WESTMINSTER

3rd November 1994

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

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

Madam Speaker,

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

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

Madam 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 misdemeanor; 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 the Speaker, and that she do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as she 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 Donald William Limon, Esquire, C.B., the Clerk of this House.

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

8 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

9 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

10 Queen's Speech,—Madam 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,

The Duke of Edinburgh and I look forward to receiving the State Visit of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait in May and His Excellency the President of Finland in October next year.

The Duke of Edinburgh and I look forward to our State Visit to South Africa in March. We also look forward to our visit to New Zealand and to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting there in November next year.

My Government attach the highest importance to national security. They will work to continue the process of NATO's adaptation to the changing security environment to allow it to play a wider role in protecting stability throughout Europe. At the Budapest summit in December they will seek to enhance the role of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe in conflict prevention and resolution. They will also work for full implementation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty. The United Kingdom's nuclear deterrent will be maintained.

My Government will continue its efforts to promote a peaceful settlement in the former Yugoslavia.

Preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction remains an important priority. My Government will work to promote the indefinite and unconditional extension of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty; and will pursue energetically negotiations for a verifiable and comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

The fight against terrorism in the United Kingdom and elsewhere will be maintained.

My Government look forward to the enlargement of the European Union in January. They will work with our partners to give greater substance to the Europe agreements between the Union and countries of Central Europe, with the aim of preparing these countries for eventual membership of the Union.

My Government will work for early implementation of the Agreements concluding the GATT trade negotiations, and for early establishment of the World Trade Organisation.

They will seek to ensure that the principle of subsidiarity is applied to European legislation. They will promote budgetary discipline in the Union and combat fraud. They will participate in the study group which from June 1995 will prepare for the 1996 Inter-Governmental conference.

My Government will continue to promote respect for human rights.

They will maintain a substantial aid programme to promote sustainable development and good government.

The United Nations will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary in 1995. My Government will continue efforts to enhance the capabilities of the United Nations, particularly in peacekeeping and preventive diplomacy.

My Government will play an active part in tackling drug misuse, drug trafficking and organised crime at home and abroad.
Support for consolidation of a peaceful and stable democracy in South Africa will remain a priority.

My Government will continue to work for the long-term stability and prosperity of Hong Kong. They will seek to develop co-operation with China to implement the Sino-British Joint Declaration in the best interests of the Hong Kong people and a smooth transition in 1997.

Support for political and economic reform in the former Communist countries of Europe and Asia will continue.

My Government will maintain support for the Middle East Peace Process.

They will work for yet stronger ties with the countries of the Asia Pacific region.

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,

Legislation will be introduced to give force to the changes in the European Community's system of own resources following the agreement at the Edinburgh European Council.

My Government will continue with firm financial policies designed to support continuing economic growth and rising employment, based on permanently low inflation.

Fiscal policy will continue to be set to bring the budget deficit back towards balance over the medium term. My Government will reduce the share of national income taken by the public sector.

My Government will continue to promote enterprise, to improve the working of the labour market, and to strengthen the supply performance of the economy. They will bring forward legislation to promote increased competition in the gas industry and to reform the agricultural tenancy laws in England and Wales. A Bill will be introduced to create a Jobseeker's Allowance, reforming benefits for unemployed people and giving them better help into work.

Legislation will be introduced to equalise the State pension age between men and women and to improve security, equality and choice in non-state pensions.

My Government will continue to implement policies and programmes responsive to the needs of the individual citizen, in line with the principles of the Citizen's Charter.

They will introduce a Bill to tackle discrimination against disabled people.

My Government will bring forward legislation to make further improvements to the management of the National Health Service; and to provide for people with a serious mental disorder discharged from hospital to be cared for under supervision.

Legislation will be introduced to transfer the Crown Agents and the commercial activities of the Atomic Energy Authority to the private sector; and to authorise the construction and operation by the private sector of a high speed rail link between London and the Channel Tunnel.

The delivery of environment policies will be strengthened by legislation to establish environment agencies for England and Wales, and for Scotland.

Legislation will be introduced to reform the Scottish Criminal Justice system.

In Northern Ireland my Government will build on the progress already made to secure peace and a comprehensive political accommodation founded on the principles of democracy and consent. They will uphold law and order and strive to strengthen the economy and create equality of opportunity for all sections of the community. They will seek to maintain close and constructive relations with the Republic of Ireland.

My Government will promote further measures of law reform.

Other measures will be laid before you.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.

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 House of Parliament—(Mr Bob Dunn);

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Thursday 3rd November 1994 pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Sea Fisheries,—Sea Fishing (Licences and Notices) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2813), dated 1st November 1994 [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:


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):

3 Miscellaneous (No. 41, 1994),—Agreement for the Establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, approved by the Food and Agricultural Organization Council at its Hundred and Fifth Session on 25th November 1993 [Cm. 2695] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

4 Miscellaneous (No. 42, 1994),—Film Co-Production Agreement, done at Paris on 8th November 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic [Cm. 2697] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 National Library of Wales,—Report and Accounts of the National Library for Wales for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Mr Secretary Redwood].

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:

4th November 1994


7th November 1994


9 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Special Parking Areas) (London Borough of Barnet) (Amendment) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2785), and

(2) Road Traffic (Special Parking Areas) (London Borough of Wandsworth) (Amendment) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2786),
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28 Trade Marks.—Trade Marks (Claims to Priority from Relevant Countries) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2803), dated 2nd November 1994 [Mr Tony Newton].

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Other Papers:


30 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Civil Courts (Amendment No. 4) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2893), dated 14th November 1994 [Mr John M. Taylor].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Wednesday 16th November 1994:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

31 Legal Aid and Advice.—Draft Legal Aid Advisory Committee (Dissolution) Order 1994 [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].

32 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1994 [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].

33 Town and Country Planning, Scotland.—Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

34 Education.—Education (Groups of Grant-maintained Schools) (Initial Governing Instruments) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2896), dated 11th November 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

35 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute made by the University of Oxford on 31st May 1994 amending the statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

36 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Treasury Management in National Health Service Trusts in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 7] [Clerk of the House].

37 Public Petitions.—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [20th July, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Torfaen for amendment of the Child Support Act,

(2) the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [21st July, in the last session of Parliament] from residents of Kirklees and Calderdale for repeal of the Child Support Act, and

(3) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [19th July, in the last Session of Parliament] from parents of children attending St. Andrew's Church of England School, Monmouth Street, Hove for the enactment of legislation to make the fitting of seat belts to school buses and all transport for school outings a statutory requirement [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

38 Welsh Language.—Alternative Names in Welsh Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2889), dated 4th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 16th November; to be printed [No. 17]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee; some ordered to be printed [No. 18].

Sir Ivan Lawrence.

2 Science and Technology.—(1) First Report from the Science and Technology Committee [The Efficiency Unit Scrutiny of Public Sector Research Establishments], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 19]; and
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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

[No. 2.]

Thursday 17th November 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).
3 Message from the Lords, A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   British Waterways Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer powers on the British Waterways Board to enter land and repair or maintain, or carry out other operations with respect to, the waterways owned or managed by them and other works; to confer further powers on the Board for the regulation and management of their waterways and in relation to their undertaking; to amend or repeal statutory provisions relating to the Board or their undertaking; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
   City of Westminster Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision for the control of unlicensed sex establishments in the City of Westminster and to relieve the Westminster City Council of their statutory duty to establish a new county primary school at Moxon Street in the City of Westminster; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
   Malvern Hills Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend certain enactments relating to the Malvern Hills Conservators and the management of the Malvern Hills; to confer further powers on the Malvern Hills Conservators; to make further provision in relation to the Malvern Hills; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
   River Calder (Welbeck Site) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the diversion of a section of the river Calder between Kirkthorpe Weir and Stanley Ferry Aqueducts in the District of Wakefield; to authorise the Council of the City of Wakefield to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Council; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
4 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.
5 Privileges,—Ordered, That Sir Peter Hordern be discharged from the Committee of Privileges and Sir Donald Thompson be added to the Committee. (Mr Bowen Wells.)
6 House of Commons Commission,—Ordered, That Mr John Garrett be appointed a member of the House of Commons Commission in place of Ms Janet Anderson under the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978. (Mr Bowen Wells.)
7 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from employees of Jetstream Aircraft Ltd. for referral of the GEC bid for VSEL to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Barlborough in the constituency of Bolsover and others, against Overseas Aid budget support for the Chinese Population Control Programme, was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 17th November 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Employment and Training.—(1) Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1995, and

   (2) draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1995
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Food.—Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2919), dated 15th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

4 Housing.—(1) Housing Associations (Permissible Additional Purposes) (England and Wales) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2895), dated 9th November 1994, and

   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

5 Police.—(1) Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 1994 (S.R.(N.I.), 1994, No. 431), and

   (2) Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Full-Time) (Appointment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1994 (S.R.(N.I.), 1994, No. 432), dated 7th November 1994 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Partrick Mayhew].

Other Papers:

6 Agriculture.—(1) Report on smallholdings in England for 1992-93 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave]; and

   (2) Report on smallholdings in Wales for 1992-93 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

7 Animals.—Report of the Animal Procedures Committee for 1993 [by Command] [Cm. 2730] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 Environmental Protection.—Report of the Countryside Council for Wales for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

9 Provisional Orders (Scotland).—Report of the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Lord Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, That they have taken into consideration the representation by Railtrack plc and that they have decided that the powers sought would be more properly
obtained by the promotion of a Private Bill than by the promotion of a Private Bill and of a Provisional Order [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [15th July, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Abbey Wood against the proposed closure of Abbey Wood Sorting Office [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 Supply Estimates, 1994-95,—(1) Treasury Minute, dated 17th November 1994, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Winter Supplementary Estimates for 1994-95 [by Act]; and

(2) Winter Supplementary Estimates for 1994-95 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 3] [Sir George Young].

12 Supply Estimates, 1995-96,—(1) Estimates (Classes I-XIX) for which a Vote on Account is required for 1995-96 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 4] [Sir George Young];

(2) Estimates for Class XIX, A (House of Commons), for which a Vote on Account is required for 1995-96 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 5] [The Speaker]; and

(3) Estimates for Class XIX, B (National Audit Office), for which a Vote on Account is required for 1995-96 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 6] [Sir Peter Hordern].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 17th November; to be printed [No. 20-i] [Mrs Marion Roe].

MEMORANDUM
Chairmen's Panel,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen's Panel), the Speaker nominated Mr Roland Boyes, Mr Frank Cook, Mr Patrick Cormack, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Alan Haselhurst, Mr Robert Hicks, Mr James Hill, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Roy Hughes, Sir John Hunt, Mr Barry Jones, Sir James Kilfedder, Sir David Knox, Mr John McWilliam, Mr Michael J. Martin, Mr John Maxton, Mr Iain Mills, Mr Edward O'Hara, Sir Giles Shaw, Mr Michael Shersby, Mr Roger Sims, Mr Patrick Thompson, Mrs Ann Winterton and Mr Nicholas Winterton to be members of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

Friday 18th November 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 European Communities (Finance) Bill,—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by The Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Hurd, Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr William Waldegrave, Mr Secretary Portillo, Mr Jonathan Aitken, Sir George Young, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Anthony Nelson and Mr David Davis, presented (under Standing Order No. 48 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to amend the definition of "the Treaties" and "the Community Treaties" in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 so as to include the decision of 31st October 1994 of the Council on the Communities' system of own resources and so as to remove a spent provision: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 1].

3 Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [16th 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 21st November.

European Standing Committees.—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 10904/93, 8037/94 and 8618/94, relating to two- and three-wheeled vehicles, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee A; and European Community Documents Nos. COM(94)400 and 8782/94, relating to the draft general budget for 1995, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee B.—(Mr Sydney Chapman.)

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

And the Motion having been made at half-past Two o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday 21st November.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 18th November 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Agriculture,—Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for the period 1st July 1993 to 30th June 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

3 European Communities (No. 12, 1994),—Council Decision, done at Luxembourg on 31st October 1994, on the system of the European Communities' Own Resources [by Command] [Cm. 2702] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

4 Miscellaneous (No. 43, 1994),—Agreement, done at Bonn on 16th May 1994, to amend the Protocol of Signature to the Agreement of 3rd August 1959, as amended by the Agreements of 21st October 1971 and 18th May 1981, to Supplement the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces with respect to Foreign Forces stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany [by Command] [Cm. 2700] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health—

(1) on 1st November 1994 on borrowing by Aintree Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(2) on 1st November 1994 on borrowing by Queen Mary's Sidcup National Health Service Trust, and

(3) on 17th November 1994 on borrowing by Royal Surrey County and St Luke's Hospitals National Health Service Trust

[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

6 South Africa (No. 1, 1994),—Agreement, done at Cape Town on 20th September 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of South Africa for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 2699] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 Treaty Series (No. 29, 1994),—First supplementary list of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc., for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2698] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Summer Time.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Address of 19th July, in the last Session of Parliament, relating to Summer Time 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 Summer Time Order 1994 be made in the form of the draft laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

2 Income Tax.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Addresses of 1st November, in the last Session of Parliament, relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Estonia) Order 1994, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Vietnam) Order 1994, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Guernsey) Order 1994, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Isle of Man) Order 1994, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Jersey) Order 1994, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1994, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Kazakhstan) Order 1994, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mexico) Order 1994 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Russian Federation) Order 1994 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

3 Inheritance Tax.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Address of 1st November, in the last Session of Parliament, relating to Inheritance Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances) (Switzerland) Order 1994 be made in the form of the draft laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

6 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 Broadcasting (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Exemption for Networking Arrangements) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2540) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

7 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 Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 1003) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

8 Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [16th November], That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
9 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from (1) residents of the constituencies of (i) York, (ii) Birmingham, Northfield, (iii) Cambridge, (iv) Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley and (v) Delyn, and (2) citizens of the United Kingdom, against the proposed increase in VAT on domestic fuel and power, were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

10 Adjournment.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Bowen Wells);
And the Motion having been made after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-two minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.38 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 21st November 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Parliament,—Draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1994 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Teachers' Superannuation (Additional Voluntary Contributions) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2924), dated 17th November 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

3 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Suspension from Work (on Maternity Grounds) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2930), dated 21st November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Other Papers:

4 National Audit,—Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) the financial health of higher education institutions in England, and
(2) the management of intellectual property in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 13 and 15] [Clerk of the House].

5 Nursing, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Report of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

6 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—First Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1994-95, on selected cases: access to official information [by Act]; to be printed [No. 14] [Clerk of the House].


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Privileges,—First Special Report from the Committee of Privileges; to be printed [No. 27] [Mr Tony Newton].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 21st November; to be printed [Nos. 24-i and 25-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

3 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 21st November to be printed [No. 26-i] [Sir Thomas Arnold].
Tuesday 22nd November 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Select Committee of seven Lords to join with a Committee appointed by the Commons as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with the same orders of reference as were communicated to this House on 3rd June 1992, in Session 1992-93; and that they have ordered that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons this day at a quarter-past Four o'clock.

4 Health Authorities Bill.—Mrs Secretary Bottomley, supported by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Redwood and Mr Gerald Malone, presented a Bill to abolish Regional Health Authorities, District Health Authorities and Family Health Service Authorities, require the establishment of Health Authorities and make provision in relation to Health Authorities and Special Health Authorities and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 2].

5 Business of the House.—Ordered, That

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

In paragraph (4) the word 'thirteen' shall be substituted for the word 'ten' in line 44; in paragraph (5) the word 'eighth' shall be substituted for the word 'seventh' in line 46;

(2) Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees) shall have effect for this 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 20th and 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th February, 3rd, 17th, 24th and 31st March, 21st and 28th April and 14th July. (Mr Tony Newton.)

6 Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [16th 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 omits measures which either address the fears or advance the hopes of the British people; calls instead for a commitment to provide a National Health Service which offers equal access to care for all, is run for the public good and has clear accountability to those it serves, and for a commitment to build a Social Security system designed to take people out of poverty, offer opportunity and enhance skills; and further calls for a legislative framework for occupational pensions fully implementing the Pension Law Review Committee's report, for regulations to control the mis-selling of private pensions, for the abandonment of Incapacity Benefit and the Jobseekers Allowance, which both target vulnerable people in society, for the early and urgent reform of the Child Support Agency, and for the introduction of comprehensive civil rights legislation outlawing discrimination against disabled people.'—(Margaret Beckett.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

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

And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jim Dowd, Mr Eric Clarke: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Michael Bates: 309.

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.

7 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 24th November, the Speaker shall—

(i) put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to Deregulation (Procedure) not later than two hours after their commencement, and such Questions shall include the Questions on any amendments to the said Motion which she may have selected and which may then be moved;

(ii) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to European Community type-approval of motorcycles not later than one and a half hours after their commencement; and

(iii) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), put the Question on the motion in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1994 not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings thereon;

and the aforesaid Motions may be entered upon and proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

8 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) members of the Action for Children campaign for legislation against the exploitation of children for the sexual gratification of adults; and

(2) constituents of (i) Sheffield, Heeley, (ii) Sheffield, Hillsborough and (iii) Glasgow, Springburn against the increase of VAT on domestic fuel

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

9 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) constituents of Wolverhampton South East against the increase in VAT on domestic fuel, and

(2) Steven Ronald Battram for improved visiting arrangements for spouses of prisoners

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

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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 22nd November 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming Clubs (Bankers' Games) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2899), dated 13th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].


3 Monopolies and Mergers,—Merger Reference (Thomas Cook Group Limited and Barclays Bank plc) (No. 2) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2953), dated 22nd November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:

4 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on restitution: mistakes of law and ultra vires public authority receipts and payments [by Command] [Cm. 2731] [Mr John M. Taylor].
5 Trade and Industry.—Paper, entitled Creating the Superhighways of the Future—
Developing Broadband Communications in the UK, with the Government Response to
the Third Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 1993-94, on optical
fibre networks [by Command] [Cm. 2734] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 22nd
November; to be printed [No. 31-i] [Mr Greville Janner].

2 Statutory Instruments.—First Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments,
together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 22nd November and Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-i]
[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Treasury and Civil Service.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service
Committee on 22nd November; to be printed [No. 26-ii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 6.]

Wednesday 23rd November 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Dudley West Writ,—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue her 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 Dudley West, in the room of John Graham
Blackburn, Esquire, deceased.——(Mr Andrew MacKay.)

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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.

5 Selection (Select Committees).—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 approved at a meeting of the Committee of Selection.

Report to lie upon the Table.

6 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

7 Private Bills. — The Standing Orders of 25th October, relating to the Letchworth Garden City
Heritage Foundation Bill and the Sheffield Assay Office Bill, suspended in the last Session
of Parliament, being read:

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation Bill,—A Bill to provide for the
dissolution of Letchworth Garden City Corporation and the vesting of their undertaking
in a society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965; to repeal the
Letchworth Garden City Corporation Act 1962; and for connected purposes, was read
the first and second time, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sheffield Assay Office Bill,—A Bill to extend the functions of the Sheffield Assay Office;
and for other purposes incidental thereto, was read the first and second time, and
committed.
8 Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—The 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 each 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.:

British Waterways Bill [Lords]
City of Westminster Bill [Lords]
Malvern Hills Bill [Lords]
River Calder (Welbeck Site) Bill [Lords].

9 Private Bills [Lords].—The Standing Orders of 25th October, relating to the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], the Malvern Hills Bill [Lords], the River Calder (Welbeck Site) Bill [Lords], and 27th October, relating to the British Waterways Bill [Lords], being read;

British Waterways Bill [Lords].—The British Waterways Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time and committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means.

City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The City of Westminster Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time and committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Malvern Hills Bill [Lords].—The Malvern Hills Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time and committed.

River Calder (Welbeck Site) Bill [Lords].—The River Calder (Welbeck Site) Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time and committed.

10 British Waterways Bill [Lords].—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to the Standing Order of 27th October, That he had gone through the British Waterways Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto.

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

11 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to the Standing Order of 25th October, That he had gone through the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto.

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

12 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill. Mr Secretary Mawhinney, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Hurd, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Gummer and Mr John Watts, presented a Bill to provide for the construction, maintenance and operation of a railway between St. Pancras, in London, and the Channel Tunnel portal at Castle Hill, Folkestone, in Kent, together with associated works, and of works which can be carried out in conjunction therewith, to provide for the improvement of the A2 at Cobham, in Kent, and of the M2 between junctions 1 and 4, together with associated works; to make provision with respect to compensation in relation to the acquisition of blighted land; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 3].

13 Employment and Training.—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 Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1995 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

14 Employment and Training.—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 Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1995 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

15 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [16th November], That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.
Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words 'but note that living standards for millions are falling and that election promises are being broken again with seven tax rises to pay for Government economic mismanagement; humbly regret that the Gracious Speech excludes positive measures to remove the fear of unemployment, to tackle the unacceptable and clumsy reforms of the NHS and to cease treating education as a business rather than a service; regret the absence of legislation to tackle executive share options and to deal with the excesses in the privatised utilities; regret the absence of a strategy for employment, skills and industry including measures to assist the Post Office expand in the public sector; and call for a reconsideration of the further cuts in vitally important public services and the abandonment of the increase in VAT on fuel for domestic and charitable purposes to 17.5 per cent.'.—(Mr Gordon Brown.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Joe Benton: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 312.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words 'but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech omits measures to promote long-term investment in the country's economic competitiveness and the advancement of individual opportunities; and calls instead for measures to improve the country's performance in education and training, a programme to increase public and private investment and implement a structure for private-public partnership, policies to close the widening gap between rich and poor, reforms to create a more pluralist system of Government and encourage more public participation in decision-making including a system of fair voting, freedom of information legislation and devolution, a strategy for positive and constructive participation in the European Union to promote the country's interests, measures to increase energy efficiency, reduce the use of pollutants and actively promote public transport, and substantive reforms to the Child Support Agency.'.—(Mr Paddy Ashdown.)

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 Archy Kirkwood, Mr Simon Hughes: 25.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 311:

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.

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom against the increase in VAT on domestic fuel was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 23rd November 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2. Local Government, Scotland, — Local Government Staff Commission (Scotland) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2958), dated 22nd November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


Other Papers:

4. Employment Executive Agencies, — Report and Accounts of the Employment Service for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 10] [Mr Secretary Portillo].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1. Chairmen’s Panel (Parliament Act 1911), — Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, that, in pursuance of section 1(3) of the Parliament Act 1911, it had appointed Sir Giles Shaw and Mr Roy Hughes to be the two Members whom the Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill.

2. Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel), — Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had appointed twenty-five Members to be the Panel of Members to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 111 relating to Private Business (Reference to committees of opposed and unopposed bills), viz.: Mr Richard Alexander, Mr Jack Aspinwall, Mr Robert Banks, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Sir Peter Fry, Mr Robert Hicks, Mr John Hutton, Sir David Knox, Mr Robert Litherland, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr William McKelvey, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr David Marshall, Mr Terry Parchett, Mr Barry Porter, Mr Martin Redmond, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Roger Sims, Mr Jack Thompson, Mr Dennis Turner, Mrs Ann Winterton, Audrey Wise and Mr Mark Wolfson.

3. Provisional Orders (Scotland) (Panel), — Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that 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 Menzies Campbell, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr George Kynoch, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Michael J. Martin, Mr Raymond S. Robertson, Mr Ernie Ross, Rachel Squire, Mr Bill Walker and Mr Andrew Welsh.

