 169. G, 175. Reported without Amendment, 232. Not amended, considered; Motion for Third Reading; proceedings stood postponed; proceedings resumed; read the third time and passed, 324. Agreed to by the Lords, with an Amendment, 607. Lords Amendment considered—agreed to; consequential Amendments made to the Bill, 620. Lords agree to consequential Amendments, 622. (Cited as British Railways Board (Finance) Act 1991) Royal Assent, 584.

Money Resolution, 532.

Order, That, in respect of the 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, 515.

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British Technology Group Bill: Presented and read the first time, 112. Read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee, 169. G, 175. Reported without Amendment, 232. Not amended, considered; Motion for Third Reading; proceedings stood postponed; proceedings resumed; read the third time and passed, 324. Agreed to by the Lords, with an Amendment, 607. Lords Amendment considered—agreed to; consequential Amendments made to the Bill, 620. Lords agree to consequential Amendments, 622. (Cited as British Technology Group Act 1991) Royal Assent, 624.

Money Resolution, 169.

British Waterways Bill [Lords]: To originate in the Lords, 86. Examiner’s Report, in case of Petition for Bill, Standing Orders complied with, 89. Message from the Lords communicating Resolutions relating to suspension of proceedings, 557. Commons concur, 569.


CARAVANS (STANDARD COMMUNITY CHARGE AND RATING) BILL: Presented and read the first time, 11. Read a second time; committed to a Committee of the whole House; considered in Committee; reported, without Amendment; Queen’s Consent signified; read the third time and passed, 51. Agreed to by the Lords, without Amendment, 133. (Cited as Caravans (Standard Community Charge and Rating) Act 1991) Royal Assent, 168.

Money Resolution, 51. Ways and Means Resolution, 52.

Order, That, in respect of the Bill, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee may be accepted by the Clerks of the Table before the Bill has been read a second time, 37.

Order, That if the Bill is committed to a Committee of the whole House, further proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed and that as soon as the proceedings on any Resolution come to by the House on [Money] and [Ways and Means] have been concluded this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill, 48.
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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE:

Proceeds at specified hour, pursuant to Order, to put forthwith Questions he was directed to put at that hour, 87.

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CHAIRMAN'S PANEL:

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—23 Members, 9.

—a Member, 150.

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—Two Members, 18.

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