4. Standing Committee C, — Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had designated Standing Committee C as the Committee on which Government Bills shall not have precedence.

5. Welsh Grand Committee, — Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated three additional Members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee for the remainder of this Session, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee, viz.: Mr David Evennett, Mr David Lightbown and Mr Secretary Redwood.

6. Standing Orders Committee, — Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated eleven Members to serve on the Standing Orders Committee under Standing Order 103 relating to Private Business (Appointment of Standing Orders Committee), viz.: Sir Andrew Bowden, Dame Janet Fookes, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Geoffrey Lothhouse, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr Michael Morris, Mr James Pawsey, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Michael Stern and Mr Nicholas Winterton.

7. European Standing Committee A, — Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Standing Committee A.
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viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Michael Connarty, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr David Harris, Mr David Lidington, Mr Gordon McMaster, Emma Nicholson, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr Michael Stephen, Mr John Sykes and Mr John D. Taylor.

8 European Standing Committee B,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Standing Committee B, viz.: Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Nrq Joseph Deva, Mr Derek Enright, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr John Heppell, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr John Whittingdale and Mr Dafydd Wigley.

9 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Broadcasting (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Exemption for Networking Arrangements) Order 1994, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Sir John Cope, Mr James Cran, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr David Faber, Mildred Gordon, Margaret Hodge, Mr Andrew Hunter, Glenda Jackson, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Norman Lamont, Mr Robert Maclellan, Mr Austin Mitchell, Sir Keith Speed and Mr lain Sproat.

10 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1994, viz.: Mr Hartley Booth, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Roger Evans, Mr John Gunnell, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr John Horam, Jane Kennedy, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr Ken Livingstone, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr David Martin, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Nicholas Scott, Mr Colin Shepherd, Mr Michael Stern, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr David Tredinnick and Mr Malcolm Wicks.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 23rd November; to be printed [No. 28-i] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 23rd November; to be printed [Nos. 39-i and 40-i] [Mr Barry Field].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 23rd November; to be printed [No. 34-i] [Mr David Howell].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 23rd November; to be printed [No. 37-i] [Sir James Kilfedder].

5 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 23rd November; to be printed [No. 32-i] [Mr James Pawsey].

6 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 23rd November; to be printed [No. 38-i and 555-i] [Sir Peter Emery].

7 Public Accounts,—(1) First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Major Projects report 1993], together with 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. 42]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 23rd November; to be printed [No. 43-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 23rd November; to be printed [No. 41-i] [Sir Giles Shaw].

9 Trade and Industry,—(1) First Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The Domestic Gas Market], 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. 23]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee

[Mr Richard Caborn].
MEMORANDA

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

   (1) the Broadcasting (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Exemption for Networking Arrangements) Order 1994 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

   (2) the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1994 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

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

   (1) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Broadcasting (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Exemption for Networking Arrangements) Order 1994, and

   (2) Mr Roland Boyes Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1994.

Thursday 24th November 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

4 Children (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Secretary Lang, supported by Mrs Secretary Bottomley, Sir George Young and Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, presented a Bill to reform the law of Scotland relating to children, to the adoption of children, and to young persons who as children have been looked after by local authorities; to make new provision as respects the relationship between parent and child and guardian and child in the law of Scotland; to make provision as respects residential establishments for children and as respects certain other residential establishments; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 4].

5 Deregulation (Procedure).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Standing Orders A and B below shall have effect and Standing Orders No. 14 (Exempted business), No. 124 (Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)) and No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) shall be amended as set out below.

A. Deregulation Committee

   (1) There shall be a select committee, called the Deregulation Committee, to examine every document containing proposals laid before the House under section 3, and every draft order proposed to be made under section 1, of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994.
(2) The committee shall report to the House, in relation to every document containing proposals laid before the House under the said section 3, either—

(a) that a draft order in the same terms as the proposals should be laid before the House; or

(b) that the proposals should be amended before a draft order is laid before the House; or

(c) that the order-making power should not be used in respect of the proposals.

(3) The committee shall report to the House, in relation to every draft order laid before the House under the said section 1, its recommendation whether the draft order should be approved.

(4) The committee may report to the House on any matter arising from consideration of the said proposals or draft orders.

(5)(A) In its consideration of proposals the committee shall consider in each case whether the proposals—

(a) appear to make an inappropriate use of delegated legislation;

(b) remove or reduce a burden or the authorisation or requirement of a burden;

(c) continue any necessary protection;

(d) have been the subject of, and take appropriate account of, adequate consultation;

(e) impose a charge on the public revenues or contain provisions requiring payments to be made to the Exchequer or any government department or to any local or public authority in consideration of any licence or consent or of any services to be rendered, or prescribe the amount of any such charge or payment;

(f) purport to have retrospective effect;

(g) give rise to doubts whether they are intra vires;

(h) require elucidation or appear to be defectively drafted;

(i) appear to be incompatible with any obligation resulting from membership of the European Union.

(B) In its consideration of draft orders, the committee shall consider in each case all the matters set out in sub-paragraph (A) above and the extent to which the Minister concerned has had regard to any resolution or report of the committee or to any other representations made during the period for parliamentary consideration.

(6) The committee shall consist of sixteen members.

(7) The quorum of the committee shall be five.

(8) Unless the House otherwise orders, each Member nominated to the committee shall continue to be a member of it for the remainder of the Parliament.

(9) 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 within the United Kingdom, 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 appoint a sub-committee, of which the quorum shall be two, which shall have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, and to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom;

(d) to communicate its evidence and any other documents relating to matters of common interest to any committee appointed by this House and to any committee appointed by the Lords to examine deregulation proposals and draft orders.

(10) The committee and the sub-committee shall have leave to meet concurrently with any select committee appointed by the Lords to examine deregulation proposals and draft orders and any sub-committee thereof.
(11) The committee and the sub-committee shall have the assistance of the Counsel to the Speaker and, if their Lordships think fit, the Counsel to the Lord Chairman of Committees.

(12) The committee and the sub-committee shall have power to invite Members of the House who are not members of the committee to attend meetings at which witnesses are being examined and such Members may, at the discretion of the chairman, ask questions of those witnesses; but no Member not being of the committee shall otherwise take part in the proceedings of the committee or sub-committee, or be counted in the quorum.

(13) It shall be an instruction to the committee that before reporting either—

(i) that any proposal should be amended before a draft order is laid before the House, or

(ii) that the order-making power should not be used in respect of any proposal, or

(iii) that any draft order should not be approved,

it shall afford to any government department concerned an opportunity of furnishing orally or in writing to it or to the sub-committee appointed by it such explanations as the department think fit.

(14) It shall be an instruction to the committee that it report on every draft order not more than fifteen sitting days after the draft order was laid before the House, indicating in the case of draft orders which it recommends should be approved whether its recommendation was agreed without a division.

B. Consideration of draft deregulation orders

(1) If the Deregulation Committee has reported under paragraph (3) of Standing Order A (Deregulation Committee) that a draft order laid before the House under section 1 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 should be approved and a motion is made by a Minister of the Crown to that effect, the question thereon shall—

(a) if the committee's recommendation was agreed without a division, be put forthwith;

(b) if the committee's recommendation was agreed after a division, be put not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion.

(2) If the committee has reported that a draft order should not be approved, no motion to approve the draft order shall be made unless the House has previously resolved to disagree with the committee's report; the questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion for such a resolution to disagree shall be put not later than three hours after their commencement; and the question shall be put forthwith on any motion thereafter made by a Minister of the Crown that such a draft order be approved.

(3) Motions to which this order applies may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business)

Line 14, after 'procedure))', insert 'or Standing Order B (Consideration of draft deregulation orders)'.

Standing Order No. 124 (Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee))

Line 22, at end insert 'and any draft order proposed to be made under section 1 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994'.

Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments)

Line 101, after 'Accounts', insert 'and to the Deregulation Committee'—(Mr Tony Newton);

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, in line 89, to leave out the word 'fifteen' and insert the word 'twenty'.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

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

Another Amendment (b) was proposed to the Question, in line 99, to leave out the word 'forthwith' and insert the words 'not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion.'—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
The Main Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business be amended accordingly.

6 European Community Type-approval of Motorcycles.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 10904/93, 8037/94 and 8618/94 relating to European Community type-approval of motorcycles; supports the principle of a single market in motorcycles which such a process is designed to achieve; shares the Government’s view that amendments must be sought to Document No. 10904/93 if it is not to impact adversely and unnecessarily on motorcyclists and the motorcycle industry; supports the European Parliament’s amendments set out in Document No. 8037/94 on the deletion of a motorcycle power limit; but opposes the European Parliament’s amendment in that Document seeking a role for it in ‘comitology’. (Mr Steve Norris.)

7 Parliament.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved.—(Mr Tony Newton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved.

8 Children (Scotland) Bill.—Ordered, That the Children (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with as if it had been certified by the Speaker as relating exclusively to Scotland.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

9 Standing Orders (Public Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to public business, including the Orders and Amendments made this day, be printed [No. 1].

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.59 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 24th November 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Azerbaijan) Order 1994, 
   (2) draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1994, 
   (3) draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1994, and 
   (4) draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1994
   [by Act] [Sir George Young].

2 Social Security,—(1) Draft Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations 1994, and 
   (2) draft Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (General) Regulations 1994
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Coal Industry,—(1) Industry-Wide Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme Regulations 1994
   (S.I., 1994, No. 2973), and 
   (2) Industry-Wide Mineworkers’ Pension Scheme Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2974),
   dated 22nd November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

4 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Funds) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1994
   (S.I., 1994, No. 2964), dated 22nd November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].
5 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Forms of Entry for Parental Orders Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2981), dated 23rd November 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

6 Road Traffic,—(1) Retention of Registration Marks (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2976), and
(2) Sale of Registration Marks (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2977), dated 24th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

(2) Social Security (Incacity Benefit— Increases for Dependants) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2945), dated 21st November 1994,
(3) Social Security (Incacity Benefit) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2946), dated 21st November 1994,
(4) Social Security (Medical Evidence) Amendment Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2975), dated 23rd November 1994, and
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

8 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment of new member to the English Tourist Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

9 European Communities,—Correction slip to European Communities, No. 12, 1994, Council Decision on the System of the European Communities' Own Resource [by Command] [Cm. 2702] [Mr Secretary Hurd].


11 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Fortieth, Forty-second and Forty-third Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1993-94 [by Command] [Cm. 2732] [Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—First Special Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Government Replies to the Third and Fifth Reports from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1993-94]; to be printed [No. 46] [Mr James Pawsey].

[No. 8.]

Friday 25th November 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

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

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

3 Consolidation, &c., Bills (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mr Michael Bates be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills and Mr Hartley Booth be added to the Committee.—(Mr Derek Conway.)
Data Protection.—Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of Sir George Young relating to the salary and pension of the Data Protection Registrar.—(Mr Derek Conway.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Derek Conway.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 28th November.

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 25th November 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation) Order 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

2 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft World Trade Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Housing,—Housing (Change of Landlord) (Payment of Disposal Cost by Instalments) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2916), dated 15th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

4 National Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of—

(1) the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, and

(2) the National Galleries of Scotland

for 1993–94, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 49 and 48] [Clerk of the House].

5 Sex Discrimination,—Account of the Equal Opportunities Commission for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 47] [Clerk of the House].

6 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:

Merger Reference (Thomas Cook Group Limited and Barclays Bank plc) Order 1994 [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].
Monday 28th November 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 European Communities (Finance) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Communities (Finance) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being 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 believes that the European Communities (Finance) Bill is not an acceptable measure as it increases United Kingdom contributions to the European Union without action by Her Majesty's Government to cut fraud and waste in Europe or to reduce expenditure on the Common Agricultural Policy', instead thereof.—(Mr Gordon Brown.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ray Powell, Mr Gordon McMaster: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 330.

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 David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 329.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Austin Mitchell: 44.

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 Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.

Committee to-morrow.

4 European Communities (Finance) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to European Communities (Finance) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the European Communities (Finance) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums to be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund, or payable out of money provided by Parliament, under the European Communities Act 1972; and

(2) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

5 Budget of the European Communities for 1995.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. COM(94)400, the Preliminary Draft General Budget of the European Communities for 1995; 8782/94, the Draft General Budget of the European Communities for 1995; the proposals contained in the unnumbered document: European Parliament Minutes for the Sitting of 27th October 1994 relating to the Draft General Budget for the European Union for the Financial Year 1995; the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 23rd November, relating to the Council's decisions on the European Parliament's proposed amendments and modifications to the Draft General Budget for 1995; and European Community Document No. 9943/94, relating to the adjustment of the Financial Perspective with a view to enlargement; and supports the Government's efforts to maintain budget discipline.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)
6 Children (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children (Scotland) Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 94E (Scottish Grand Committee (bills in relation to their principle)), That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee—(Mr Simon Burns.):—It was agreed to.

7 Scottish Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 94H (Scottish Grand Committee (sittings)), That the Scottish Grand Committee shall meet:

1. in Edinburgh on Monday 5th December at half-past Ten o'clock, proceedings being interrupted at Two o'clock;

2. on Tuesday 13th December at half-past Ten o'clock to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee; and

3. in Glasgow on Monday 19th December at half-past Ten o'clock to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee—(Mr Simon Burns.):—It was agreed to.

8 Environment.—Ordered, That Mr Peter Ainsworth be discharged from the Environment Committee and Mr Michael Stephen be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Richard Spring be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Mr Tim Smith be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Health.—Ordered, That Mr Jonathan Evans be discharged from the Health Committee and Mr Robert Key be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Jonathan Evans be discharged from the Welsh Affairs Committee and Sir Wyn Roberts be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Eric Clarke be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Mr David Marshall be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Treasury and Civil Service.—Ordered, That Mr A. J. Beith be discharged from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee and Mr Malcolm Bruce be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Trade and Industry.—Ordered, That Mr Malcolm Bruce be discharged from the Trade and Industry Committee and Mr Nick Harvey be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from (1) constituents of Nottingham South and (2) citizens of the United Kingdom against the proposed increase in VAT on domestic fuel were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from constituents of Bristol East against the proposed increase in VAT on domestic fuel was presented; 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 David Willetts);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.3 a.m.]
APPENDIX I
Monday 28th November 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service, (1) Blackpool Victoria Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2950), dated 22nd November 1994,

(2) Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde Community Health Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2951), dated 22nd November 1994,

(3) Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2936), dated 18th November 1994, and

(4) Parkside National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) (No. 2) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2952), dated 22nd November 1994
[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].


3 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, Statute, dated 26th May 1994, made by the University of Cambridge amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

4 Environmental Protection, Report of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism, Suppression of Terrorism Act 1978 (Designation of Countries) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2978), dated 22nd November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts, Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 28th November; to be printed [Nos. 52-i and 53-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 10.]

Tuesday 29th November 1994.

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 23rd 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 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Broadcasting (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Exemption for Networking Arrangements) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2540), referred to a Committee on 21st November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 56].

4 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Roland Boyes reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 1003), referred to a Committee on 21st November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 54].
5 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 1994 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

6 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—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 Maximum Number of Judges Order 1994 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

7 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 Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Azerbaijan) Order 1994 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

8 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 Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1994 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

9 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 Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1994 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

10 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 Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1994 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

11 Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1995-96.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1995-96, as laid before this House by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

12 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:—

(a) Tobacco products (rates) (motion No. 6);
(b) Hydrocarbon oil (rates) (motion No. 7);
(c) Vehicle excise duty (rates) (motion No. 12)—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

13 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, acquisition or importation;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax;
(c) for varying any rate at which that tax is at any time chargeable; 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 Andrew Mitchell.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

14 Broadcasting.—Ordered, That Mr Matthew Taylor be discharged from the Select Committee on Broadcasting and Mr Nigel Jones be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

15 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from church youth organisations for fair trade with Third World producers was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

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

Tuesday 29th November 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3002), dated 25th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

2 County Courts,—(1) Draft County Court Remedies (Amendment) Regulations 1994, and (2) draft High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction (Amendment) Order 1994 [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Agriculture,—Farm and Conservation Grant (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3003), dated 25th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].


9 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3015), dated 29th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

10 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Increase of Registration Limits) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2905), dated 29th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Other Papers:

11 Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1995–96,—Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1995–96 [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 12] [Sir George Young].

12 Local Government Finance,—Accounts of the Welsh Office: Pooling of Non-Domestic Rates and Redistribution to Local Authorities in Wales for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 60] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Heritage,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the National Heritage Committee, Session 1993–94, on the British Library [by Command] [Cm. 2709] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


15 Science and Technology,—Report of the Medical Research Council for 1993–94 [by Act] [Mr David Hunt].
16 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Land Purchase Account of the Supreme Court of Judicature, Northern Ireland, for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 59] [Clerk of the House].

[No. 11.]

Wednesday 30th November 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means, be considered to-morrow.

2 Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation Bill, as amended by the Committee in the previous Session.

Bill to be read the third time.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 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, acquisition or importation;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax;
(c) for varying any rate at which that tax is at any time chargeable; 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.

6 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) parents and staff of Mellor Primary School, Leicester, for safe road crossings; and
(2) the Asian community for a person of Asian origin on the Millennium Commission were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) constituents of North Warwickshire against the proposed increase in VAT on domestic fuel; and
(2) residents of Sutton and district against Overseas Aid funding of the International Planned Parenthood Federation were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 30th November 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Industrial Organisation and Development.—Draft Milk Development Council Order 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Consumer Protection,—Medical Devices Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3017), dated 28th November 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

3 Electricity,—Electricity Supply (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3021), dated 24th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


6 Police,—Police (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2993), dated 24th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

7 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the Governing Body of Christ's College, Cambridge, on 22nd July 1994, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

8 Fair Employment (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Fair Employment Commission for Northern Ireland for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 9] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].


10 Housing (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of Scottish Homes for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on General Practitioner Fundholding in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 51] [Clerk of the House].

12 National Health Service (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust for the period 1st August 1993 to 31st July 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

13 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland, the Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund and the Police Property Fund for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 21] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers withdrawn:

14 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation) Order 1994 [laid 25th November].


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 30th November, to be printed [No. 61-i] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—(1) First Report from the Defence Committee [The Ministry of Defence Estate], 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. 67]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 30th November; to be printed [Nos. 65-i and 66-i] [Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

3 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 30th November; to be printed [No. 31-ii] [Mr Greville Janner].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 30th November; to be printed [Nos. 40-ii and -iii] [Mr Barry Field].

5 European Legislation,—First Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-i] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 30th November; to be printed [No. 64-i] [Mr David Howell].

7 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 30th November; to be printed [No. 17-ii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 30th November; to be printed [No. 37-ii] [Sir James Kilfedder].

9 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 30th November; to be printed [No. 32-ii] [Mr James Pawsey].

10 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 30th November; to be printed [No. 62] [Mr William McKelvey].

11 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 30th November; to be printed [No. 69-i] [Mr Frank Field].

12 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 30th November; to be printed [No. 36-i] [Mr Paul Channon].

13 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 30th November; to be printed [No. 26-iv] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1994 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,

(2) the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1995 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,

(3) the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Azerbaijan) Order 1994, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1994, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1994 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1994 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 1994 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Children (Scotland) Bill; and

(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 11496/93 and 7919/94, relating to a European vessel reporting system, 5841/94, relating to ship safety and control of pollution, and 6655/94, relating to training for maritime occupations.

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. 4195/94, relating to food hygiene for milk and milk products, the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 21st November 1994, relating to reform
of the sugar regime, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 28th November 1994, relating to reform of the agri-monetary system, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Documents Nos. 9400/92, relating to personal data protection, 9101/94, relating to the generalised scheme of preferences, and 7484/93, relating to the posting of workers in the Community, to European Standing Committee B.

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[No. 12.]

Thursday 1st December 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 8th December.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Jobseekers Bill,—Mr Secretary Lilley, supported by Mr Secretary Portillo, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr David Hunt, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Secretary Redwood, Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr William Hague, Ann Widdecombe, Mr Roger Evans and Mr Philip Oppenheim, presented a Bill to provide for a jobseeker's allowance and to make other provision to promote the employment of the unemployed and the assistance of persons without a settled way of life: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 5].

5 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 29th November, 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, acquisition or importation;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax;
(c) for varying any rate at which that tax is at any time chargeable, 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 on Monday 5th December.

6 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, against funding from the overseas aid budget of the Chinese population control programme was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

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

Thursday 1st December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation) Order 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

2 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft World Trade Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Coal Mining Subsidence (Land Drainage) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3064), dated 30th November 1994, and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

4 Education,—(1) Education (Fees and Awards) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3042), dated 30th November 1994,

(2) Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3043), dated 30th November 1994,

(3) Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3044), dated 30th November 1994,

(4) Education (Student Loans) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3045), dated 30th November 1994, and


[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

5 Local Government,—Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3018), dated 29th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


7 National Health Service,—(1) Aintree Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) (No. 2) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2988),

(2) Hartlepool and Peterlee Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2990),

(3) Hartlepool Community Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2989), and

(4) South Lincolnshire Community and Mental Health Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2991),

dated 24th November 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].


9 Social Security,—Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 6) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3061), dated 1st December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
Other Papers:

10 Local Government,—Welsh Local Government Financial Statistics, No. 18, 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [2nd November, in the last session of Parliament] from residents of Topsham, Exeter, against the grant of public funds to the UN Population Fund and the International Planned Parenthood Federation [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Transport,—Statement of determination of the salaries and bonuses of members of the British Railways Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 1st December; to be printed [No. 20-ii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—(1) First Special Report from the National Heritage Committee [Government Response to Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 1993-94 (Sports sponsorship and television coverage)]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 1st December

to be printed [Nos. 58 and 57-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Transport,—First Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1993-94 (Charging for the Use of Motorways)]; to be printed [No. 71] [Mr Paul Channon].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 9400/92 relating to personal data protection.

[No. 13.]

Friday 2nd December 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Timothy Wood); And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

3 Data Protection,—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Data Protection;

Resolved, That the Data Protection Registrar shall, with effect from 1st September 1994, be paid a salary which shall be the same as that payable from time to time to a Grade 3 Officer of the Home Civil Service;

That there shall be paid to any Data Protection Registrar appointed after 1st January 1994 the same pension as that payable to or in respect of a Grade 3 Officer of the Home Civil Service under the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)
4 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 6th December, the Speaker shall put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to public expenditure, including the Question on any amendment thereto which she may have selected, and the said Questions may be decided after the expiry of the time for opposed business. (Mr Bowen Wells.)

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

And the Motion having been made at half-past Two o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday 5th December.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 2nd December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Rating and Valuation,—Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) Regulations 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Medicines,—(1) Medicines (Restrictions on the Administration of Veterinary Medicinal Products) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2987), dated 21st November 1994, and

(2) Medicines (Veterinary Medicinal Products) (Veterinary Surgeons from Other EEA States) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2986), dated 17th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

Other Papers:

4 European Communities (No. 13, 1994).—Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, done at Corfu on 24th June 1994, between the European Communities and their Member States and the Russian Federation, including exchanges of letters with declarations and final act [by Command] [Cm. 2701] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 European Communities (No. 14, 1994).—Convention, done at Luxembourg on 21st June 1994, defining the statute of the European schools [by Command] [Cm. 2712] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

6 Morocco (No. 1, 1994).—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the international carriage of goods by road, with administrative memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 2703] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 Morocco (No. 2, 1994).—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the international carriage of passengers by road, with administrative memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 2704] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 National Insurance Fund,—Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31st March 1994 as investments for moneys, forming part of the National Insurance Fund [by Act] [Clerk of the House].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

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

Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

3 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 29th November, 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, acquisition or importation;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax;
(c) for varying any rate at which that tax is at any time chargeable; 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.

4 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom against the proposed increase in VAT on domestic fuel was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom against the proposed increase in VAT on domestic fuel was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

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

APPENDIX

Monday 5th December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Draft British Gas plc (Rateable Values) Order 1994
   (2) draft British Waterways Board and Telecommunications Industry (Rateable Values) Revocation Order 1994
   (3) draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) Order 1994
   (4) draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) Order 1994
   (5) draft Railways (Rateable Values) Order 1994, and
   (6) draft Water Undertakers (Rateable Values) Order 1994
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Local Government.—Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3025), dated 28th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5 Local Government (Scotland).—Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy) (Scotland) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3068), dated 1st December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 Medicines.—Medicines (Products Other Than Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3016), dated 25th November 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

Other Papers:

7 National Heritage.—Departmental Minute, dated 5th December 1994, on the gifting of five properties (Vigzol House, the Old Brass Foundary, Units 2 and 3 Lawrence Trading Estate and land and buildings at Nelson Mandela Way) to the Board of Trustees of the National Maritime Museum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

8 Science and Technology.—Accounts of the Science and Engineering Research Council for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 73] [Clerk of the House].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr John Maxton an additional Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Children (Scotland) Bill.

Tuesday 6th December 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill.—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order [24th November], That, in the case of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with.

2 Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation Bill,—The Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 29th November, 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, acquisition or importation;
   (b) for refunding any amount of tax;
   (c) for varying any rate at which that tax is at any time chargeable; 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. An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 4, after the word ‘tax’, to insert the words ‘other than in respect of value added tax on fuel and power for domestic or charity use’.—(Dr John Cunningham.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Mr Greg Knight 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 Ray Powell, Mr Gordon McMaster: 319.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 311.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but this Resolution does not extend to the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax, other than in respect of value added tax on fuel and power for domestic or charity use, so as to provide—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting any supply, acquisition or importation;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax;
(c) for varying any rate at which that tax is at any time chargeable; or
(d) for relief other than relief applying to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description.

The 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. Low-strength alcohol

Resolved, That—

(1) The Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In section 1, in subsections (4) and (5) after the words “any liquor” there shall in both cases be inserted “which is of a strength exceeding 1.2 per cent and which is”.

(3) In section 1(6) after the word “strength” there shall be inserted “exceeding 1.2 per cent but”.

(4) In section 59(1) for paragraph (b) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(b) is wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 5.5 per cent.”.

(5) Paragraphs (2) and (4) above—

(a) shall apply in relation to liquor imported into, or produced in, the United Kingdom on or after 1st January 1995, and
(b) as regards any provision about liquor removed to the United Kingdom from the Isle of Man, shall also apply in relation to liquor so removed on or after that date.

(6) Paragraph (3) above shall apply in relation to liquor imported into, or made in, the United Kingdom on or after 1st January 1995.

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. Wine and made-wine (rates)

The Question being put, That—

(1) For the Table of rates of duty in Schedule 1 to the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 there shall be substituted the following Table—

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<tr>
<th>Description of wine or made-wine</th>
<th>Rates of duty per hectolitre</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength not exceeding 4 per cent.</td>
<td>£22.46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 4 per cent. but not exceeding 5.5 per cent.</td>
<td>£40.44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 5.5 per cent. but not exceeding 15 per cent. and not being sparkling</td>
<td>£134.77</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description of wine or made-wine</td>
<td>Rates of duty per hectolitre</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sparkling wine or sparkling made-wine of a strength exceeding 5.5 per cent. but not exceeding 15 per cent.</td>
<td>192.53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 15 per cent. but not exceeding 22 per cent.</td>
<td>192.53</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PART II

WINE OR MADE-WINE OF A STRENGTH EXCEEDING 22 PER CENT.

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Description of wine or made-wine</th>
<th>Rates of duty per litre of alcohol in the wine or made-wine</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 22 per cent.</td>
<td>£19.81</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(2) This Resolution shall come into force on 1st January 1995.

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 Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 321.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Cummings, Mrs Barbara Roche: 297.

So the Question was agreed to.

4. Alcoholic liquor duties (alcoholic ingredients and vinegar)

Resolved, That provision may be made about the repayment and remission of duty charged on alcoholic liquor used as an ingredient or converted into vinegar.

5. Alcoholic liquor duties (denatured alcohol)

Resolved, That provision may be made about alcoholic liquors that are denatured.

6. Tobacco products (rates)

Resolved, That—

(1) For the Table of rates of duty in Schedule 1 to the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1979 there shall be substituted—

"TABLE"

1. Cigarettes  An amount equal to 20 per cent. of the retail price plus £55.58 per thousand cigarettes.
2. Cigars       £82.56 per kilogram.
3. Hand-rolling tobacco £85.94 per kilogram.
4. Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco £36.30 per kilogram.

(2) This Resolution shall come into force at 6 o’clock in the evening of 29th November 1994.

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. Hydrocarbon oil (rates)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In section 6(1) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 for “0.3314” and “0.2770” there shall be substituted “0.3526” and “£0.3044” respectively.

(2) In section 8 of that Act the following subsection shall be substituted for subsections (3) to (5)—

"(3) The rate of the duty under this section shall be £0.3314 a kilogram.”

(3) In section 11(1) of that Act for “£0.0116” and “£0.0164” there shall be substituted “£0.0166” and “0.0214” respectively.

(4) In section 14(1) of that Act for “£0.0116” there shall be substituted “£0.0166”.

(5) This Resolution shall come into force at 6 o’clock in the evening of 29th November 1994.
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 Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 322.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Andrew Welsh: 161.
So the Question was agreed to.

8. Hydrocarbon oil duty (“road vehicle”)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending the meaning of “road vehicle” in the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.

9. Road fuel gas (old stock)

Resolved, That section 8(7) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 may be repealed.

10. Gaming machine licence duty

Resolved, That—

(1) In the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 for the Table set out at the end of section 23 there shall be substituted—

<table>
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<th>Period (in months) for which licence granted</th>
<th>Small prize or five-penny machines £</th>
<th>Other machines £</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>150</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>105</td>
<td>275</td>
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<td>12</td>
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(2) This Resolution shall apply in relation to any gaming machine licence for which an application is made on or after 1st December 1994.

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. Amusement machine licence duty

Resolved, That provision may be made for excise duty to be charged on licences authorising the provision of amusement machines that are not gaming machines and for the amendment of the enactments relating to gaming machine licence duty.

12. Vehicle excise duty (rates)

The Question being put, That—

(1) Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1(b) for “£130” there shall be substituted “£135”.

(3) In paragraph 3(1)(a) for “£130” there shall be substituted “£135”.

(4) In paragraph 10—

(a) in sub-paragraph (2) for “£130” there shall be substituted “£135”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (3) for “£360” there shall be substituted “£370”.

(5) This Resolution shall apply in relation to licences taken out on or after 30th November 1994.

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 Derek Conway, Mr Timothy Wood: 323.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Simon Hughes: 78.
So the Question was agreed to.

13. Vehicle excise duty (general)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994.

14. Value added tax (works of art, antiques, etc.)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 21 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 as to the value to be given for the purposes of that Act to imported works of art, antiques and collectors' pieces.

15. Value added tax (agents)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 47 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 in relation to goods supplied by an agent who acts in his own name.

16. Value added tax (margin schemes)

Resolved, That provision may be made for enabling value added tax on some or all of the following supplies to be chargeable by reference to profit margins, instead of by reference to the value of the supplies, that is to say—

(a) supplies of works of art, antiques or collectors' items;
(b) supplies of motor vehicles;
(c) supplies of second-hand goods; and
(d) any supply of goods through a person who acts as an agent, but in his own name, in relation to the supply.

17. Value added tax (set-off of credits)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 81 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 with respect to the circumstances in which amounts due to any person from the Commissioners of Customs and Excise under that Act may be set against sums which that person is liable to pay under that Act.

18. Value added tax (land transactions)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending the Value Added Tax Act 1994 in relation to cases where there is a supply consisting in the grant, assignment or surrender of an interest in or right over land and the grant, assignment or surrender is made by, or the benefit of the consideration for the supply accrues to, more than one person.

19. Value added tax (fuel supplied for private use)

Resolved, That section 57 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 may be amended by—

(a) providing for the determination of the consideration appropriate to a vehicle where the prescribed accounting period is a period of 12 months;
(b) increasing the consideration appropriate to a vehicle where the prescribed accounting period is a period of 3 months or a period of one month.

20. Value added tax (deemed supplies)

Resolved, That section 30(5) of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 (which treats transactions included in Schedule 8 as supplies) may be replaced by a provision dealing only with exports by charities.

21. Value added tax (penalties)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 67 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 in subsection (4) (the specified percentage)—

(a) in paragraph (a) for “10 per cent.” there shall be substituted “5 per cent.”;
(b) in paragraph (b) for “20 per cent.” there shall be substituted “10 per cent.”; and
(c) in paragraph (c) for “30 per cent.” there shall be substituted “15 per cent.”
(2) Section 15(3A) of the Finance Act 1985 shall have effect subject to the amendments made by paragraph (1) above.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4) below, paragraphs (1) and (2) above shall apply where a penalty is assessed on or after 1st January 1995.

(4) Paragraphs (1) and (2) above shall not apply in the case of a supplementary assessment if the original assessment was made before 1st January 1995.

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. Value added tax (minor corrections)

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 that would otherwise have a different effect from the provisions they were intended to re-enact.

23. Income tax (charge and rates for 1995–96)

Resolved, That—

(1) Income tax shall be charged for the year 1995–96, and for that year—
   (a) the lower rate shall be 20 per cent.,
   (b) the basic rate shall be 25 per cent., and
   (c) the higher rate shall be 40 per cent.

(2) For the year 1995–96 section 1(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall apply as if the amount specified in paragraph (aa) were £3,200; and accordingly section 1(4) of that Act so far as relating to that paragraph shall not apply for the year 1995–96.

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.

24. Income tax (personal allowance)

Resolved, That section 257 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall apply for the year 1995–96 as if—

(a) the amount specified in subsection (2) were £4,630, and
(b) the amount specified in subsection (3) were £4,800;

and accordingly section 257C(1) of that Act so far as relating to section 257(2) and (3) shall not apply for the year 1995–96.

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. Income tax (Schedule A)

Resolved, That provision may be made about income tax charged under Schedule A and for applying provisions relating to Schedule A to the charge to tax under Case V of Schedule D.


Resolved, That corporation tax shall be charged for the financial year 1995 at the rate of 33 per cent.

27. Corporation tax (small companies: 1995)

Resolved, That for the financial year 1995—

(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.

28. Corporation tax (distributions)

Resolved, That provision may be made as to the meaning of “distribution” for the purposes of the Corporation Tax Acts.

29. Change in ownership of investment company

Resolved, That charges to corporation tax may be imposed by provisions about cases where there is a change in the ownership of an investment company.
30. Insurance companies

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made for cases where companies carry on insurance business and in relation to transfers of insurance business between companies.

31. Open-ended investment companies

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to open-ended investment companies, to holdings in and assets of such companies and to transactions involving such companies.

32. Contractual savings schemes

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to contractual savings schemes.

33. Personal equity plans

Resolved, That provision may be made about plan managers of personal equity plans.

34. Enterprise investment scheme

Resolved, That provision may be made about the enterprise investment scheme.

35. Personal pension arrangements

Resolved, That provision may be made imposing a charge to tax on sums payable under approved personal pension arrangements.

36. Retirement benefits schemes

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about retirement benefits schemes.

37. Chargeable gains (de-grouping charges)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 179 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

38. Chargeable gains (roll-over relief: groups of companies)

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about roll-over relief in cases involving members of a group of companies.

39. Chargeable gains (roll-over relief on re-investment)

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about roll-over relief on re-investment.

40. Chargeable gains (corporate bonds)

Resolved, That provision may be made about the meaning of “corporate bond” for the purposes of section 117 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

41. Currency contracts

Resolved, That charges (including charges by reference to existing contracts) may be imposed by provisions amending section 175 of the Finance Act 1994.

42. Controlled foreign companies


43. Exchange gains and losses (general)

Resolved, That Chapter II of Part II of the Finance Act 1993 may be amended.

44. Exchange gains and losses (transitional)

Resolved, That provision may be made about disposals between companies with different commencement days for the purposes of section 165 of the Finance Act 1993.

45. Interest, etc. on certain debts

Resolved, That provision may be made extending the application of sections 63 to 66 of the Finance Act 1993.
46. Abolition of interest relief for commercially let property

Resolved, That provision may be made abolishing interest relief in respect of property that is commercially let.

47. MIRAS (recovery of certain amounts)

Resolved, That provision may be made for the recovery of amounts deducted by borrowers from payments of interest or paid to borrowers by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

48. Settlements and settlors

Resolved, That provision may be made about settlements and settlors.

49. Income of estates of deceased persons

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about the taxation as income of sums comprised in the estates of deceased persons.

50. Benefits in kind (cars available for private use)

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to cars available for private use.

51. Incapacity benefit

Resolved, That section 139 of the Finance Act 1994 shall have effect as follows—

(a) in subsection (5), for the definition of "initial period of incapacity" there shall be substituted—

"'initial period of incapacity', in relation to incapacity benefit, means any period for which short-term incapacity benefit is payable otherwise than at the higher rate; and"; and

(b) after that subsection there shall be inserted the following subsection—

"(6) The reference in subsection (5) above to short-term incapacity benefit payable at the higher rate shall be construed in accordance with sections 30B(5), 40(8) and 41(7) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and the corresponding provisions of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992."

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.

52. Short rotation coppice

Resolved, That provision may be made about short rotation coppice.

53. Trading stock on discontinuance of a trade

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 100 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

54. Change of residence

Resolved, That provision may be made about cases where a person who is engaged in carrying on a trade, profession or vocation ceases to be resident in the United Kingdom or becomes so resident.

55. Relief for pre-trading expenditure

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 401 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

56. Change of basis of assessment under Schedule D

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending, and with respect to the exploitation of, Schedule 20 to the Finance Act 1994.

57. Partnerships

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about the taxation of persons who carry on trades, professions or businesses in partnership.

58. Lloyd's underwriters (new style special reserve funds)

Resolved, That provision may be made deeming paragraph 2 of Schedule 20 to the Finance Act 1993 to have been enacted with a modification.
59. Capital allowances (sales, etc. of buildings and structures)

Resolved, That provision may be made, for the purposes of Part I of the Capital Allowances Act 1990, about arrangements affecting the value of an interest in a building or structure.

60. Petroleum revenue tax (unrelievable losses from abandoned fields)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 6 of the Oil Taxation Act 1975 with respect to cases where certain claims or elections for the allowance of expenditure are received by the Board on or after 29th November 1994.

61. Petroleum revenue tax (transfer of interests in oil fields)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending paragraph 7 of Schedule 17 to the Finance Act 1980 with respect to transfers of the whole or part of interests in oil fields on or after 29th November 1994.

62. Stamp duty (associated bodies)

Resolved, That provision may be made about stamp duty in relation to transactions between associated bodies.

63. Levy under section 13 of the Ports Act 1991

Resolved, That provision may be made about the assessment of the levy chargeable under section 13 of the Ports Act 1991.

64. 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 (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 the following provisions taking effect in a future year—

(a) provision about the deduction of tax from payments of interest in respect of deposits;
(b) provision about sub-contractors in the construction industry;
(c) provision about the policies which are to be qualifying policies under Schedule 15 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988;
(d) provision about persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom and the persons through whom they act;
(e) provision about the management of tax.

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—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums payable by the Secretary of State by virtue of provisions of that Act relating to vehicle excise and registration;
(b) the issue out of the National Loans Fund of sums required by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the payment of compensation in respect of tax deposits withdrawn for cash;
(c) any increase attributable to any provision of that Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under the Ports Act 1991.

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 Howard, Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr Secretary Gummer, Mr William Waldegrave, Mr Secretary Portillo, Mr Secretary Dorrell, Mr Jonathan Aitken, Sir George Young, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory and Mr Anthony Nelson do prepare and bring it in.

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

7 Public Expenditure.—The Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion relating to Public Expenditure, pursuant to Order [2nd December].

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the
spending plans announced in the Budget statement by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer on 29th November; congratulates Her Majesty's Government on its firm control over public expenditure, its drive for greater efficiency and economy in all areas of government, and its progress in reducing the share of national income taken by the public sector while improving key public services; and commends the Government's determination to maintain sound public finances—(Mr Andrew Mitchell); 

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'notes the real cuts in the Government's new spending plans set out in the Budget Statement presented by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer on 29th November, which are the result of the complete failure of Government policies to achieve either high employment or the basis for sustainable high economic growth; regrets the absence of any strategy for using public investment to help generate growth and employment, and the derisory progress made in attracting private finance to public projects; condemns the unacceptable cuts to key public services and public investment programmes, while forcing public sector workers to continue to pay the price of the Government's economic failure; and condemns the betrayal of election pledges which will savage transport and housing programmes, slash the employment budget, especially training, further reduce support for local authorities, and leave increasing numbers of fellow citizens in poverty', instead thereof.—(Mr Derek Foster.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 297*.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 325.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Wood: 324.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jim Dowd, Mrs Barbara Roche: 297.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved.—That this House welcomes the spending plans announced in the Budget statement by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer on 29th November; congratulates Her Majesty's Government on its firm control over public expenditure, its drive for greater efficiency and economy in all areas of government, and its progress in reducing the share of national income taken by the public sector while improving key public services; and commends the Government's determination to maintain sound public finances.

8 Divisions,—Mr Derek Conway and Mr Jon Owen Jones, Tellers in the Division this day on the Question, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Question (Public Expenditure), came to the Table and stated that they had erroneously reported the number of the Ayes as 279, instead of 297, which was the correct number.

Whereupon the Speaker directed the Clerk to correct the number in the Journal accordingly, viz.: Ayes 297, Noes 325.

9 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) constituents of Dagenham against use of overseas aid funds on the Chinese population control programmes; and

(2) constituents of Preston against deportation from the United Kingdom of Imtiaz Begum

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

10 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Andrew Mitchell);

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

[Adjourned at 12.17 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 6th December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Charities,—Charitable Institutions (Fund-Raising) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3024), dated 28th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Education,—(1) Education (Chief Inspector of Schools in Wales) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 2957), dated 24th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton]; and

   (2) Education (London Residuary Body) (Property Transfer) (Amendment) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3078), dated 5th December 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

4 Insurance,—Insurance Brokers Registration Council (Registration and Enrolment) (Amendment) Rules Approval Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3069), dated 1st December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


Other Papers:

7 Biological Standards,—Accounts of the National Biological Standards Board for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 77] [Clerk of the House].

8 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on criminal law: conspiracy to defraud [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11] [Mr John M. Taylor].

9 National Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of—

   (1) the National Library of Scotland, and

   (2) National Museums of Scotland

for 1993-94, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 76 and 78] [Clerk of the House].

10 Police Complaints Authority,—Accounts of the Police Complaints Authority for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 75] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Statutory Instruments,—Second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-ii] [Mr Richard Alexander].

2 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 1st and 6th December; to be printed [Nos. 79-i and -ii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].
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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Selection (see Appendix II).
3 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
4 European Standing Committee A,—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 6655/94, relating to training for maritime occupations (the “training of seafarers Directive”), 11496/93 and 7919/94, relating to a European vessel reporting system in Community waters, and 5841/94, relating to ship safety and control of pollution (the “port state control Directive”); endorses the Government’s agreement to the formal adoption of the training of seafarers Directive and to a common position on the port state control Directive; and welcomes the Government’s commendation to other Member States of Lord Donaldson’s report Safer Ships, Cleaner Seas (Cm 2560) as a valuable contribution to discussions on the proposed European vessel reporting system.
   Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
5 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Barry Jones reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 9400/92 and the unnumbered Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Home Office on 29th November, relating to the protection of personal data; recognises that the Council of Europe Convention on data protection provides an adequate framework for data protection within the Union; believes that the Commission proposal would impose significant unnecessary bureaucratic burdens and very heavy additional and unacceptable costs for data users in the United Kingdom; remains of the view that the Directive breaches the principle of subsidiarity as provided by Article 3b of the Treaty of Rome (as inserted by the Treaty on European Union); and supports the Government’s view that the case for a Community Directive on the lines proposed has not been made out.
   Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
6 European Communities (Finance) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the European Communities (Finance) Bill.
   (In the Committee)
   Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
   A Clause (Entry into force (own resources))—(Mr Andrew Smith)—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 Stephen Byers, Mr John Cummings: 259.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bowen Wells, Dr Liam Fox: 318.
   Another Clause (Entry into force (protection of financial interests))—(Ms Joyce Quin)—brought up, and read the first time.
   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.
   And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.
   The 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.
7 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the European Communities (Finance) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope).—It was agreed to.
8 European Communities (Finance) Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Communities (Finance) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Entry into force (Protection of financial interests)) be read a second time.

Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tessa Jowell, Mr John Cummings: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bowen Wells, Dr Liam Fox: 319.

Another Clause (House of Commons approval of subordinate action)—(Mr Nigel Spearing)—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 Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Austin Mitchell: 50.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 312.

Another Clause (Annual report to Parliament)—(Mr Peter Shore)—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 Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Austin Mitchell: 73.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 308.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Willetts, Mr Simon Burns: 295.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Ted Rowlands: 23.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

9 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Harrow West against Overseas Aid budget support for the Chinese population control programme was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.9 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 7th December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Set-Aside Access (Scotland) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3085), dated 5th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
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2 Education.—Education (London Residuary Body) (Property Transfer) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3105), dated 6th December 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

3 Housing.—Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3040), dated 28th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

4 Housing (Scotland).—Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3108), dated 5th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


6 Medicines.—Medicines (Products Other Than Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Amendment (No. 3) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3050), dated 29th November 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

7 Pensions.—Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3026), dated 29th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

8 Road Traffic.—Vehicle Licences (Duration of First Licences and Rate of Duty) (Amendment) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3095), dated 5th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

9 Universities and Colleges.—Education (University Commissioners) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3106), dated 6th December 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

Other Papers:

10 Gas Levy.—Account of the Gas Levy for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 82] [Clerk of the House].

11 Health Service Commissioner,—First Report of the Health Service Commissioner for Session 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 55] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

12 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 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 81] [Clerk of the House].

13 London Regional Transport.—Report of the London Regional Passengers Committee for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

14 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Overseas Development Administration: Management of Programme Aid [by Act]; to be printed [No. 68] [Clerk of the House].

15 National Library of Wales,—Accounts of the National Library of Wales for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 80] [Clerk of the House].

16 Next Steps,—Paper, entitled Next Steps Agencies Review 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2750] [Mr David Hunt].

17 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—Report and Accounts of the Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

18 Science and Technology,—Report of the Agricultural and Food Research Council for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr David Hunt].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1994, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr David Ashby, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Paul Boateng, Jean Corston, Mr John Fraser, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Peter Lloyd, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Mike O'Brien, Bridget Prentice, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Michael Spicer, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Timothy Wood.
2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1995 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Frank Cook, Mr Bill Etherington, Sir George Gardiner, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mildred Gordon, Sir Michael Grylls, Mr Nick Harvey, Mrs Helen Liddell, Sir Roger Moate, Sir Michael Neubert, Mr James Paice, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr John Spellar, Mr Cyril D. Townsend, Dr Ian Twinn and Mr Ray Whitney.

3 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Azerbaijan) Order 1994, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1994, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1994 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1994, viz.: Mr John Biffen, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Derek Conway, Cheryl Gillan, Mr Neil Hamilton, Lynne Jones, Mr Edward Leigh, Alice Mahon, Mr Alan Milburn, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Tim Sainsbury, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Sir George Young.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1994, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr John Denham, Mr Tim Devlin, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr Neil Gerrard, Sir Archibald Hamilton, Helen Jackson, Mr John McAllion, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Raymond S. Robertson, Mr Allan Stewart and Mr Mark Wolfson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 7th December; to be printed [No. 83-i] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—(1) Second Report from the Defence Committee [Defence Costs Study Follow-Up: Naval Stores Proposals], 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. 87];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 7th December to be printed [86-i]; and

(3) Memorandum laid before the Defence Committee [Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

3 Education,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 7th December; to be printed [No. 28-ii] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 European Legislation,—Second Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-ii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 7th December; to be printed [No. 17-iii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 7th December; to be printed [No. 37-iii] [Sir James Kilfedder].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 7th December; to be printed [No. 32-iii] [Mr James Pawsey].

8 Trade and Industry,—(1) Second Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The British Steel Industry]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 84];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 7th December; to be printed [No. 85-i]; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee;
[Mr Richard Caborn].

9 Transport,—(1) First Report from the Transport Committee [The Future of the Coastguard Service], 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. 89];
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 7th December; to be printed [No. 36-ii]
[Mr Paul Channon].

10 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 7th December; to be printed [No. 26-v] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

11 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 7th December; to be printed [No. 88].

MEMORANDA

1 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed—
(1) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of a substantive motion for the adjournment [on public expenditure];
(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1994;
(3) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Azerbaijan) Order 1994, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1994, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1994 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1994;
(4) Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1995 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1995;
(5) Mr Iain Mills 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 1994;
(6) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 4195/94, relating to food hygiene for milk and milk products; and
(7) Sir David Knox Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 9101/94, relating to the generalised scheme of preferences.

2 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referrals have been made:
(1) European Community Documents Nos. 8600/94, relating to the ecological quality of water, and 8962/94, relating to the future policy of the fruit and vegetable régime, to European Standing Committee A; and
(2) the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by H.M. Treasury on 23rd November 1994, relating to the European Court of Auditors’ annual report for the financial year 1993, together with the replies from the Institutions, to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 17.]

Thursday 8th December 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.
Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 15th December.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Liaison.—Sir Terence 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 first allotted day in the present Session).

That a day not later than 6th February be allotted for the consideration of the following Winter Supplementary Estimate for the financial year 1994-95 and the following Vote on Account for the financial year 1995-96:

1. Winter Supplementary Estimates, Class XIII, Vote 4, Department of Social Security: administration and miscellaneous services, in so far as it relates to the Child Support Agency and the operation of the Child Support Act;

2. Vote on Account, Class XIX, Vote 4, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners: in so far as it relates to the powers, work and jurisdiction of the Ombudsman;

and that debate on the first Estimate be concluded not later than three hours after its commencement.

Report to lie upon the Table.

5 Safety at Sea.—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. 6655/94, relating to training for maritime occupations (the 'training of seafarers Directive'), 11496/93 and 7919/94, relating to a European vessel reporting system in Community waters, and 5841/94, relating to ship safety and control of pollution (the 'port state control Directive'); endorses the Government's agreement to the formal adoption of the training of seafarers Directive and to a common position on the port state control Directive; and welcomes the Government's commendation to other Member States of Lord Donaldson's report Safer Ships, Cleaner Seas (Cm 2560) as a valuable contribution to discussions on the proposed European vessel reporting system—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.

6 Protection of Personal Data.—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. 9400/92 and the unnumbered Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Home Office on 29th November, relating to the protection of personal data; recognises that the Council of Europe Convention on data protection provides an adequate framework for data protection within the Union; believes that the Commission proposal would impose significant unnecessary bureaucratic burdens and very heavy additional and unacceptable costs for data users in the United Kingdom; remains of the view that the Directive breaches the principle of subsidiarity as provided by Article 3b of the Treaty of Rome (as inserted by the Treaty on European Union); and supports the Government's view that the case for a Community Directive on the lines proposed has not been made out—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.

7 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Pembrokeshire for respect for the Government's 1979 undertaking on the Cleddau bridge was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.5 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 8th December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—Draft Cleveland (Structural Change) Order 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Consumer Protection,—Motor Vehicle Tyres (Safety) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3117), dated 7th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

4 Ecclesiastical Law,—Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3118), dated 29th November 1994 [by Measure] [Clerk of the House].

5 Health and Safety,—Simple Pressure Vessels (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3098), dated 5th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

6 Insurance,—(1) Insurance Companies (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3132), and

   (2) Insurance Companies (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3133), dated 7th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

7 Local Government,—Local Government Changes for England (Collection Fund Surpluses and Deficits) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3115), dated 7th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

8 Medicines,—Medical Devices (Consequential Amendments—Medicines) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3119), dated 7th December 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

9 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners and Others) (Rate of Interest) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3049), dated 29th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

10 Plant Health,—(1) Plant Health (Forestry) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3094), and

   (2) Treatment of Spruce Bark (Amendment) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3093), dated 1st December 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

11 Telecommunications,—Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (Amendment and Extension) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3129), dated 7th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


Other Papers:

13 British Library,—Report of the British Library for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

14 Census (Scotland),—Supplement to the Report of the General Register Office Scotland on Household and Family Composition (10 per cent) for the 1991 Census [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

15 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Military Survey Defence Agency for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 2] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

16 Prisons (Northern Ireland),—Report on the work of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 1993-94 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 30] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 8th December; to be printed [No. 20-iii] [Mrs Marion Roe].
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from constituents of Brentwood and Ongar against the proposed closure of the Blood Transfusion Centre at Brentwood was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

4 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 12th December, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Greg Knight relating to the Committee of Privileges not later than one and a half hours after their commencement, and the said Motion may be entered upon and proceeded with, though opposed, at any hour.—(Mr Andrew MacKay.)

5 Ways and Means,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 13th December, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Ways and Means Motions in the name of Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer not later than Ten o'clock.—(Mr Andrew MacKay.)

6 Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Speaker shall—

(1) at the sitting on Wednesday 14th December, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business)—

(i) not later than Seven o'clock put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Gummer relating to the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) Regulations 1994 and the draft Water Undertakers, Railways, British Waterways Board and Telecommunications Industry, Electricity Supply Industry, Docks and Harbours, and British Gas plc (Rateable Values) Orders 1994; and

(ii) not later than Ten o'clock put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to the Common Fisheries Policy; and

(2) at the sitting on Monday 19th December put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to Sittings of the House (Private Members' Business), Consolidation, &c., Bills and Law Commission Bills, Money Resolutions and Ways and Means Resolutions, Statutory Instruments, &c., and European Community Documents, and Short Speeches not later than Ten o'clock; and those Questions shall include the Questions on any amendments to those Motions which she may have selected and which may then be moved.—(Mr Andrew MacKay.)

7 Consolidated Fund Bill,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 15th December, any Consolidated Fund Bill ordered to be brought in and read the first time shall be proceeded with as if the second reading thereof stood as first order of the day, and Standing Order No. 54 (Consolidated Fund Bills) shall apply.—(Mr Andrew MacKay.)

8 Sittings of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Friday 16th December, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until she has notified the Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr Andrew MacKay.)

9 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That Sir Donald Thompson be discharged from the Accommodation and Works Committee and Mr Sydney Chapman be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
10 Members' Interests.—Ordered, That Mr Bob Dunn be discharged from the Select Committee on Members' Interests and Mr James Clapison be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay.)

11 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That Estelle Morris be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills and Mr Eddie Loyden be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay.)

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew MacKay.)

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

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 9th December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—(1) Agricultural Processing and Marketing Grant Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3137), dated 7th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave];

(2) Beef Special Premium (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3131), dated 8th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave]; and

(3) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Scotland) Orders Amendment Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3067), dated 29th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3071), dated 1st December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

3 Coal Industry,—Opencast Coal (Compulsory Rights, Drainage and Rights of Way) (Forms) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3097), dated 2nd December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

4 Education (Scotland),—(1) Education (European Community Enlargement) (Scotland) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3148), dated 7th December 1994, and

(2) Self-Governing Schools (Suspension of Proposals) (Scotland) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3149), dated 5th December 1994

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 Energy Conservation,—(1) Boiler (Efficiency) (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3083), and

(2) Energy Information (Refrigerators and Freezers) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3076),

dated 2nd December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

6 European Communities,—Highlands and Islands Agricultural Programme Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3096), dated 5th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


9 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3136), dated 8th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].

   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


13 Magistrates’ Courts,—Licensing (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3103), dated 5th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

14 Medical Profession,—Vocational Training for General Medical Practice (European Requirements) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3130), dated 8th December 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

15 Medicines,—(1) Marketing Authorisations for Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3142), dated 5th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave];
   (2) Medicines for Human Use (Marketing Authorisations Etc.) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3144), dated 8th December 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley]; and

16 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3038), dated 25th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

   (2) Police (Special Constables) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3039), dated 28th November 1994
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

18 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Central Rating Lists Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3121), dated 7th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer];
   (2) Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (England) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3139), dated 8th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer];
   (3) Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3146), dated 7th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang];
   (4) Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3125), dated 8th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];
   (5) Non-Domestic Rating (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3122), dated 7th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer]; and
   (6) Non-Domestic Rating (Railways, Telecommunications and Canals) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3123) dated 7th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

19 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Etc,—Parental Order Register (Form of Entry) (Scotland) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3147), dated 5th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

20 Miscellaneous (No. 44, 1994),—Agreement, done at New York on 28th July 1994, relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10th December 1982, together with the GA Resolution 48/263 [by Command] [Cm. 2705] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

21 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of Education: management of office space [by Act]; to be printed [No. 72] [Clerk of the House].
[No. 19.]

Monday 12th December 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1. Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2. Select Committees (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 Maximum Number of Judges Order 1994, referred to a Committee on 29th November. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 92].
4. Health Authorities Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health Authorities Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
   An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Health Authorities Bill; notes widespread concern over future provision of cancer screening services, the independence of regional public health directors and the delivery of medical education for doctors; fears that claims for reduced bureaucracy and savings to public funds will prove ill-founded; and believes that far from completing the NHS reforms the Bill fails to address the problems of hospital closures, waiting lists over one million, commercialisation of trusts, a two-tier service with general practitioner fundholding and the fragmentation of a National Health Service into hundreds of health businesses', instead thereof.—(Margaret Beckett.)
   And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Geoffrey Hoon: 267.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 308.
   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.
5. Health Authorities Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Health Authorities Bill [Money];
   Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Health Authorities Bill, it is expedient to authorise—
   (1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any expenditure of the Secretary of State under the Act, and—
   (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act, and
   (2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums received by the Secretary of State by virtue of the Act.—(Mr Gerald Malone.)
6. Privileges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr Tony Benn be discharged from the Committee of Privileges—(Mr Tony Newton);
   And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [9th December].
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Michael Bates: 181.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Ronnie Campbell: 52.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   Ordered, That Mr Tony Benn be discharged from the Committee of Privileges.

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7. 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 [8th December] from the Liaison Committee—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.
8 Education,—Ordered, That Mr Dennis Turner be discharged from the Education Committee and Mr Greg Pope be added to the Committee.—(Mr Don Dixon, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Health,—Ordered, That Tessa Jowell be discharged from the Health Committee and Mr John Austin-Walker be added to the Committee.—(Mr Don Dixon, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Stephen Byers and Mrs Barbara Roche be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Mr John Hutton and Ms Janet Anderson be added to the Committee.—(Mr Don Dixon, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Jim Marshall be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Mr Thomas McAvoy be added to the Committee.—(Mr Don Dixon, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Social Security,—Ordered, That Mr Jimmy Wray be discharged from the Social Security Committee and Mr Malcolm Wicks be added to the Committee.—(Mr Don Dixon, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Friends of Buckinghamshire against the recommendations of the Local Government Commission for the county 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 Bowen Wells.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.29 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 9th December 1994 pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3055), dated 29th November 1994 [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

Monday 12th December 1994
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) Order 1994, and
(2) draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) Regulations 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Magistrates’ Courts,—(1) Family Proceedings Courts (Children Act 1989) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3156), and


Other Papers:

7 National Heritage (Scotland),—Report of the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh for 1st April 1991 to 31st March 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
8 Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation.—Report and Accounts of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 1993 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers withdrawn:

9 Rating and Valuation.—(1) Draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) Order 1994, and

(2) draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) Regulations 1994
[laid 2nd December].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts.—(1) Second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Sports Council: Initiatives to improve Financial Management and Control and Value for Money], 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. 93];

(2) Third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Merseyside Development Corporation: Grand Regatta Columbus and Fanfare for a New World Concert]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 94]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 12th December; to be printed [No. 95-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury and Civil Service.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 12th December; to be printed [No. 79-iv] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the European Communities (Finance) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 20.]

Tuesday 13th December 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 British Waterways Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the British Waterways Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Bill to be read the third time.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Azerbaijan) Order 1994, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1994, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1994 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1994, referred to a Committee on 29th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 96].

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1995 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1995, referred to a Committee on 23rd November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 98].
6 European Standing Committee A.—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution: That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 4195/94, relating to food hygiene for milk and milk products; and endorses the line that the Government is taking in seeking a satisfactory outcome on the issues of somatic cell counts and double pasteurisation.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

7 European Standing Committee B.—Sir David Knox reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution: That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 9101/94, relating to the Generalised Scheme of Preferences; and supports the Government’s view that, whilst the review of the GSP is to be welcomed, the draft Regulation will require some amendments.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

8 Ways and Means.—Value added tax (fuel and power).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That—

(1) The Value Added Tax Act 1994 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In section 2 (rate of VAT) in subsection (1) the words “and paragraph 7 of Schedule 13” shall be omitted, and the following subsections shall be inserted after that subsection—

“(1A) VAT charged on—

(a) any supply for the time being falling within paragraph 1 of Schedule A1; or

(b) any equivalent acquisition or importation,

shall be charged at the rate of 8 per cent.

(1B) The reference in subsection (1A) above to an equivalent acquisition or importation, in relation to any supply for the time being falling within paragraph 1 of Schedule A1, is a reference (as the case may be) to—

(a) any acquisition from another member State of goods the supply of which would be such a supply; or

(b) any importation from a place outside the member States of any such goods.

(1C) The Treasury may by order vary Schedule A1 by adding to or deleting from it any description of supply for the time being specified in it or by varying any other provision for the time being contained in it.”

(3) The following Schedule shall be inserted immediately before Schedule 1—

“SCHEDULE A1
Charge at Reduced Rate
The supplies

1.—(1) The supplies falling within this paragraph are supplies for qualifying use of—

(a) coal, coke or other solid substances held out for sale solely as fuel;

(b) coal gas, water gas, producer gases or similar gases;

(c) petroleum gases, or other gaseous hydrocarbons, whether in a gaseous or liquid state;

(d) fuel oil, gas oil or kerosene; or

(e) electricity, heat or air-conditioning.

(2) In this paragraph “qualifying use” means—

(a) domestic use; or

(b) use by a charity otherwise than in the course or furtherance of a business.

(3) Where there is a supply of goods partly for qualifying use and partly not—

(a) if at least 60 per cent. of the goods are supplied for qualifying use, the whole supply shall be treated as a supply for qualifying use; and

(b) in any other case, an apportionment shall be made to determine the extent to which the supply is a supply for qualifying use.
Interpretation

2. For the purposes of this Schedule the following supplies are always for domestic use—

(a) a supply of not more than one tonne of coal or coke held out for sale as domestic fuel;

(b) a supply of wood, peat or charcoal not intended for sale by the recipient;

(c) a supply to a person at any premises of piped gas (that is, gas within paragraph 1(1)(b) above, or petroleum gas in a gaseous state, provided through pipes) where the gas (together with any other piped gas provided to him at the premises by the same supplier) was not provided at a rate exceeding 150 therms a month or, if the supplier charges for the gas by reference to the number of kilowatt hours supplied, 4397 kilowatt hours a month;

(d) a supply of petroleum gas in a liquid state where the gas is supplied in cylinders the net weight of each of which is less than 50 kilogrammes and either the number of cylinders supplied is 20 or fewer or the gas is not intended for sale by the recipient;

(e) a supply of petroleum gas in a liquid state, otherwise than in cylinders, to a person at any premises at which he is not able to store more than two tonnes of such gas;

(f) a supply of not more than 2,300 litres of fuel oil, gas oil or kerosene;

(g) a supply of electricity to a person at any premises where the electricity (together with any other electricity provided to him at the premises by the same supplier) was not provided at a rate exceeding 1000 kilowatt hours a month.

3. (1) For the purposes of this Schedule supplies not within paragraph 2 above are for domestic use if and only if the goods supplied are for use in—

(a) a building, or part of a building, which consists of a dwelling or number of dwellings;

(b) a building, or part of a building, used for a relevant residential purpose;

(c) self-catering holiday accommodation;

(d) a caravan; or

(e) a houseboat.

(2) For the purposes of this Schedule use for a relevant residential purpose means use as—

(a) a home or other institution providing residential accommodation for children;

(b) a home or other institution providing residential accommodation with personal care for persons in need of personal care by reason of old age, disablement, past or present dependence on alcohol or drugs or past or present mental disorder;

(c) a hospice;

(d) residential accommodation for students or school pupils;

(e) residential accommodation for members of any of the armed forces;

(f) a monastery, nunnery or similar establishment; or

(g) an institution which is the sole or main residence of at least 90 per cent. of its residents,

except use as a hospital, a prison or similar institution or an hotel or inn or similar establishment.

(3) For the purposes of this Schedule self-catering holiday accommodation includes any accommodation advertised or held out as such.

(4) In this Schedule “houseboat” means a boat or other floating decked structure designed or adapted for use solely as a place of permanent habitation and not having means of, or capable of being readily adapted for, self-propulsion.

4. (1) Paragraph 1(1)(a) above shall be deemed to include combustible materials put up for sale for kindling fires but shall not include matches.
(2) Paragraph 1(1)(b) and (c) above shall not include any road fuel gas (within the meaning of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979) on which a duty of excise has been charged or is chargeable.

(3) Paragraph 1(1)(d) above shall not include hydrocarbon oil on which a duty of excise has been or is to be charged without relief from, or rebate of, such duty by virtue of the provisions of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.

(4) In this Schedule “fuel oil” means heavy oil which contains in solution an amount of asphaltenes of not less than 0.5 per cent. or which contains less than 0.5 per cent. but not less than 0.1 per cent. of asphaltenes and has a closed flash point not exceeding 150°C.

(5) In this Schedule “gas oil” means heavy oil of which not more than 50 per cent. by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding 240°C and of which more than 50 per cent. by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding 340°C.

(6) In this Schedule “kerosene” means heavy oil of which more than 50 per cent. by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding 240°C.

(7) In this Schedule “heavy oil” shall have the same meaning as in the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.”

(4) In section 97 (orders etc.) in subsection (4) (orders requiring approval) the following paragraph shall be inserted immediately before paragraph (a)—

“(aa) an order under section 2(1C);”.

(5) In Schedule 13 (transitional provisions and savings) paragraph 7 (fuel and power) shall be omitted.

(6) This Resolution shall apply in relation to any supply made on or after 1st April 1995 and any acquisition or importation taking place on or after that date.

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 7, to leave out the words ‘for the time being’.—(Mr Gordon Brown.)

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

And it being Ten o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [9th December].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Joe Benton: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 317.

So the Question was negatived.

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

2. Spirits (rate)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In section 5 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 for “£19.81” there shall be substituted “£20.60”.

(2) This Resolution shall come into force on 1st January 1995.

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 Sydney Chapman, Mr David Lightbown: 317.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Joe Benton: 275.

So the Question was agreed to.

3. Beer (rate)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In section 36(1) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 for “£10.45” there shall be substituted “£10.82”.

(2) This Resolution shall come into force on 1st January 1995.
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 Timothy Wood, Mr Michael Bates: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Joe Benton: 270.

So the Question was agreed to.

4. Cider (rate)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 62(1) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 for “£22.82” there shall be substituted “£23.78”.

(2) This Resolution shall come into force on 1st January 1995.

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

5. Wine and made-wine (rates) (No. 2)

Resolved, That the Resolution of the House (wine and made-wine (rates)) of 6th December shall have effect—

(a) with the substitution for 22.46, 40.44, 134.77 and 19.81 of 23.41, 42.14, 140.44 and 20.60 respectively;

(b) with the substitution for 192.53 (in each place) of 200.64.

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. Tobacco products (rates) (No. 2)

Resolved, That as respects any time after 31st December 1994 the Resolution of the House (tobacco products (rates)) of 6th December shall have effect with the substitution for £55.58, £82.56 and £36.30 of £57.64, £85.61 and £37.64 respectively.

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. Hydrocarbon oil (rates) (No. 2)

The Question being put, That as respects any time after 31st December 1994 the Resolution of the House (hydrocarbon oil (rates)) of 6th December shall have effect with the substitution for £0.3526 and £0.3044 of £0.3614 and £0.3132 respectively.

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 Timothy Wood, Mr Michael Bates: 302.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Andrew Welsh: 37.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—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 Maximum Number of Judges Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell).—It was agreed to.

10 Privileges,—Ordered, That Mr Stanley Orme be added to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

11 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Andrew Mitchell);

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then Twenty-six minutes past Eleven o’clock.

[Adjourned at 11.26 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 13th December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Medical Profession,—General Medical Council (Constitution of Fitness to Practise Committees) (Amendment No. 2) Rules Order of Council 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3171), dated 12th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

2 Medicines,—Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Pharmacy and Merchants' List) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3169), dated 12th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

3 Telecommunications,—Telecommunication Meters (Approval Fees) (BABT) (Amendment) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3163), dated 12th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:

4 Asylum and Immigration,—Report of the Independent Monitor of Entry Clearance Refusals for the period 26th July 1993 to 31st December 1993 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Statements by the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary of State for Wales on—
   (1) residential care of handicapped persons under the age of 65 in England and Wales, and
   (2) the separation of younger from older patients in hospitals
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 33 and 29] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

6 Deer (Scotland),—Report of the Red Deer Commission for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7 Export of Works of Art,—Report of the Reviewing Committee on the export of works of art for the period 1st July 1992 to 30th June 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2710] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


9 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Report of the Council on Tribunals for 1993-94 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 22] [Mr John M. Taylor].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education,—(1) First Report from the Education Committee [Educational Provision for the Under Fives], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 74]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No. 28-iii].
   [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No.97] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No. 36-iii] [Mr Paul Channon].

MEMORANDUM

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Health Authorities Bill to Standing Committee A.
2 Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed

(1) Mr Roger Sims and Mr Barry Jones Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Health Authorities Bill;
(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 11061/94 relating to reform of the agri-monetary system; and
(3) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 8077/94 and 8929/94 relating to action against drugs and prevention of drug dependence.

3 European Standing Committees,—European Community Document No. 11061/94, relating to reform of the agri-monetary system, has been referred to European Standing Committee A in place of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 28th November, which was referred on 30th November.

[No. 21.]

Wednesday 14th December 1994.

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 1993-94 of—

(1) the total number of Questions to Ministers or other Members which stood on the Order Paper, distinguishing those set down for oral answer, written answer on a named day 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 the 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 (Time and manner of presenting petitions).—(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 1993-94 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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and (2) in Standing Committees under the following heads:

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

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

(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 1993-94 of—

(A) the numbers of Instruments subject to the different forms of parliamentary procedure and those for which no parliamentary procedure is prescribed by statute (1) laid before the House; and (2) considered by the Joint Committee and Select Committee on Statutory Instruments respectively pursuant to their orders of reference, 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

(B) 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 paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.).—(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 1993-94 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 1993-94 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 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 1993-94 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 1993-94 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 1993-94 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 (European Standing Committees) 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
paragraph 3 of Standing Order No. 94 (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 1993-94 of information and 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 (see Appendix I).

11 Selection (see Appendix II).

12 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

13 European Standing Committee A.—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee A, That the Committee had come to no Resolution in respect of European Community Document No. 11061/94, relating to the Common Agricultural Policy agrimonetary system.

Report to lie upon the Table.

14 European Standing Committee B.—Mr Norman Hogg reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of and welcomes European Community Documents Nos. 8077/94 and 8929/94, relating to drugs and public health; recognises the importance of effective action by the European Union against illicit drug trafficking and drug misuse; and supports the Government’s view that the proposals should be refined and improved within the mechanisms set up under the Treaty on European Union.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

15 Privileges,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Privileges on 14th December be printed [No. 107].

16 Home Energy Conservation Bill.—Diana Maddock, supported by Mr Tim Yeo, Mr John McAllion, Mr David Rendel, Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr A. Cecil Walker, Sir Richard Body, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Mr Malcolm Wicks and Mr Gary Waller, presented a Bill to make provision for the drawing up of energy conservation plans and priorities for residential properties in their areas in order to secure more efficient and effective use of natural resources; to give the Secretary of State powers to set timetables for such plans and for works arising from them; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 8].

17 Activity Centres (Young Persons’ Safety) Bill,—Mr David Jamieson, supported by Mr Win Griffiths, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Glenda Jackson, Ms Harriet Harman, Sir Malcolm Thornton, Mr Andrew Miller, Tessa Jowell, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr David Porter, Mr Robert Hicks and Mr Peter Kilfoyle, presented a Bill to provide for the regulation of centres and providers of facilities where children and young persons under the age of 18 engage in adventure activities and for the establishment of prescribed minimum standards of safety in the provision of such activities and the maintenance and use of equipment and premises for the purpose of such activities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 27th January and to be printed [Bill 9].

18 Proceeds of Crime Bill,—Sir John Hannam, supported by Sir Ivan Lawrence, Ann Coffey, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Michael Shersby, Mr James Clappison, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Anthony Steen and Mr Michael Stern, presented a Bill to make further provision for and in relation to the recovery of the proceeds of criminal conduct; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd February and to be printed [Bill 10].

19 Tobacco Products Labelling Bill,—Mr Terry Lewis, supported by Mr Kevin Barron, Sir Peter Emery, Mr Hugh Bayley, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Gerald Kaufmann, Alice Mahon, Mr Eric Illesly, Mrs Edwina Currie and Tessa Jowell, presented a Bill to require warnings and information carried on packets containing tobacco products to be displayed more prominently: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th February and to be printed [Bill 11].

20 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill,—Mr Harry Barnes, supported by Mr Alfred Morris, Mr Roger Berry, Mr David Alton, Mr Dafydd Wigley, Mrs Margaret Ewing, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Seamus Mallon, The Reverend Ian Paisley, Sir James Kilfedder, Sir
Richard Body and Mr Gordon McMaster, presented a Bill to make it unlawful to discriminate against disabled persons in respect of employment and in other circumstances and to establish a Disability Rights Commission; to make provision for access to polling stations and voting by disabled persons; to place certain duties on local authorities, education authorities and other bodies in relation to disabled persons; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th February and to be printed [Bill 12].

21 Referendum Bill,—Mrs Teresa Gorman, supported by Sir Richard Body, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Tony Marlow, Mr Richard Shepherd, Sir Teddy Taylor and Mr John Wilkinson, presented a Bill to provide for the holding of a referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th February and to be printed [Bill 13].

22 Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill,—Mr John McFall, supported by Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Ron Davies, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Simon Hughes, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Edward O'Hara, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Roger Gale, Mrs Margaret Ewing and Helen Liddell, presented a Bill to make provision for the protection of wild mammals from being taken, killed or injured by the use of dogs and snares and from certain other cruel acts; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 14].

23 Referendum (Single Currency) Bill,—Mr Nicholas Budgen presented a Bill to provide for the holding of a referendum on whether the United Kingdom Government should continue to work towards a single currency within the European Union: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th February and to be printed [Bill 15].

24 Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill,—Mr Oliver Heald, supported by Mr A. J. Beith, Mr John Butterfill, Mr John Greenway, Mr Jacques Clappison, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Peter Butler, Mr Nigel Evans and Mr Edward Garnier, presented a Bill to provide for the maintenance by insurance companies of reserves in respect of certain classes of business; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 27th January and to be printed [Bill 16].

25 Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill,—Mr Malcolm Wicks, supported by Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Tom Clarke, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Frank Field, Mr Alan Howarth, Tessa Jowell, Mr Archy Kirkwood, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Rachel Squire and Mr Dafydd Wigley, presented a Bill to provide for the assessment of the needs of carers and for the provision of services to them by social services authorities: and to amend the law relating to the definition of the term "private carer"; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 17].

26 Road Traffic (New Drivers) Bill,—Dr Michael Clark, supported by Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Richard Page, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Michael Lord, Mr Robert Key, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Nick Hawkins, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr Churchill, Mr Malcolm Bruce and Mr Stuart Bell, presented a Bill to make provision about newly qualified drivers who commit certain offences, including provision with respect to tests of competence to drive: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd February and to be printed [Bill 18].

27 Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Gordon McMaster, supported by Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Jimmy Durnachie, Mr Brian H. Donholm, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mrs Margaret Ewing and Mr Bill Walker, presented a Bill to make further provision in respect of emergencies or disasters occurring in Scotland as a result of accidents or natural causes and involving destruction of or danger to life and property: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th February and to be printed [Bill 19].

28 Olympic Symbol Etc. (Protection) Bill,—Mr Nicholas Winterton, supported by Sir Terence Higgins, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Tom Pendry, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr John Maxton, Mr Toby Jessel, Kate Hoey and The Reverend Martin Smyth, presented a Bill to make provision about the use for commercial purposes of the Olympic Symbol and certain words associated with the Olympic Games; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd February and to be printed [Bill 20].
Tobacco Smoking (Public Places) Bill,—Tessa Jowell, supported by The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Alice Mahon, Mr George Foulkes, Mr Kevin Barron, Dr Tony Wright, Mr Peter Luff, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Roger Sims, Mr Terry Lewis and Mr Simon Hughes, presented a Bill to control smoking in public places and to make provision with regard to smoking and employment; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th February and to be printed [Bill 21].

Protection of Animals Bill,—Mr Tony Banks, supported by Mr Elliot Morley, Mr David Amess, Mr Alan Meale, Sir Teddy Taylor, Diana Maddock, Mr Harry Cohen, Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr John McFall, Mr Paul Flynn and Sir Andrew Bowden, presented a Bill to make further provision for the protection of animals; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 22].

Transport of Animals for Slaughter Bill,—Mr Bill Olner, supported by Mr Elliot Morley, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Harry Greenway, Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Michael Stephen, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Nigel Jones and Ann Coffey, presented a Bill to prohibit the export of live animals for slaughter and in certain other circumstances; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th February and to be printed [Bill 23].

Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill,—Lady Olga Maitland, supported by Sir Ivan Lawrence, Sir David Mitchell, Mr Michael Shersby, Mr Michael Stephen, Mr David Amess, Mr Hartley Booth, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva and Dr Robert Spink, presented a Bill to make provision, by the creation of an offence and the conferring of powers of entry, for the punishment and return to lawful custody of persons unlawfully at large: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th February and to be printed [Bill 24].

Charities (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Ray Whitney, supported by Sir Peter Hordern, Mr Frank Field, Mr Jerry Hayes, Sir David Knox, Mr Peter Luff, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Roger Sims, and Dame Jill Knight, presented a Bill to make provision for the treatment of two or more charities as a single charity for all or any of the purposes of the Charities Act 1993: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 27th January and to be printed [Bill 25].

Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill,—Mr Harold Elletson, supported by Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr John Sykes, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr David Porter, and Mr Gyles Brandreth, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the fouling of land by dogs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th February and to be printed [Bill 26].

Protection of Calves (Export) Bill,—Mr Eric Marrlew, supported by Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Gerry Steinberg and Mr Keith Bradley, presented a Bill to prohibit the export of calves where, after such export, they are to be housed or fed in a manner 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 3rd February and to be printed [Bill 27].

Rating and Valuation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) Regulations 1994, which were laid before this House on 12th December, be approved—(Mr Robert B. Jones); And it being Seven o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [9th December]:—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions which he was required to put at that hour.

Rating and Valuation,—Resolved, That the draft Water Undertakers (Rateable Values) Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved—(Mr Robert B. Jones).

Rating and Valuation,—Resolved, That the draft Railways (Rateable Values) Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved—(Mr Robert B. Jones).

Rating and Valuation,—Resolved, That the draft British Waterways Board and Telecommunications Industry (Rateable Values) Revocation Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved—(Mr Robert B. Jones).

Rating and Valuation,—Resolved, That the draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 12th December, be approved—(Mr Robert B. Jones).

Rating and Valuation,—Resolved, That the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved—(Mr Robert B. Jones).
Rating and Valuation.—Resolved, That the draft British Gas plc (Rateable Values) Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved—(Mr Robert B. Jones.)

37 Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 8th December 1994, relating to the renewal of fishing arrangements for vessels from European Community countries other than Spain and Portugal in Spanish and Portuguese waters, and for Portuguese vessels in the waters of those other countries and relating to European Community quotas for 1995 in the waters of Guyana; on 12th December 1994, relating to proposals for reciprocal access and 1995 quotas in the Baltic (with Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland and Russia) and with the Faroe Islands; proposals allocating European Community quotas for 1995 in the waters of Iceland and Greenland, and a proposal fixing catch possibilities in 1995 for North West Atlantic Fisheries Organisation waters; and on 13th December 1994, relating to total allowable catches for 1995 and proposals fixing 1995 opportunities and reciprocal arrangements relating to Norway; and supports the Government’s intention to negotiate the best possible fishing opportunities, and to protect the interests of British fishermen in these negotiations and in those providing for the integration of Spain and Portugal in the Common Fisheries Policy—(Mr Michael Jack);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 13, to leave out from the word ‘Norway’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘supports the industry in its opposition to government policy on days at sea restrictions; calls on the Government to ensure that the UK fishing industry does not lose fishing opportunities in order to accommodate Spanish and Portuguese vessels; urges that there should be no increase in Spanish and Portuguese fishing effort in UK waters and that access should be confined to vessels with a historic trade record in UK waters; recognises the importance of the Irish Box to protect threatened stocks and believes that it must be replaced with comparable measures which take into account the historic rights of established fishing communities and their traditional fishing patterns; recognises the pressure on fish stocks in UK waters and the need for a sustainable policy based on effective conservation measures; and calls on the Government to do all in its power to secure the effective enforcement by all member states of Common Fisheries Policy conservation measures’, instead thereof. (Dr Gavin Strang.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr Joe Benton: 270.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 298.
So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 8th December 1994, relating to the renewal of fishing arrangements for vessels from European Community countries other than Spain and Portugal in Spanish and Portuguese waters, and for Portuguese vessels in the waters of those other countries and relating to European Community quotas for 1995 in the waters of Guyana; on 12th December 1994, relating to proposals for reciprocal access and 1995 quotas in the Baltic (with Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland and Russia) and with the Faroe Islands; proposals allocating European Community quotas for 1995 in the waters of Iceland and Greenland, and a proposal fixing catch possibilities in 1995 for North West Atlantic Fisheries Organisation waters; and on 13th December 1994, relating to total allowable catches for 1995 and proposals fixing 1995 opportunities and reciprocal arrangements relating to Norway; and supports the Government’s intention to negotiate the best possible fishing opportunities, and to protect the interests of British fishermen in these negotiations and in those providing for the integration of Spain and Portugal in the Common Fisheries Policy.

38 Generalised Scheme of Preferences.—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. 9101/94, relating to the Generalised Scheme of Preferences; and supports the Government’s view that, whilst the review of the GSP is to be welcomed, the draft Regulation will require some amendments—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

39 Food Hygiene: Milk and Milk 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. 4195/94, relating to food hygiene for milk and milk products; and endorses the line that the Government is taking in seeking a satisfactory outcome on the issues of somatic cell counts and double pasteurisation—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.
40 Agrimonetary System.—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. 11061/94, relating to the Common Agricultural Policy agrimonetary system; and supports the Government’s intention of seeking to negotiate agrimonetary arrangements which do not impose undue costs on the European Community budget nor unnecessary burdens on traders in agricultural products—(Mr Timothy Wood);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Joe Benton: 251.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 11061/94, relating to the Common Agricultural Policy agrimonetary system; and supports the Government’s intention of seeking to negotiate agrimonetary arrangements which do not impose undue costs on the European Community budget nor unnecessary burdens on traders in agricultural products.

41 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—(1) residents of Wellingborough against the provision of overseas aid funds to the Chinese Population Control Programme; and

(2) Delyn Friends of the Earth for legislation to protect sites of special scientific interest were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.2 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 14th December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—(1) Habitat (Broadleaved Woodland) (Wales) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3099),

(2) Habitat (Coastal Belt) (Wales) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3101),

(3) Habitat (Species-Rich Grassland) (Wales) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3102), and

(4) Habitat (Water Fringe) (Wales) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3100), dated 12th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].


4 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—District Probate Registries (Amendment No. 2) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3079), dated 1st December 1994 [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].

Other Papers:

5 Employment,—Paper, entitled resolving employment rights disputes: options for reform [by Command] [Cm. 2707] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

6 Food Safety,—Food Safety Act 1990 Code of Practice No.17: Enforcement of the Meat Products (Hygiene) Regulations 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Second Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1994-95, on access to official information: the first eight months [by Act]; to be printed [No. 91] [Clerk of the House].
8 Superannuation.—(1) Civil Service Supplementary (Earnings Cap) Pension Scheme 1994, and
   (2) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1994 (No. 1)
   [by Act] [Sir George Young].

9 Treaty Series (No. 30, 1994).—Second supplementary list of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc., for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2708] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 Treaty Series (No. 57, 1994).—Notes exchanged at Washington on 11th March 1994 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America concerning airport user charges, further amending the agreement for air services, done at Bermuda on 23rd July 1977 [by Command] [Cm. 2711] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

European Standing Committee A.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had discharged from European Standing Committee A Mr Gordon McMaster and Mr Edward O'Hara and had appointed in substitution Estelle Morris and Mr Jamie Cann.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 14th December; to be printed [Nos. 61-ii and 83-ii] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 14th December; to be printed [No. 102-i] [Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

3 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 14th December; to be printed [No. 39-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 European Legislation,—Third Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-iii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 14th December; to be printed [No. 34-iii] [Mr David Howell].

6 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 14th December; to be printed [No. 17-iv] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 14th December; to be printed [No. 32-iv] [Mr James Pawsey].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Getting Tax Right First Time and Dealing with More Complex Postal Queries]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 105]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 14th December; to be printed [No. 106-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 14th December; to be printed [No. 99] [Mr William McKelvey].

10 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 14th December; to be printed [No. 69-ii] [Mr Frank Field].

11 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 14th December; to be printed [No. 104-ii] [Mr Paul Channon].

12 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 14th December; to be printed [No. 79-v] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

13 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 14th December; to be printed [No. 103-i] [Mr Gareth Wardell].
MEMORANDUM

European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 9th December 1994, relating to the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement with Israel, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 13th December 1994, relating to the accession of new Member States to the European Union, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 22.]

Thursday 15th December 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means. Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 12th January.

2 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.:

   Accommodation Level Crossings,
   King's College London,
   London Local Authorities

and that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Commons, viz.:

   Birmingham Assay Office,
   Queen Mary and Westfield College,
   Saint Paul's Churchyard.

3 Sheffield Assay Office 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 Sheffield Assay Office 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 amended the Title as follows: A Bill to amend section 16 of the Hallmarking Act 1973 in its application to the Sheffield Assay Office; to extend the functions of the Office; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Select Committees (See Appendix II).

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Iain Mills reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1994 referred to a Committee on 29th November. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 108].

7 Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) Bill.—Mr Secretary Gummer, supported by Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Secretary Redwood, Mr Jonathan Aitken and Sir Paul Beresford, presented a Bill to make provision authorising or requiring certain local authorities with functions under the enactments relating to Town and Country Planning to make to, or to persons appointed by, certain Ministers of the Crown, or to persons appointed by those authorities, payments in respect of the administrative cost of, or otherwise connected with certain local inquiries or other hearings, examinations in public, or the consideration of certain objections, under those enactments; to validate the imposition by such Ministers on those authorities of requirements to make such
payments, and the making by those authorities of such payments, whether before or after the passing of this Act; to make provision with respect to the remuneration and allowances payable to persons appointed to hold such local inquiries or other proceedings; 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 28].

8 Estimates [1st allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Resolution [12th December], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee).

Supplementary Estimates 1994-95 (Class XIII, Vote 4).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £45,825,000 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 1995 for expenditure by the Department of Social Security on administration, for agency payments, the promotion of Government policy on disability issues, and for certain other services, including grants to local authorities and voluntary organisations—(Mr Alistair Burt);

The Debate was concluded, and the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates).

Vote on Account, 1995-96 (Class XIX, Vote 4).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a sum not exceeding £4,277,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the year ending on 31st March 1996, for expenditure of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioners for England, Scotland and Wales on administrative costs—(Mr Robert G. Hughes);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Speaker interrupted the proceedings, and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred.

The Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), put the deferred Questions on Supplementary Estimates, 1994-95 (Class XIII, Vote 4) and Vote on Account, 1995-96 (Class XIX, Vote 4).

Class XIII, Vote 4

Resolved, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £45,825,000 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 1995 for expenditure by the Department of Social Security on administration, for agency payments, the promotion of Government policy on disability issues, and for certain other services, including grants to local authorities and voluntary organisations.

Class XIX, Vote 4

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,277,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the year ending on 31st March 1996, for expenditure of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioners for England, Scotland and Wales on administrative costs.

9 Estimates.—The Speaker then put the Questions which she was required to put pursuant to paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 53 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Supplementary Estimates, 1994-95

Resolved, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £1,230,882,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges for civil services which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1995, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 3 of Session 1994-95.

Estimates, 1995-96 (Vote on Account)

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £95,393,674,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for defence and civil services in Classes I to XVIII, Class XIX, Votes 1 to 3 and 5 to 7, and Classes XIX, A and XIX, B for the year ending on 31st March 1996, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 4, 5 and 6 of Session 1994-95.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in on the foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Jonathan Aitken, Sir George Young, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory and Mr Anthony Nelson do prepare and bring it in.

10 Consolidated Fund Bill.—Sir George Young accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 1995 and 1996; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day and to be printed [Bill 7].
11 Consolidated Fund Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Consolidated Fund Bill be read a second time;

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [9th December] and 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.

12 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, pursuant to Order [9th December] and Standing Order No. 54 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Timothy Wood);

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

13 Employment and Training.—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 Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 17th November, be approved—(Mr David Willetts)—It was agreed to.

14 Employment and Training.—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 Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 17th November, be approved—(Mr David Willetts)—It was agreed to.

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 an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Azerbaijan) Order 1994 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 24th November—(Mr David Willetts)—It was agreed to.

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

16 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 an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1994 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 24th November—(Mr David Willetts)—It was agreed to.

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

17 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 an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1994 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 24th November—(Mr David Willetts)—It was agreed to.

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

18 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 an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1994 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 24th November—(Mr David Willetts)—It was agreed to.

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

19 Drugs and Public Health.—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 and welcomes European Community Documents Nos. 8077/94 and 8929/94, relating to drugs and public health; recognises the importance of effective action by the European Union against illicit drug trafficking and drug misuse; and supports the Government's view that the proposals should be refined and improved within the mechanisms set up under the Treaty on European Union—(Mr David Willetts)—It was agreed to.
20 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr David Willetts);

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock on Thursday evening and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-three minutes past Seven o’clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 7.23 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 15th December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Broadcasting,—Broadcasting (Unlicensed Television Services) Exemption Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3172), dated 7th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

2 Consumer Protection,—Price Indications (Resale of Tickets) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3248), dated 14th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


Other Papers:

4 Central Statistical Office,—Reports of the Retail Prices Index Advisory Committee—

   (1) on treatment of new and used cars in the retail prices index, and
   (2) on treatment of owner occupiers’ housing costs in the retail prices index
   [by Command] [Cm. 2716 and 2717] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

5 Compliance Cost Assessments,—List of Compliance Cost Assessments for the period 1st November 1993 to 30th June 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2719] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

6 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation),—Sixth Report prepared pursuant to section 11 of the Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986 on development of services for people with learning disabilities (mental handicap) or mental illness in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 63] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

7 Environmental Protection,—Accounts of the Countryside Council for Wales for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 109] [Clerk of the House].

8 Royal Hospital, Chelsea,—Accounts of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea: army prize money and legacy funds, &c. for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 110] [Clerk of the House].

9 Trade Fairs,—Paper, entitled Evaluation of the Trade Fairs Support Scheme [by Command] [Cm. 2713] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Monitoring of the European Community Overseas Aid 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. 111]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 15th December; to be printed [No. 34-iv]
   [Mr David Howell].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 15th December; to be printed [No. 57-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—First Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Maladministration and Redress] 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. 112] [Mr James Pawsey].
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The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

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.

3 Prevention of Fraud (Registration) Bill,—Mr Michael Stephen presented a Bill to make provision for the registration of certain interests in, and other information relating to vehicles; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th February and to be printed [Bill 29].

4 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Derek Conway);

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

5 Business of the House,—Ordered, That—

   (1) at the sitting on Wednesday 11th January, the Speaker shall—

      (i) put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to the Committee of Selection not later than Six o'clock; and

      (ii) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business)—

         (a) put the Question on the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Gummer relating to the draft Cleveland (Structural Change) Order 1994 not later than one and a half hours after it has been made; and

         (b) put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr David Heathcoat-Amory relating to the Value Added Tax (Buildings and Land) and (Transport) Orders 1994 not later than one and a half hours after the first of them has been made; and

   (2) at the sitting on Thursday 12th January the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House shall lapse one and half hours after it has been made, unless it has been disposed of earlier.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

6 Sittings of the House,—Resolved, That—

   (1) this House do meet on Tuesday 20th December 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 the Speaker may interrupt the proceedings in order to permit questions to be asked which are in her 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 the Speaker do adjourn the House without putting any Question.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

7 Royal Assent,—The 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:


8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 19th December.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
APPENDIX
Friday 16th December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Scientific Research,—Draft Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils Order 1994 [by Act] [Mr David Hunt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


   (2) Exchange Gains and Losses (Alternative Method of Calculation of Gain or Loss) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3227),
   (3) Exchange Gains and Losses (Debts of Varying Amounts) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3232),
   (4) Exchange Gains and Losses (Deferral of Gains and Losses) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3228),
   (7) Exchange Gains and Losses (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3226), and

4 Local Government (Scotland),—Local Government (Transitional Election Arrangements) (Scotland) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3255), dated 13th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


6 Prisons,—(1) Criminal Justice Act 1991 (Suspension of Prisoner Custody Officer Certificate) (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3193), and
   (2) Prison (Amendment) Rules 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3195), dated 10th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

7 Young Offender Institutions,—Young Offender Institution (Amendment) Rules 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3194), dated 10th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

8 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Intervention Board for 1993-94 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 50] [Mr William Waldegrave].

9 British Railways Board,—Department of Transport minute, dated 15th December 1994, on proposed guarantees in respect of leases of class 465 electrical multiple units by the British Railways Board [by Command] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

10 Merchant Shipping,—Report by the Department of Transport of exemptions granted under section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906 for the period of 1st December 1993 to 30th November 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

11 National Insurance Fund,—Report by the Government Actuary on the financial provisions of the Bill on the National Insurance Fund [by Command] [Cm. 2714] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

THE SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE
The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
Monday 19th December 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bill Petitions.—The 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.:
   Accommodation Level Crossing
   Birmingham Assay Office
   King’s College London
   London Local Authorities
   Queen Mary and Westfield College
   Saint Paul’s Churchyard.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 New Member sworn,—Ian Phares Pearson, Esquire, Member for Dudley West, was sworn.

5 Adjournment (Christmas).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until Tuesday 10th January—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope);

   And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic adjournments).

   Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until Tuesday 10th January.

6 Consolidation, &c., Bills and Law Commission Bills.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, during the present Session of Parliament, the Standing Orders and practice of the House shall have effect subject to the modifications set out below.

   (1) In this Order ‘a consolidation bill’ means a public bill such as is defined in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 123 (Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills).

   (2) Notices of amendments, new clauses and new schedules to be moved in committee in respect of a consolidation bill may be received by the Clerks at the Table before the bill has been read a second time.

   (3) If a motion that a consolidation bill be not committed is made by a Minister of the Crown immediately after the bill has been read a second time, the motion shall not require notice and the question thereon shall be put forthwith and may be decided, though opposed, at any hour.

   (4) The question for the third reading of a consolidation bill shall be put forthwith.

   (5) Any public bill, the main purpose of which is to give effect to proposals contained in a report by either of the Law Commissions, other than a private Member’s bill or a consolidation bill, shall, when it is set down for second reading, stand referred to a second reading committee, unless—

      (a) the House otherwise orders, or
      (b) the bill is referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.

   (6) If a motion that a bill such as is referred to in paragraph (5) above shall not stand referred to a second reading committee is made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of public business, the question thereon shall be put forthwith.

   (7) The provisions of paragraphs (3) to (6) of Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees) shall apply to any bill referred to a second reading committee under paragraph (5) above—(Mr Tony Newton);

   And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [9th December];

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 217.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Harry Barnes: 41.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Speaker then put the remaining Questions which she was directed to put at that hour.

Money Resolutions and Ways and Means Resolutions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That during the present Session of Parliament, the Standing Orders and practice of the House shall have effect subject to the modifications set out below.

(1) The Speaker shall put the questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on motions authorising expenditure in connection with a bill and on ways and means motions in connection with a bill—

(i) forthwith, if such a motion is made at the same sitting as that at which the bill has been read a second time; or

(ii) not later than three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of those proceedings, if the motion is made otherwise.

(2) Business under paragraph (1) above may be proceeded with at any hour, though opposed.

(3) In Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) paragraph (1) (d) and the proviso thereto shall be omitted—(Mr Tony Newton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Andrew Mackinlay: 51.

So the Question was agreed to.

Statutory Instruments, &c., and European Community Documents,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, during the present Session of Parliament, the Standing Orders and practice of the House shall have effect subject to the modifications set out below.

(1) The following paragraphs shall be inserted after paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.):

‘(2A) Where a Minister of the Crown has given notice of a motion to the effect that a statutory instrument or draft statutory instrument be approved, the instrument or draft instrument shall stand referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., unless—

(a) notice has been given by a Minister of the Crown of a motion that the instrument or draft instrument shall not so stand referred, or

(b) the instrument or draft instrument is referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.’

(2) In paragraph (3) of the said Standing Order, for lines 18 to 20 there shall be substituted the words ‘that a measure under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 be presented to Her Majesty for her Royal Assent, or of a motion relating to an instrument made under such a measure’; in paragraph (5) for the words ‘paragraph (3) (a) or (3) (b)’ there shall be substituted the words ‘paragraphs (2A) or (3)’; and in paragraph (6) the words from ‘instruments’ in line 54 to the end of the paragraph shall be omitted.

(3) Except as provided in Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), the Speaker shall put the questions necessary to dispose of proceedings under any Act of Parliament or on European Community documents not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of such proceedings; and Standing Orders No. 14 (Exempted business) and No. 15 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative procedure)) shall have effect accordingly—(Mr Tony Newton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Jimmy Hood: 61.

So the Question was agreed to.

Sittings of the House (Private Members' Business).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, during the present Session of Parliament, the Standing Orders and practice of the House shall have effect subject to the modifications set out below:

Provided that paragraphs (3) to (8) below shall come into effect on the third Wednesday on which the House shall sit after the making of this Order.

(1) The House shall not sit on eight Fridays to be appointed by the House.

(2) The Fridays so appointed shall be treated as sitting days for the purpose of calculating any period under any Order of the House and for the purposes of paragraph (8) of Standing Order No. 18 (Notices of questions, motions and amendments) and of Standing Order No. 62 (Notices of amendments, &c., to bills); and on such Fridays—
(i) notices of questions may be given by Members to the Table Office, and
(ii) notices of amendments to bills, new clauses and new schedules and of
amendments to Lords amendments may be received by the Public Bill Office,
between Eleven o’clock and Three o’clock.

(3) The House shall meet on Wednesdays at Ten o’clock and shall between that hour
and half-past Two o’clock proceed with a motion for the adjournment of the House made
by a Minister of the Crown.

(4) The subjects for debates on that motion shall be chosen by ballot under informal
arrangements made by the Speaker analogous to those which apply to the motion for the
adjournment of the House under paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the
House); and no subject shall be raised without notice.

(5) Not more than two subjects shall be raised between Ten o’clock and One o’clock on
a Wednesday, and not more than three between One o’clock and Half-past Two o’clock.

(6) A motion for the adjournment of the House not disposed of at half-past Two o’clock
on a Wednesday shall lapse; the House will then proceed with private business, motions
for unopposed returns and questions; no subsequent motion for the adjournment of the
House shall be made until all the questions asked at the commencement of public business
have been disposed of; and, save as provided in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 20
(Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration),
no Member other than a Minister of the Crown may make such a motion before the orders
of the day or notices of motions shall have been entered upon.

(7) In paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House) the words
“Wednesdays” and “Wednesday” respectively shall be omitted.

(8) Standing Order No. 10 (Sittings of the House (suspended sittings)) shall not have
effect; the reference to the said Standing Order in paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 9
(Sittings of the House) shall be omitted; and in paragraph (1)(a) of Standing Order No.
133 (Time and manner of presenting petitions) the words from “conclusion” in line 10 to
“and” in line 14 shall be omitted.

(9) In Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business) paragraphs (7), (8) and
(9) shall be omitted; in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House) for
the words from “returns” in line 4 to the end of the paragraph there shall be substituted
the words “and questions”; in Standing Order No. 15A (New writs) the words “or notices
of motion” shall be omitted; in paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading
committees) the words “or notices of motions” in line 15 shall be omitted; and in
paragraph (1)(b) of Standing Order No. 133 (Time and manner of presenting petitions) the words “or motions” in line 18 shall be omitted.

(10) In Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic adjournments) for the words from “periods”
in line 3 to the end there shall be substituted the words “the question thereon shall be put
forthwith”.

(11) In Standing Order No. 54 (Consolidated Fund Bills) paragraph (2) shall be
omitted—(Mr Tony Newton);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 49, to leave out paragraph
(10).—(Mr David Winnick.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mrs Llin Golding: 65.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr David Willetts: 171.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Willetts, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mrs Llin Golding: 32.

So the Question was agreed to.

Short Speeches.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, during the
present Session of Parliament, the following provision shall have effect in place of
Standing Order No. 45A (Short speeches):

“The Speaker may announce at the commencement of proceedings on any motion or
order of the day relating to public business that she intends to call Members to speak for
not more than ten minutes in the debate thereon, or between certain hours during that
debate, and whenever the Speaker has made such an announcement she may direct any
Member (other than a Minister of the Crown, a Member speaking on behalf of the Leader
of the Opposition, or not more than one Member nominated by the leader of the second
largest opposition party) who has spoken for ten minutes to resume his seat forthwith.”—
(Mr Tony Newton);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr David Willetts: 201.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Frank Cook: 29.
So the Question was agreed to.

7 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 1994, which were laid
before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell).—It was
agreed to.

8 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That Sir Nicholas Fairbairn be discharged from the Scottish
Affairs Committee and Mr Tim Devlin be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew
MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of South Cerney, Gloucestershire, for
action to prevent planning permission being given for further development of Lakes 6,
7 and 16 in the Cotswold Water Park was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table
and to be printed.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.32 p.m.

APPENDIX I
Monday 19th December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—(1) Local Government Act 1988 (Competition) (Construction and
(2) Local Government Act 1988 (Competition) (Legal Services) (England) Regulations
1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3164),
(3) Local Government Act 1988 (Defined Activities) (Competition) (Supervision of
Parking, Management of Vehicles and Security Work) (England) Regulations 1994 (S.I.,
1994, No. 3165), and
(4) Local Government Changes for England (Direct Labour and Service
Organisations) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3167),
dated 12th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

2 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Etc.,—Registration of Births, Deaths and
Marriages (Fees) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3257), dated 16th December 1994 [by Act]
[Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

3273), dated 18th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

Other Papers:

4 Churches Conservation,—Report and Accounts of the Churches Conservation Trust for
1993–94 [by Measure] [Mr Secretary Howard].

5 National Lottery,—Accounts of the Millennium Commission for 1993–94, with the Report
of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 115] [Clerk
of the House].

6 Public Lending Right,—Report by the Secretary of State for National Heritage on the Public
Lending Right Scheme for 1993–94 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 90] [Mr Secretary
Dorrell].

7 Registration Service,—Marriage and Divorce Statistics: Review of the Registrar General on
marriages and divorces in England and Wales for 1994 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary
Bottomley].
8 Whitemoor Prison.—Report of an enquiry by Sir John Woodcock, C.B.E., Q.P.M., into the escape of six prisoners from the special security unit at Whitemoor Prison, Cambridgeshire, on Friday 9th September 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2741] [Mr Secretary Howard].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Treasury and Civil Service.—Second Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [Financial Services Regulation: the Building Society Sector]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 26] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 25.]

Tuesday 20th December 1994.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
   (1) farriers of the United Kingdom for reform of the Farriers Registration Acts 1975 and 1977, and
   (2) members of the Boldmere and Wylde Green Council of Churches for United Kingdom involvement under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development in promoting peace in the Sudan were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 10th January 1995, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 20th December 1994

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Court of Session (Scotland).—Court of Session etc. Fees Amendment Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3265), dated 8th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Electricity.—(1) Electricity (Non-Fossil Fuel Sources) (England and Wales) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3259), dated 15th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine]; and
   (2) Electricity (Non-Fossil Fuel Sources) (Scotland) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3275), dated 19th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

3 High Court of Justiciary (Scotland).—High Court of Justiciary Fees Amendment Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3266), dated 8th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


5 Local Government.—(1) Local Government Act 1988 (Defined Activities) (Exemption) (South Norfolk District Council) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3189), and
6 Sex Discrimination.—Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Application to Armed Forces etc.) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3276), dated 20th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) (No. 2) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3267), dated 16th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

8 Tribunals and Inquiries.—(1) Compulsory Purchase by Ministers (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3264), and


Other Papers:

9 Appropriation Accounts, 1993-94.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Classes V and VI—Employment and Transport for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 100-v] [Sir George Young].

10 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation).—Report on services in Wales for people with a mental illness and people with a mental handicap for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].


12 National Loans.—(1) Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund, for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 114] [Clerk of the House];

(2) Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 116] [Clerk of the House]; and

(3) Supplementary Statements of Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and the National Loans Fund for 1993-94 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 45] [Sir George Young].

13 Natural Heritage (Scotland).—Accounts of Scottish Natural Heritage for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 117] [Clerk of the House].


15 Northern Ireland.—Report of the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights on disability: an assessment of the implications of physical and sensory disability in a Northern Ireland context, with supporting research papers [by Command] [Cm. 2740] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

16 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for National Heritage on the Petition [30th November 1994] from the Asian community for a person of Asian origin on the Millennium Commission [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

17 Superannuation.—(1) Civil Service Compensation Scheme 1994, and

(2) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1994 (No. 2) [by Act] [Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 20th December; to be printed [No. 85-ii] [Mr Richard Caborn].
Tuesday 10th January 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the European Communities (Finance) Bill, without Amendment.

4 Jobseekers Bill,—The Order of the Day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jobseekers Bill;

And the 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 Sydney Chapman: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Dennis Turner: 269.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Jobseekers Bill it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Secretary of State—

(a) for making payments by way of the jobseeker's allowance and the back to work bonus;

(b) for making grants in connection with resettlement places;

(c) in respect of any other expenditure incurred by him under or by virtue of the Act;

(2) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided; and

(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of—

(a) sums estimated by the Secretary of State to balance payments made by him by way of contribution-based jobseeker's allowance;

(b) sums estimated by the Secretary of State to balance sums recovered by him in connection with payments made by way of income-based jobseeker's allowance;

(c) sums recovered by the Secretary of State by way of repayment of grants for resettlement places—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

6 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Great Britain for legislation on civil rights for disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.57 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on 20th December 1994 pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

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):

2. Miscellaneous Series (No. 45, 1994).—Protocol to the 1979 Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution on further reduction of sulphur emissions with decision taken by the executive body at the adoption of the Protocol, open for signature at Oslo on 14th June 1994 and thereafter at the United Nations Headquarters New York, until 12th December 1994 [Cm. 2718] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

3. South Thames Training and Enterprise Council.—Department of Employment and Department of the Environment minute, dated 21st December 1994, concerning contingent liability consequent upon the appointment of an administrative receiver to manage the affairs of South Thames Training and Enterprise Council [Mr Secretary Portillo].

4. Treaty Series (No. 58, 1994).—Agreement, done at London on 9th February 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Armenia concerning air services [Cm. 2720] [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:

21st December 1994


6. Marine Pollution.—Merchant Shipping (Reporting Requirements for Ships Carrying Dangerous or Polluting Goods) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3245), dated 14th December 1994 [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

7. Rating and Valuation.—(1) Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3200), and
   (2) Valuation for Rating (Plant and Machinery) (Scotland) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3199),
   dated 12th December 1994 [Mr Secretary Lang].

22nd December 1994


23rd December 1994


29th December 1994


17 Town and Country Planning (Scotland),—(1) Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3294), and

(2) Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3293),
dated 15th December 1994 [Mr Secretary Lang].

4th January 1995

18 Rating and Valuation,—Valuation for Rating (Decapitalisation Rate) (Scotland) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3256), dated 14th December 1994 [Mr Secretary Lang].

6th January 1995


9th January 1995


(2) Fertilisers (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 16), dated 3rd January 1995, and


[Mr William Waldegrave].


22 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1), dated 4th January 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].

23 Public Passenger Vehicles,—(1) Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3271), and

(2) Public Service Vehicles (Traffic Regulation Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3272),
dated 17th December 1994 [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

24 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3270), dated 17th December 1994

(2) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3297), dated 20th December 1994, and

(3) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3296), dated 20th December 1994

[Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 10th January 1995

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

25 Community Charges,—Community Charges (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 21), dated 8th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].
26 Council Tax.—Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 22), dated 8th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

27 Health and Safety.—Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3140), dated 19th December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].


Other Papers:

30 Covent Garden Market.—Report and Accounts of Covent Garden Market Authority for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

31 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation).—Report on care in Wales for people with a mental illness and people with a mental handicap [by Act]; to be printed [No. 124] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

32 European Assembly (Pay and Pensions).—Report on the European Parliament (United Kingdom Representatives) Pension Scheme [by Act]; to be printed [No. 121] [Mr Secretary Howard].

33 Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation.—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 118] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

34 Local Government Finance.—Accounts of the Pooling of Non-Domestic Rates and Redistribution to Local Authorities in England for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 127] [Clerk of the House].

35 National Audit.—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Crown Office and the Procurator Fiscal Service: Scottish Courts Administration Resources [by Act]; to be printed [No. 119] [Clerk of the House].

36 National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 4th January 1995 on borrowing by Weald Of Kent Community National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

37 Water Resources.—Accounts of the National Rivers Authority for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 126] [Clerk of the House].

Paper withdrawn.

38 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation).—Report on services in Wales for people with a mental illness and people with a mental handicap [laid 20th December 1994].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Statutory Instruments.—Fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-iv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 27.]

Wednesday 11th January 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 British Waterways Bill [Lords].—A Motion being made, That the British Waterways Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;
The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

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

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

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 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 British Waterways Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

5 Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill,—Mr Alan Simpson, supported by Diana Maddock, Alice Mahon, Sir John Hannam, Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr John McAllion, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr David Rendel, Mr Gary Waller, Mr Michael Clapham and Mr Harry Barnes, presented a Bill to limit the amount of Value Added Tax payable on certain energy-saving materials; to require the Secretary of State to compile a definitive list of such materials; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 31].

6 Media (Diversity).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the ownership of the media—(Mr Chris Mullin);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the ownership of the media: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th February and to be printed [Bill 30].

7 Media (Diversity) Bill,—Mr Chris Mullin accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the ownership of the media: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th February and to be printed [Bill 30].

8 Committee of Selection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, unless and until the party which achieved an overall majority of Members elected at the preceding general election loses that majority either as a result of by-elections or through the secession of Members to another party, the Committee of Selection shall interpret paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 86 (Nomination of standing committees) in such a way as to give that party a majority on any standing committee—(Mr Tony Newton);

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ in line 1 to the end of the Question and add the words ‘in the opinion of this House, any Member who for disciplinary reasons has been deprived of his or her party’s whip has in effect been expelled from his or her Parliamentary party and cannot logically be counted as belonging to that party for the purposes of determining the current composition of the House; and accordingly this House instructs the Committee of Selection to apply this principle in nominating Members to serve on Standing Committees in accordance with Standing Order No. 86(2)’, instead thereof. (Mrs Ann Taylor.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Joe Benton: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Michael Bates: 327.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Michael Bates: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Joe Benton: 288.

So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That, unless and until the party which achieved an overall majority of Members elected at the preceding general election loses that majority either as a result of by-elections or through the secession of Members to another party, the Committee of Selection shall interpret paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 86 (Nomination of standing committees) in such a way as to give that party a majority on any standing committee.

9 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Cleveland (Structural Change) Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 8th December, be approved—(Mr David Curry);

And it being One and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Bowen Wells, 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Estelle Morris, Mr Stephen Byers, 223.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Cleveland (Structural Change) Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 8th December, be approved.

10 Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Value Added Tax (Buildings and Land) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3013), dated 29th November 1994, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory);

And it being One and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [16th December]:—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Value Added Tax (Transport) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3014), dated 29th November 1994, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Simon Burns: 236.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Stephen Byers: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Value Added Tax (Transport) Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3014), dated 29th November 1994, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved.

11 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Monklands District for action to ensure the continuance of the Disport project was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 11th January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 34), dated 10th January 1995, and


[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].
Other Papers:

2 Coal Industry,—Memorandum of agreement between the Coal Authority and the Health and Safety Executive [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

3 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment and salary of a new member of the English Tourist Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

4 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Accounts of grants and loans to the Urban Development Corporations for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 130] [Clerk of the House].

5 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 129] [Clerk of the House].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

   (1) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petitions [6th, 7th and 14th December] from constituents of Dagenham, residents of Harrow West and residents of Wellingborough against the provision of overseas aid funds to the Chinese Population Control Programme, and

   (2) the Secretary of State for Wales on the Petition [8th December] from residents of Pembrokeshire for respect for the Government’s 1979 undertaking on the Cleddau bridge [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

7 Treaty Series (No. 1, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Oslo on 27th July 1994 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement relating to the transmission of petroleum by pipeline from the Ekofisk Field and neighbouring areas to the United Kingdom signed at Oslo on 22nd May 1973 [by Command] [Cm. 2721] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 Treaty Series (No. 2, 1995),—Agreement, done at Bangkok on 15th July 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand relating to the establishment and operation of a British Broadcasting Corporation relay station in Thailand [by Command] [Cm. 2722] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 11th January; to be printed [No. 66-iii] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Education,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 11th January; to be printed [No. 28-iii] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

3 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 11th January; to be printed [No. 133-i] [Mr Greville Janner].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 11th January; to be printed [No. 39-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 11th January; to be printed [No. 34-v] [Mr David Howell].

6 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 11th January; to be printed [No. 17-v] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

7 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 11th January; to be printed [No. 131-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

8 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 11th January; to be printed [No. 132-i] [Mr Frank Field].

9 Treasury and Civil Service,—Third Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [The 1994 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. 79] [Sir Thomas Arnold].
MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Jobseekers Bill to Standing Committee B.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Sir David Knox and Mr Michael J. Martin Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Jobseekers Bill.

[No. 28.]

Thursday 12th January 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means. Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 19th January.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Disability Discrimination Bill,—Mr Secretary Lilley, supported by Mr Secretary Portillo, Mr William Hague, Mr Secretary Gummer, Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr Secretary Mawhinney, Mrs Secretary Bottomley, Mr David Hunt, Mrs Secretary Shephard and Mr Secretary Lang, presented a Bill to make it unlawful to discriminate against disabled persons in connection with employment and the provision of goods, facilities and services; to make provision about the employment of disabled persons; and to establish a National Disability Council: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 32].

5 Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) Bill,—The Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

6 Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) Bill [Money]; A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) Bill it is expedient to authorise—

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

(i) any administrative expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown in consequence of the Act; and

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

(b) the making of payments into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

7 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Simon Burns);

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

8 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of South East Cambridgeshire for the abolition of hare coursing was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.18 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 12th January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, and
(2) draft Children (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 1995
[by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Agriculture,—Report and Accounts of the Meat and Livestock Commission for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

5 Disabled Persons,—Paper, entitled Ending Discrimination Against Disabled People [by Command] [Cm. 2729] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Transport: Sale of DVOIT [by Act]; to be printed [No. 128] [Clerk of the House].


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—First Report from the Health Committee [Priority setting in the NHS: Purchasing], 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. 134] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 12th January; to be printed [No. 57-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 12th January; to be printed [No. 69-iii] [Mr Frank Field].

4 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 12th January; to be printed [No. 85-iii] [Mr Richard Caborn].

[No. 29.]

Friday 13th January 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 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.
4 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That, pursuant to the Sessional Order of 19th December (Sittings of the House (Private Members' Business)), the House shall not sit on the following Fridays:

10th March, 12th May, 19th May, 26th May, 16th June, 23rd June, 7th July and 21st July;

and that, at its rising on each preceding Thursday, the House shall adjourn till the following Monday, unless it shall have resolved otherwise.—(Mr David Willetts.)

5 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 19th January, the Speaker shall put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr William Waldegrave relating to the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1994 and Mr Tony Blair relating to the Farm and Conservation Grant (Amendment) Regulations 1994 not later than one and a half hours after the first such Motion has been made.—(Mr David Willetts.)

6 Procedure.—Ordered, That Sir Michael Marshall be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure and Sir John Cope be added to the Committee.—(Mr David Willetts.)

7 European Legislation.—Ordered, That Dr Norman A. Godman be discharged from the Select Committee on European Legislation and Rachel Squire be added to the Committee.—(Mr David Willetts.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 16th January.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 13th January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Food.—Accounts of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 136] [Clerk of the House].

2 New Zealand (No. 1, 1995).—Agreement, done at London on 3rd November 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the States of Jersey and the States of Guernsey and the Government of New Zealand on social security [by Command] [Cm. 2728] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

3 Treaty Series (No. 3, 1995).—Notes exchanged at Moscow on 19th and 25th May 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Russian Federation concerning certain commercial debts (the United Kingdom/Russia Debt Agreement No. 1 (1993)) [by Command] [Cm. 2723] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Foreign Affairs,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 7th December; to be printed [No. 34-ii] [Mr David Howell].
PRAYERS.

1 Royal Assent,—The 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:
   European Communities (Finance) Act 1995

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Water Charges (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Paul Tyler, supported by Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Don Foster, Mr Simon Hughes and Diana Maddock, presented a Bill to amend the Water Industry Act 1991 to prohibit the use by water undertakers of rateable values as a basis for charging from 31st March 1996; to provide for charging by water undertakers in accordance with council tax bands; 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 33].

5 Welsh Grand Committee,—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 David Liddington)—It was agreed to.

6 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill,—The Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

7 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), That, at this day's sitting, the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Mawhinney relating to the committal of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill to a Select Committee and any Motion for an Instruction to the committee on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr David Willetts)—It was agreed to.

8 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill,—Ordered, That the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill be committed to a Select Committee of nine Members, five to be nominated by the House and four 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 30th January 1995, or, in a case where the Petition is that of a single individual or of individuals in their capacity as residents, at any time not later than 6th February 1995, 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, notwithstanding the practice of the House that appearances on Petitions against an opposed Private Bill be required to be entered at the first meeting of the Select Committee on the Bill, in the case of any such Petitions as are mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above on which appearances are not entered at that meeting, the Select Committee shall appoint a later day on which it will require appearances on those Petitions to be entered;
   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 and to report from day to day the Minutes of Evidence taken before it;
That Three be the Quorum of the Select Committee.—(Mr David Willetts.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that in any consideration of any evidence relating to the Boxley Long Tunnel, the Caledonian Road area of Islington, the West Thurrock and Purfleet section, and the Barking and Dagenham section, they shall take particular account of the environmental advantages of tunnelling as against the proposed surface works; and that the Committee shall satisfy itself that the best possible provision for both environmental protection and compensation has been achieved throughout the length of the route—(Mr Michael Meacher).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr George Mudie, Mr Joe Benton: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 286.

So the Question was negatived.

9 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signed to the proposed Motion relating to Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Channel Tunnel Rail Link 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—(Mr David Willetts):—It was agreed to.

10 Children (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children (Scotland) Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 94E (Scottish Grand Committee (bills in relation to their principle)), That the Bill be committed to a special standing committee—(Mr David Willetts):—It was agreed to.

11 Children (Scotland) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signed to the proposed Motion relating to Children (Scotland) Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December]; That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Children (Scotland) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in consequence of the provisions 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 David Willetts):—It was agreed to.

12 Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That, in the course of its consideration of the Matter of the Welsh economy, the Welsh Grand Committee may meet in Cardiff on Monday 30th January at Eleven o'clock; that the 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 first such sitting shall not commence before Eleven o'clock and the second such sitting shall not commence before half-past Two o'clock and neither sitting shall continue after the Committee has considered the Matter for two hours at the sitting.—(Mr David Willetts.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 16th January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in English) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 51), dated 12th January 1995,


(6) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Modern Foreign Languages) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 57), dated 12th January 1995,


(8) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Physical Education) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 60), dated 12th January 1995,


(10) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Technology) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 56), dated 12th January 1995, and

(11) Education (Schools Conducted by Education Associations) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 61), dated 15th January 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

3 Electricity,—Electricity (Non-Fossil Fuel Sources) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 68), dated 12th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


5 National Health Service,—National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 80), dated 16th January 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

6 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Employment Protection (Part-time Employees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 31), dated 10th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Other Papers:

7 Coal,—Department of Trade and Industry minute, dated 16th January 1995 regarding a contingent liability consequent upon the sale of the coal mining business of the British Coal Corporation in three regional coal companies [by Command] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

8 Land Authority for Wales,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 10th January 1995 on borrowing by the Land Authority for Wales [by Act] [Sir George Young].

9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [18th October, in the last Session of Parliament] from John Eric Hanley for redress of a grievance in respect of collection of Community Charge arrears [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—(1) Fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Council Tax Valuations in England and Wales]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 137];

(2) Sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Wolds Remand Prison]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 138]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 16th January; to be printed [No. 139-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].
Tuesday 17th January 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Sheffield Assay Office Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Sheffield Assay Office Bill, as amended in the Committee.
   Bill to be read the third time.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Home Rule (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Menzies Campbell, supported by Mr Paddy Ashdown, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Sir Russell Johnston, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Robert Maclean, Sir David Steel, Mr James Wallace, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Archy Kirkwood and Mrs Ray Michie, presented a Bill to establish and entrench a Scottish Parliament elected by a system of proportional representation, with revenue-raising powers, to assume legislative authority on all matters of public policy relating to Scotland, under reservation of matters relating to defence, international and macro-economic affairs which shall remain the preserve of the United Kingdom Parliament; to provide for changes in the constitution and functions of certain public bodies; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 27th January and to be printed [Bill 34].

5 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 Broadcasting (Unlicensed Television Services) Exemption Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3172) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Dr Liam Fox): It was agreed to.

6 Building Societies (Joint Account Holders),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to secure the rights of second-named account holders in building society joint accounts; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Douglas French, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr John Greenway, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Paul Marland, Mr John Townend and Mr Nigel Waterson do prepare and bring it in.

7 Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill,—Mr Douglas French accordingly presented a Bill to secure the rights of second-named account holders in building society joint accounts; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd February and to be printed [Bill 35].

8 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 Timothy Kirkhope, Mr David Lightbown: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Cummings, Mrs Barbara Roche: 277.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That—

(1) the following provisions be committed to a Committee of the whole House
   (a) Clauses Nos. 2, 5, 8, 15, 52, 64 and 91 and Schedules Nos. 1, 4, 11 and 14, and
   (b) any new Clause first appearing on the Order Paper not later than 19th January
      and designed to continue the statutory effect of any of the Ways and Means
      Resolutions of the House of 13th December;

(2) the remainder of the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee;

(3) 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.—(Sir George Young.)

Committee to-morrow.
9 Adjournment, — *Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.* — *(Mr Sydney Chapman.)*

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**

*Tuesday 17th January 1995*

*Papers presented or laid upon the Table:*

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**

1 Education, — *(1) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Art) (Wales) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 71),*

*(2) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Geography) (Wales) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 72),*

*(3) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in History) (Wales) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 73),*

*(4) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Music) (Wales) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 70), and*


dated 12th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].*

2 Pensions, — *Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 35), dated 11th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].*

**Other Papers:**

3 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors, — *Account of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 101] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].*

4 Pensions, — *Report by the Occupational Pensions Board on the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1995, preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 2727] [Mr Secretary Lilley].*


*(2) Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) Partial Revocation Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 48), dated 11th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang]; and*


**APPENDIX II**

*Reports from Select Committees*

1 Employment, — *Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 17th January; to be printed [No. 31-iii] [Mr Greville Janner].*

2 Statutory Instruments, — *Fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments; to be printed [No. 8-v] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].*
Wednesday 18th January 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Selection (see Appendix II).
3 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

4 Protection of Animals (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act 1954 to require the courts to order the disqualification for life from owning animals for any person convicted of severe cruelty to a companion animal: And that Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Nigel Waterson, Dame Jill Knight, Sir Marcus Fox, Mr Menzies Campbell, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Sebastion Coe, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones, Mr Michael Stephen, Mr Richard Spring and Mr John Marshall do prepare and bring it in.

5 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Harry Greenway accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act 1954 to require the courts to order the disqualification for life from owning animals for any person convicted of severe cruelty to a companion animal: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th February and to be printed [Bill 36].

6 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.

Through-ticketing under Rail Privatisation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, noting the repeated assurances already given by Ministers that it will be mandatory for rail operators to ensure through-ticketing following the franchising of passenger services, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to guarantee that these promises will be honoured—(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 'reaffirms the Government's commitment to maintaining through-ticketing; welcomes the publication by the Rail Regulator of the Consultation Document "Retailing of Tickets at Stations"; endorses the view expressed in the document that the continuation of network benefits such as through-ticketing "will be one of the key tests of the success of the restructuring of the industry"; notes that despite massive investment in British Rail the proportion of travel undertaken and freight moved by train has steadily decreased during nationalisation; and, supports the Government's commitment to seeking to reverse this decline through the creation of a flourishing railway system operated by the private sector which will offer a better deal for passengers and for freight customers', instead thereof.(Mr Secretary Mawhinney.)

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

The House divided;

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr George Mudie: 282.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 317.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House reaffirms the Government's commitment to maintaining through-ticketing; welcomes the publication by the Rail Regulator of the Consultation Document "Retailing of Tickets at Stations"; endorses the view expressed in the document that the continuation of network benefits such as through-ticketing "will be one of the key tests of the success of the restructuring of the industry"; notes that despite massive investment in British Rail the proportion of travel undertaken and freight moved by train has steadily decreased during nationalisation; and, supports the Government's commitment to seeking to reverse this decline through the creation of a flourishing railway system operated by the private sector which will offer a better deal for passengers and for freight customers.
takes note of the agreement of the Council of Fisheries Ministers, allowing Spanish fishing vessels into all areas of the Irish Box other than Area VIIa and Area VIIIf north of 50° 30', and allowing increased access for Spanish fishing vessels to the remaining waters to the west of the United Kingdom; believes that this agreement presents an unacceptable threat to the long-term economic viability of fishing communities in England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and places an unsustainable pressure upon the fish stocks in these already sensitive waters; and calls upon the Government to convey to the European Commission the extent to which this agreement has undermined the credibility of the Common Fisheries Policy in the view of the United Kingdom industry and to raise in the Council of Fisheries Ministers and in the European Council the whole question of the extent of access granted by the Common Fisheries Policy to non-United Kingdom registered vessels to fish in the waters around the United Kingdom—(Dr Gavin Strang);

An Amendment (a) 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 agreement of the Council of Fisheries Ministers; congratulates the Government on securing the exclusion of Spanish fishing vessels from the Irish Sea and the Bristol Channel, the limiting of Spanish fishing within the rest of the Irish Box to 40 vessels simultaneously and the inclusion of special restrictions on Spanish vessels within the Box West of Scotland; notes that the agreement does not call into question the continued exclusion of Spanish vessels from the North Sea and the principle of relative stability; recognises this outcome represents a major improvement for United Kingdom fishermen compared to the original Commission proposals, the negotiation of which was made more difficult by the failure to win Hague Preferences for South West English fishing communities in 1976; welcomes the undertaking the Government secured from the Commission to provide annual reports on the findings of Commission Fisheries Inspectors; notes the Government's current annual expenditure of some £25 million on fisheries enforcement and welcomes the Government's commitment to ensure effective policing of the agreement; welcomes the Government's success in extending the benefits of the EC's structural programmes to areas of the United Kingdom dependent on fishing; notes that the Government are also spending some £17 million per annum on fisheries research and monitoring and some £5 million per annum on other forms of assistance to the fisheries sector; notes the Government's current substantial programme of decommissioning expenditure; and welcomes its commitment to provide further programmes in 1996-97 and 1997-98', instead thereof. (Mr William Waldegrave.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Dennis Turner: 294.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 312.
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 Sydney Chapman: 310.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Dennis Turner: 301.
So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House takes note of the agreement of the Council of Fisheries Ministers; congratulates the Government on securing the exclusion of Spanish fishing vessels from the Irish Sea and the Bristol Channel, the limiting of Spanish fishing within the rest of the Irish Box to 40 vessels simultaneously and the inclusion of special restrictions on Spanish vessels within the Box West of Scotland; notes that the agreement does not call into question the continued exclusion of Spanish vessels from the North Sea and the principle of relative stability; recognises this outcome represents a major improvement for United Kingdom fishermen compared to the original Commission proposals, the negotiation of which was made more difficult by the failure to win Hague Preferences for South West English fishing communities in 1976; welcomes the undertaking the Government secured from the Commission to provide annual reports on the findings of Commission Fisheries Inspectors; notes the Government's current annual expenditure of some £25 million on fisheries enforcement and welcomes the Government's commitment to ensure effective policing of the agreement; welcomes the Government's success in extending the benefits of the EC's structural programmes to areas of the United Kingdom dependent on fishing; notes that the Government are also spending some £17 million per annum on fisheries research and monitoring and some £5 million per annum on other forms of assistance to the fisheries sector; notes the Government's current substantial programme of decommissioning expenditure; and welcomes its commitment to provide further programmes in 1996-97 and 1997-98.
7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

Wednesday 18th January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland (Loans) (Increase of Limit) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

2 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995,
(2) draft Electricity Distribution Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995,
(3) draft Electricity Generation Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995,
(4) draft Electricity Generators (Aluminium) (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995,
(5) draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995,
(6) draft Electricity Transmission Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995,
(7) draft Formula Valuation (Revocations) (Scotland) Order 1995,
(8) draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, and
(9) draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

3 Agricultural Marketing,—Report on agricultural marketing schemes for 1992-93 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

4 Broadcasting,—Statement of principles and administrative arrangements on qualifying revenue by the Independent Television Commission [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

5 Customs and Excise,—Report of 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 1993-94 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 113] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

6 Natural Heritage (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of Scottish Natural Heritage for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Third Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1994-95, on an investigation of complaints against the Child Support Agency [by Act]; to be printed [No. 135] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Health Authorities Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Margaret Beckett, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Peter Butler, Ann Cleffy, Dr Liam Fox, Mr John Gunnell, Mr John Heppell, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Gerald Malone, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Rhodri Morgan, Bridget Prentice, Mr Rod Richards, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Michael Trend, Mr Dennis Turner and Mr John Whittingdale.

2 Standing Committee B,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated twenty-one Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Jobseekers Bill, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Hartley Booth, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Stephen Byers, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Roger Evans, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Terry Rooney, Dr Robert Spink, Mr Richard Spring, Rachel Squire, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr John Sykes, Mr Malcolm Wicks and Ann Widdecombe.
3 Special Standing Committee.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Special Standing Committee in respect of the Children (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr Michael Bates, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Brian Donohoe, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Maria Fyfe, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Phil Gallie, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr George Kynoch, Sir Hector Munro, Mr Raymond S. Robertson, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Bill Walker and Mr James Wallace.

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction (Amendment) Order 1994 and the draft County Court Remedies (Amendment) Regulations 1994, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Richard Alexander, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Paul Boateng, Jean Corston, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr David Lidington, Sir Michael Marshall, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Richard Page, Mr James Pawsley, Mr William Powell, Mr David Sumberg, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Paddy Tipping, Mr Peter Viggers and Mr Timothy Wood.

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Milk Development Council Order 1994, viz.: Mr Kenneth Baker, Mr Gerald Berrymingham, Mr Tom Cox, Mr David Evans, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Martyn Jones, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Alice Mahon, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Tim Rathbone, Sir Keith Speed, Mr George Stevenson, Mr John Sykes, Sir Donald Thompson, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr George Walden, Mr Bowen Wells and Mr Alun W. Williams.

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 World Trade Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1994 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation) Order 1994, viz.: Mr Rupert Allason, Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Dennis Canavan, Dr Michael Clark, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Terry Dicks, Mildred Gordon, Mr David Hanson, Helen Jackson, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Norman Lamont, Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr Tim Renton and Mr Timothy Wood.

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Broadcasting (Unlicensed Television Services) Exemption Order, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Peter Brooke, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mrs Judith Church, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Secretary Dorrell, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Jerry Hayes, Glenda Jackson, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr Nigel Jones, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Austin Mitchell, Sir Fergus Montgomery and Mr Stephen Timms.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 18th January; to be printed [No. 28-iv] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

2 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 18th January; to be printed [No. 39-iv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 European Legislation.—Fourth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-iv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 18th January; to be printed [No. 34-vi] [Mr David Howell].

5 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 18th January; to be printed [No. 144-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

6 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 18th January; to be printed [No. 32-v] [Mr James Pawsley].

7 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 18th January; to be printed [No. 145-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].
MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) Bill to Standing Committee A;

(2) the Finance Bill to Standing Committee D;

(3) the draft High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction (Amendment) Order 1994 and the draft County Court Remedies (Amendment) Regulations 1994 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(4) the draft Milk Development Council Order 1994 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(5) the draft World Trade Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1994 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation) Order 1994 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(6) the Broadcasting (Unlicensed Television Services) Exemption Order 1994 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Nicholas Winterton and Mr Norman Hogg Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Finance Bill;

(2) Mr Roy Hughes Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the Matter of the Welsh economy;

(3) Mr William McKelvey Chairman of the Special Standing Committee on the Children (Scotland) Bill;

(4) Mrs Ann Winterton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction (Amendment) Order 1994 and the draft County Court Remedies (Amendment) Regulations 1994;

(5) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Milk Development Council Order 1994;

(6) Mr Roland Boyes Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft World Trade Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1994 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation) Order 1994;

(7) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Broadcasting (Unlicensed Television Services) Exemption Order 1994; and

(8) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 11141/94, relating to reform of the sugar régime.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees)—
(1) European Community Documents Nos. 8693/94 and 8943/94, relating to relations with central and eastern Europe, and 10911/94, relating to economic growth and the environment, have been referred to European Standing Committee B; and

(2) European Community Document No. 11141/94, relating to reform of the sugar régime, has been referred to European Standing Committee A in place of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 21st November, which was referred on 30th November.

[No. 33.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means. Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 26th January.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Legal Aid and Advice.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Legal Aid Advisory Committee (Dissolution) Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr John M. Taylor);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Michael Bates: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Estelle Morris, Tessa Jowell: 150.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Legal Aid Advisory Committee (Dissolution) Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved.

5 Agriculture.—Resolved, That the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3002), dated 25th November 1994, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved.—(Mr Michael Jack.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.25 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 19th January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Team and Group Ministries Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 148] [Clerk of the House].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture.—Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 100), dated 18th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].


Other Papers:

4 Appropriation Accounts, 1993–94,— Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for—

(1) Class VII Environment, and
(2) Classes XVII to XIX (Departments of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Cabinet Office: Office of Public Service and Science etc., Privy Council and Parliament, etc., House of Commons: Administration, National Audit Office) for 1993–94 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 100–vi and 100–xii] [Sir George Young].

5 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee on the Team and Group Ministries Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 149] [Clerk of the House].

6 Treaty Series (No. 4, 1995).—Memorandum of Understanding, done at New York on 20th August 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 Italian Republic, 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 Bulgaria, the Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as the Certifying States of the Interoceanmetal Joint Organization, on the other hand, on the avoidance of overlaps and conflicts relating to deep sea-bed areas [by Command] [Cm. 2724] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 Treaty Series (No. 5, 1995).—Memorandum of Understanding, done at New York on 20th August 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 Italian Republic, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as the Certifying States of the Interoceanmetal Joint Organization, on the other hand, on the avoidance of overlaps and conflicts relating to deep sea-bed areas [by Command] [Cm. 2725] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 19th January; to be printed [No. 20–iv] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 19th January; to be printed [Nos. 57–v and -vi] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Scottish Affairs,—Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 14th December; to be printed [No. 99] [Mr William McKelvey].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr James Hill Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Broadcasting (Unlicensed Television Services) Exemption Order 1994 in place of Mr Norman Hogg.

[No. 34.]

Friday 20th January 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Disqualification of a Member,—The Speaker laid upon the Table a notification, That Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer had this day appointed the Right honourable Neil Gordon Kinnock, Member for Islwyn, to the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the county of Buckingham.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

3 Home Energy Conservation Bill,—The Home Energy Conservation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.
4 Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) 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 27th January.

5 Water Charges (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Charges (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th January.

6 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr George Mudie be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Mike Watson be added to the Committee.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

7 Broadcasting,—Ordered, That Mr Nicholas Brown be discharged from the Select Committee on Broadcasting and Mr John Battle be added to the Committee.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 23rd January.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 20th January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—(1) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Consequential Amendments) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 115), dated 17th January 1995,

(2) Residuary Body for Wales (Capital Finance) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 101), dated 18th January 1995, and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].


Other Papers:

3 Appropriation Accounts, 1993-94.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Class II (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) for 1993–94 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 100-ii] [Sir George Young].

4 Defence (Royal Air Force),—Amendment List No. 19 to Major Revision 1985 to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Health and Safety,—Accounts of the Health and Safety Commission and the Health and Safety Executive for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 151] [Clerk of the House].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 2, 5, 8, 15, 52, 64 and 91, Schedules Nos. 1, 4, 11 and 14, and any new Clauses first appearing on the Order Paper not later than 19th January and designed to continue the statutory effect of any of the Ways and Means Resolutions of the House of 13th December).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 2, 5, 8, 15, 52, 64 and 91, Schedules Nos. 1, 4, 11 and 14, and any new Clauses first appearing on the Order Paper not later than 19th January and designed to continue the statutory effect of any of the Ways and Means Resolutions of the House of 13th December).

(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 new Clause No. 1, new Clause No. 2, Clause No. 2, Schedule No. 1, Clause No. 5, new Clause No. 3, Clause No. 8, new Clause No. 4, Clause No. 64, Schedule No. 14, Clause No. 91, Clause No. 15, Schedule No. 4, Clause No. 52 and Schedule No. 11.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

A Clause (NC1) (Fuel and power for domestic or charity use)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 9, to leave out '8' and insert '5'.—(Mr Alex Salmond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alex Salmond, Mrs Margaret Ewing: 7.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Dr Liam Fox: 283.

Clause added.

Another Clause (NC2) (Spirits, beer and cider: rates of duty)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—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 Sydney Chapman, Dr Liam Fox: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr John Cummings: 251.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 2, to leave out '“£20.60”' and insert '“£17.83”'.—(Mrs Margaret Ewing.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Alex Salmond: 3.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Simon Burns: 288.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Andrew Mitchell: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr John Cummings: 248.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (Table of rates of duty on wine and made-wine).

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 6) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

Another Clause (NC3) (Hydrocarbon oil rates of duty: further provisions)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, read the first and second time and added.
Clause No. 8 agreed to.

Another Clause (NC4) (Tobacco rates of duty: further provisions)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Dr Liam Fox 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.

4 Scottish Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 94H (Scottish Grand Committee (sittings))—That the Scottish Grand Committee shall meet—

(1) on Wednesday 8th February at half-past Ten o’clock to take Questions for oral answer and to consider a substantive Motion for the Adjournment of the Committee;

(2) in the Edinburgh City Chambers on Monday 13th February at half-past Ten o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the Adjournment of the Committee;

(3) on Wednesday 1st March at half-past Ten o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the Adjournment of the Committee—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

5 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Castle Point for the early release from prison of Private Lee Clegg, a change in the law, and to take steps to secure a pardon for Private Clegg was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 20th January 1995 after the rising of the House:

1 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on Resource Accounting and Budgeting in Government [by Act]; to be printed [No. 123] [Clerk of the House].

Monday 23rd January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Rating and Valuation,—Draft British Gas plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Education,—Education (Special Educational Needs) (Prescribed Forms) (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 45), dated 3rd January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

5 Local Government,—Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Special Grant) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 128), dated 23rd January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

6 National Health Service,—(1) City Hospitals Sunderland National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 82),

(2) Derbyshire Royal Infirmary National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 83),

(3) North Tyneside Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 84),

(4) Pilgrim Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 90),

(6) Southport and Formby Community Health Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 85),

(7) West Lancashire National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 86), and

(8) Wrightington Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 87),
dated 16th January 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

Other Papers:

7 Child Support,—Paper, entitled Improving Child Support [by Command] [Cm. 2745] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 Insolvency,—Statement of the sums received and paid by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under the Insolvency Act 1986 and of the sums credited and debited to the Investment Account by the National Debt Commissioners for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 154] [Clerk of the House].

9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petitions [12th December and 19th December] from—

(1) Friends of Buckinghamshire against the recommendations of the Local Government Commission for the county, and

(2) residents of South Cerney, Gloucestershire, for action to prevent planning permission being given for further development of Lakes 6, 7 and 16 in the Cotswold Water Park

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

10 Social Security,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Social Security Committee, Session 1993–94, on the operation of the Child Support Act: proposals for change [by Command] [Cm. 2743] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

11 South Thames Training and Enterprise Council,—Department of Employment and Department of the Environment minute, dated 23rd January 1995, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon arrangements to ensure continuity of Government programmes following the appointment of an administrative receiver to manage the affairs of South Thames Training and Enterprise Council [by Command] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 37-iv] [Sir James Kilfedder].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 155-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

3 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 132-iii] [Mr Frank Field].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Milk Development Council Order 1995, in place of Mr Patrick Thompson.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Islwyn Writ,—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue her 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 Islwyn in the room of the Right honourable Neil Gordon Kinnock, who since his election for the said County Constituency hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr Derek Foster.)

2 Birmingham Assay Office Bill,—A Bill to amend section 16 of the Hallmarking Act 1973 in its application to the Birmingham Assay Office; to extend the functions of the Office; and for other purposes incidental thereto, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

3 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill,—A Bill to unite The Medical College of St. Bartholomew’s Hospital in the City of London and The London Hospital Medical College with Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London; to provide for the transfer to Queen Mary and Westfield College of rights, properties, assets and obligations of those other Colleges; and for connected and other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

4 Saint Paul’s Churchyard Bill,—A Bill to authorise the realignment of, and extension to, certain railings and to provide for the alteration of the status and user of certain lands, and for the extinguishment of certain rights over other lands, in or in the vicinity of the churchyard of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul in London; and for connected purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

5 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

6 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Broadcasting (Unlicensed Television Services) Exemption Order 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3172), referred to a Committee on 17th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 157].

8 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs Ann Winterton reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction (Amendment) Order 1994 and the draft County Court Remedies (Amendment) Regulations 1994.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 158].

9 Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill,—The Order for resuming on Friday the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th January, That the Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill be now read a second time was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 10th February.

10 Community Care (Rights to Mental Health Services),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for comprehensive services for persons referred to specialist psychiatric services or discharged from hospital following treatment for mental disorder and for connected purposes: And that Tessa Jowell, Ms Janet Anderson, Jean Corston, Ms Angela Eagle, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Michael Clapham, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Estelle Morris and Mr Roger Sims do prepare and bring it in.

11 Community Care (Rights to Mental Health Services) Bill,—Tessa Jowell accordingly presented a Bill to provide for comprehensive services for persons referred to specialist psychiatric services or discharged from hospital following treatment for mental disorder; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 37].

12 Disability Discrimination Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Disability Discrimination 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 the Disability Discrimination Bill a Second Reading because it believes that the Bill is not an acceptable or enforceable measure to ensure civil rights for all disabled people because its employment provisions would extend to less than five per cent. of firms, because it fails to provide for a comprehensive definition of disability or for a Disability Rights Commission to work towards the elimination of discrimination, because it specifically excludes access to the means of public transport and because it fails to make unlawful discrimination in the sale and letting of premises', instead thereof.—(Mr Tom Clarke.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Peter Mandelson: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Simon Burns: 307.

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.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Disability Discrimination Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any sums required by the Secretary of State—
   (a) for making payments to persons appointed under, or in accordance with
       arrangements made under, the Act;
   (b) for paying expenses incurred by the National Disability Council; and
   (c) in respect of any other expenditure incurred by him under or by virtue of the Act;

(2) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown in complying with any
 provision of the Act; and

(3) any increase attributable to the Act in sums payable out of money so provided under
    or by virtue of any other enactment.—(Mr David Lightbown):—It was agreed to.

14 Local Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble
Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3025), dated 28th November 1994, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be annulled—(Mr David Rendel);

The House divided

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Don Foster: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Derek Conway: 296.

So the Question was negatived.

15 Transport,—Ordered, That Mr James Hill be discharged from the Transport Committee and
Sir David Madel be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the
Committee of Selection.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.12 a.m.]
APPENDIX I
Tuesday 24th January 1995

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Telecommunications,—Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 144), dated 23rd January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

3 Water Industry,—Hartlepools Water Company (Constitution and Regulation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 79), dated 16th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

4 Animals,—Code of Practice for the Housing and Care of Animals in Designated Breeding and Supplying Establishments [by Act]; to be printed [No. 125] [Mr Secretary Howard].

5 Export Credits Guarantee Department,—Report, Accounts and Financial Statement of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 120] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

6 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Sale of Forward Catering Services Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 150] [Clerk of the House].

7 Natural Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of Scottish Natural Heritage for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 156] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 24th January; to be printed [No. 159-i] [Mr Greville Janner].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-vi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 37.]


The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Sheffield Assay Office Bill,—The Sheffield Assay Office Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Milk Development Council Order 1994.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 174].
7 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Roland Boyes reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft World Trade Organisation (Immunites and Privileges) Order 1994 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation) Order 1994.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 172].

8 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. 11141/94, relating to the Common Agricultural Policy sugar régime; and supports the Government’s policy to press for reductions in sugar prices to bring them into line with those for other arable crops, to defend the United Kingdom beet sugar quota and to support measures which ensure the viability of cane sugar refineries and provide additional access opportunities for developing country suppliers.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

9 Catering,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Catering Committee be printed [Nos. 165i to —iii].

10 Pensions (Divorce),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law so as to provide for the equitable division of pensions in the event of divorce: And that Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Jean Corston, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mildred Gordon, Mr Bernie Grant, Helen Jackson, Alice Mahon, Clare Short and Audrey Wise do prepare and bring it in.

11 Pensions (Divorce) Bill,—Mr Harry Cohen accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law so as to provide for the equitable division of pensions in the event of divorce: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th February and to be printed [Bill 38].

12 Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 15, 52, 64 and 91 and Schedules Nos. 4, 11 and 14).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 64 (Approval of companies as venture capital trusts).

Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 57, line 44, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) No approvals shall be given under this section after 6th April 1997’.—(Mr Andrew Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Tessa Jowell: 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Dr Liam Fox: 321.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Bowen Wells: 319.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Tessa Jowell: 242.

Schedule No. 14 (Venture capital trusts: meaning of “qualifying holdings”).

Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 257, line 32, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(6) The value of the interest in land held—

(a) by the relevant company or qualifying subsidiary of that company; or

(b) (where lower) the adjusted value of the interests in land which were held by the relevant company or any qualifying subsidiary of that company immediately following the issue of the relevant holding

must not exceed half the value of the company’s assets as a whole.

(7) The provisions of section 294(2) to 294(7) of the Taxes Act 1988 shall apply for the purposes of determining the value of the interests in land held by a relevant company or a qualifying subsidiary of that company. The provisions of section 295 of the Taxes Act 1988 shall apply for the purpose of sub-paragraph (6)(b) as they apply for the purposes of section 294(1)(b) of the Taxes Act 1988 to adjust the value of interest in land held immediately after the issue of a relevant holding’.—(Mr Malcolm Bruce.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Simon Hughes: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Dr Liam Fox: 298.

Schedule agreed to.

Clause No. 91 (Returns and self-assessments).

Amendment (No. 31) proposed, in page 107, line 2, at the end, to add the words—

‘(9) Her Majesty’s Government shall, before 31st January 1996, present a report to Parliament on:

(a) the guidance and explanatory material made and to be made available to the public for the purpose of ensuring that returns and partnership statements under self-assessment reflect the taxable position after claims to relief and allowances and after taking into account tax suffered on, and tax credits with, the items in the return,

(b) the training provided and to be provided to Inland Revenue and other relevant staff on the provision of advice and support to taxpayers in the completion of their returns for the purpose of ensuring that returns and partnership statements under self-assessment reflect the taxable position after claims to relief and allowances and after taking into account tax suffered on, and tax credits with, the items in the return, and

(c) amendments made and to be made to the Taxpayer’s Charter relating to ensuring that for the purpose of ensuring that returns and partnership statements under self-assessment reflect the taxable position after claims to relief and allowances and after taking into account tax suffered on, and tax credits with, the items in the return,’.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

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

Clause agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

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

Committee again to-morrow.

13 Special Standing Committee,—Ordered, That, in relation to the Children (Scotland) Bill, Standing Order No. 91 (Special Standing Committees) shall have effect with the following alterations:

(a) in line 6, leave out ‘four morning sittings’ and insert ‘two morning and two afternoon sittings’; and

(b) in line 18, leave out ‘three morning sittings’ and insert ‘one morning and two afternoon sittings’.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 9.45 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 25th January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

2 Environmental Protection,—Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 150), dated 24th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


Other Papers:

5 Agriculture,—Government Reply to the Fifth Report from the Agriculture Committee, Session 1993-94, on health controls on the importation of live animals [by Command] [Cm. 2735] [Mr William Waldegrave].

6 Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks),—Accounts of the Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 168] [Clerk of the House].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Fourth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1994-95, on Selected Cases 1995 [by Act], to be printed [No. 152] [Clerk of the House].

8 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Forty-fourth to Forty-eighth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1993-94 [by Command] [Cm. 2739] [Sir George Young].

9 Treaty Series (No. 6, 1995),—Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 12th December 1980, to the agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Lebanese Republic consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community [by Command] [Cm. 2736] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 Treaty Series (No. 7, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Peking on 28th June 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China concerning liability for damage during the launch stage of the Apstar-1, Apstar-2, and Asiasat-2 Satellites [by Command] [Cm. 2737] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

11 Treaty Series (No. 8, 1995),—Protocol, done at Berne on 17th December 1993, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Confederation amending the Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income, signed at London on 8th December 1977, as amended by the Protocol signed at London on 5th March 1981 [by Command] [Cm. 2738] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee D,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated thirty-five Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Finance Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Jonathan Aitken, Hilary Armstrong, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Hartley Booth, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Alistair Darling, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Nigel Forman, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Ms Margaret Hodge, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Mr Nigel Jones, Mrs Angela Knight, Mr Barry Legg, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Anthony Nelson, Mr Mike O'Brien, Mr Ian Pearson, Dawn Primarolo, Mr David Shaw, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Tim Smith, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Nigel Waterson and Sir George Young.

2 Standing Committee E,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Disability Discrimination Bill, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Neil Gerrard, Cheryl Gillan, Mr William Hague, Mr David Hanson, Mr Charles Hendry, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr George Mudie, Mr James Paice, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Colin Pickthall and Mr Peter Thurnham.

3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils Order 1995, viz.: Mr Kenneth Baker, Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr John Battle, Sir Graham Bright, Mr John Butcher, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mrs Judith Church, Mr Harry Cohen, Mildred Gordon, Sir John Hannam, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Nigel Jones, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr David Mellor, Mr Alan Simpson, Sir Trevor Skeet, Sir Gerard Vaughan and Mr David Willetts.
4 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Northern Ireland (Loans) (Increase of Limit) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Iain Duncan-Smith, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Sir Norman Fowler, Mr George Galloway, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Jim Lester, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Andrew MacKay, Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr Paul Murphy, Mr William Ross, Mr John Spellar, Mr Richard Spring, Sir John Wheeler, Mr John Wilkinson and Mr David Winnick.

5 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated four Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill, viz.: Mr Bill Etherington, Sir Irvine Patnick, Mr Peter Snape and Mr Walter Sweeney.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 25th January; to be printed [No. 83iii] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—(1) Third Report from the Defence Committee [Supply of Food to the Armed Forces], 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. 66] [Mr Bruce George];

(2) Fourth Report from the Defence Committee [Defence Costs Study: Government Reply to Eighth Report, Session 1993–94, and Other Matters], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 166] [Sir Nicholas Bonsor]; and

(3) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 25th January; to be printed [No. 167]

[Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

3 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 25th January; to be printed [No. 39v] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 European Legislation,—Fifth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70v] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 25th January; to be printed [No. 175i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

6 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 25th January; to be printed [No. 173i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

7 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 25th January; to be printed [No. 132–iv] [Mr Frank Field].

8 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 25th January; to be printed [Nos. 170 and 171] [Mr Richard Caborn].

9 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 25th January; to be printed [No. 104–iii] [Mr Paul Channon].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Home Energy Conservation Bill to Standing Committee C;

(2) the Disability Discrimination Bill to Standing Committee E;

(3) the draft Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(4) the draft Northern Ireland (Loans) (Increase of Limit) Order 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—
(1) Mr James Hill and Mr Edward O’Hara Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) Bill;

(2) Sir Patrick Cormack Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Home Energy Conservation Bill;

(3) Mr Michael Shersby and Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Disability Discrimination Bill;

(4) Mr John Maxton an additional Chairman of the Special Standing Committee on the Children (Scotland) Bill;

(5) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils Order 1995;

(6) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Northern Ireland (Loans) (Increase of Limit) Order 1995; and

(7) Mr Robert Hicks Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 8958/94, relating to recording equipment in road transport.

[No. 38.]

Thursday 26th January 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means. Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 2nd February.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Disorderly conduct.—Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Member for Workington, having used and not withdrawn a grossly disorderly expression, the Speaker ordered him to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day’s sitting, pursuant to Standing Order No.42 (Disorderly conduct):—And he withdrew accordingly.

6 Welfare of Calves (Export) Bill,—Mr Chris Mullin, supported by Mr Alan Williams, Mr Matthew Taylor, Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Nigel Jones, Sir Richard Body, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Harry Greenway and Mr Austin Mitchell, 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 10th February and to be printed [Bill 39].

7 Opposition day [2nd allotted day: first part],—It being a 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.

Mortgage Interest Relief for Persons on Income Support,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the proposed withdrawal of help with mortgage interest payments during the first nine months on income support for any applicant obtaining a mortgage after 1st October 1995 and the reduction in such assistance for existing borrowers who in future are forced to apply for state help; and recognising that these changes will result in a very significant additional cost for home owners, lead to repossessions which are already running at an unacceptably high level and further depress the housing market, calls on Her Majesty’s Government to withdraw these proposals which will cause real difficulties for both lenders and borrowers—(Mr Donald Dewar);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘condemns the Opposition’s wish to continue the inadequate existing system of Income Support Mortgage Interest, which does not protect those with modest savings, those with small pensions or redundancy
payments, or those with a working spouse, which has undermined the spread of private mortgage insurance and has contributed to 50,000 homes a year being repossessed; believes that the Government's proposals will lead to the development of more comprehensive, less costly insurance cover; welcomes the fact that pensioners on income support will continue to have their mortgage interest paid; and reaffirms its commitment to home ownership; 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 George Mudie, Mr Joe Benton: 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr David Lightbown: 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.

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

Resolved, That this House condemns the Opposition's wish to continue the inadequate existing system of Income Support Mortgage Interest, which does not protect those with modest savings, those with small pensions or redundancy payments, or those with a working spouse, which has undermined the spread of private mortgage insurance and has contributed to 50,000 homes a year being repossessed; believes that the Government's proposals will lead to the development of more comprehensive, less costly insurance cover; welcomes the fact that pensioners on income support will continue to have their mortgage interest paid; and reaffirms its commitment to home ownership.

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

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

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.21 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 26th January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Sea Fisheries,—Mackerel (Specified Sea Areas) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 168), dated 26th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

5 Animals,—Statistics of scientific procedures on living animals in Great Britain for 1993 [by Command] [Cm. 2746] [Mr Secretary Howard].

6 Citizen's Charter,—Paper, entitled The Civil Service: Taking Forward Continuity and Change [by Command] [Cm. 2748] [Mr David Hunt].
APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee D,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr Hartley Booth (nominated in respect of the Finance Bill); and had appointed in substitution Lady Olga Maitland.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 26th January; to be printed [No. 20-v] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—(1) First Report from the National Heritage Committee [The National Lottery], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 131]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 26th January; to be printed [No. 57-vii]
   [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Treasury and Civil Service,—First Special Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [Government Observations on the First Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95 (Cross Border Shopping)]; to be printed [No. 169] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDUM
Chairman of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr Alan Haselhurst Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 4075/94, 6230/94 and 9069/94 relating to Social Policy.

[No. 39.]
Friday 27th January 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Media (Diversity) Bill,—The Order for reading the Media (Diversity) Bill a second time on Friday 10th February was read and discharged.
   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March.

3 Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill,—The Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Insurance Companies (Reserves) 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 February.

5 Charities (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Charities (Amendment) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd February.

6 Home Rule (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Home Rule (Scotland) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th February.
7 Water Charges (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Charges (Amendment) Bill;

 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd February.

8 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill.—Ordered, That Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Den Dover, Sir Anthony Durant, Glenda Jackson and Mr David Tredinnick be members of the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

9 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 1st February, the Speaker shall not later than Ten o’clock put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Gummer relating to Local Government Finance; and those Questions may be decided after the expiry of the time for opposed business.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

10 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 2nd February, the Speaker shall not later than Seven o’clock put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Lilley relating to the draft Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) and (Incapacity for Work) (General) Regulations.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

11 Special Standing Committee.—Ordered, That, during its consideration of the Children (Scotland) Bill, the Special Standing Committee may meet between the hours of one o’clock and half-past three o’clock in the afternoon.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 30th January.

[Adjourned at 3.1 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 27th January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds.—Draft Defence Evaluation and Research Agency Trading Fund Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Gaming (Bingo) Act (Variation of Monetary Limit) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 122), dated 15th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].


Other Papers:

4 Aviation and Maritime Security,—Reports by the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to—

(1) section 23 of the Aviation Security Act 1982 as amended by the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990, and

(2) section 44 of the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

5 Channel Tunnel.—Report by the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to article 35 of the Channel Tunnel (Security) Order 1994 for 1994 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].
30th January 1995

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Welsh Grand Committee.— Mr Roy Hughes reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the Matter of the Welsh economy, referred to it on 16th January, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

Agricultural Tenancies Bill [Lords].— The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to tenancies which include agricultural land; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Agricultural Tenancies Bill [Lords].— The Agricultural Tenancies Bill [Lords], was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 40].

6 Finance Bill.— The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 15 and 52 and Schedules Nos. 4 and 11).

(In the Committee)

Ordered, That the Order in which the remaining proceedings in Committee of the whole House on the Finance Bill are to be taken shall be Clause No. 52, Schedule No. 11, Clause No. 15 and Schedule No. 4.— (Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

Clause No. 52 (Personal pensions: income withdrawals).

Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 45, line 36, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2) Schedule 11 shall come into effect only if the Government has presented a report to Parliament before the passing of this Act on certain aspects of the Schedule specified in subsection (3) below.

(3) The Government shall report to Parliament on—

(a) the likely effects of the provisions of Schedule 11 to this Act on the costs of administering personal pension schemes;

(b) an assessment of the risks to members of personal pension schemes of decisions taken as a result of the provisions of Schedule 11; and

(c) considerations raised by the extension of the provisions of Schedule 11 to retirement benefit schemes and retirement annuity contracts'.— (Mr Alistair Darling.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.


Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 275.

Clause agreed to.

Schedule No. 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Vehicle excise and registration: other provisions).

Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 11, line 42, at the end, to insert the words 'only if the Government has presented a report to Parliament before the passing of this Act on certain of its implications specified in subsection (2) below.

(2) The Government shall report to Parliament on the implications of Schedule 4 for—

(a) public and traffic safety;

(b) the standard of public service; and

(c) the costs to individuals, service providers and businesses; and on the results of public consultation'.— (Dawn Primarolo.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Peter Mandelson: 208.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Timothy Wood: 297.

Clause agreed to.

Schedule No. 4 (Vehicle Excise and Registration).

Amendment (No. 27) proposed, in page 164, to leave out line 23.—(Dawn Primarolo.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr Timothy Wood: 276.

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed, in page 164, to leave out lines 31 and 32.—(Mr Malcolm Bruce.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Diana Maddock, Mr Don Foster: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr David Willets: 277.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed, in page 165, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

'(c) if it is a vehicle with engine size under 1,200cc, the fuel efficient rate'.—(Mr Matthew Taylor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Don Foster: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Michael Bates: 277.

Amendments (Nos. 42 and 43) made.

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed, in page 168, line 22, at the end, to insert the words—

'4BA. A vehicle is a special concessionary vehicle if it is constructed or adapted to be used primarily for towing a disabled vehicle in such a manner (whether or not involving superimposition) as to cause a substantial part of the weight of the disabled vehicle to be borne by the vehicle in question'.—(Dawn Primarolo.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Estelle Morris, Tessa Jowell: 245.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Michael Bates: 275.

Other Amendments (Nos. 44 to 46) made.

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed, in page 173, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

'(13A) Notwithstanding the above provisions within this Schedule, the rate of vehicle excise duty for vehicles in the Restricted Heavy Goods Vehicle tax class which are operating primarily within a region in which there has been previous exemption from plating and testing shall be £150 per year'.—(Mrs Ray Michie.)

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

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Another Amendment (No. 47) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 2, 5, 8, 15, 52, 64 and 91, Schedules Nos. 1, 4, 11 and 14, and any new Clauses first appearing on the Order Paper not later than 19th January and designed
to continue the statutory effect of the Ways and Means Resolutions of the House of 13th December), as amended, to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Andrew Mitchell reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 2, 5, 8, 15, 52, 64 and 91, Schedules Nos. 1, 4, 11, and 14, and any new Clauses first appearing on the Order Paper not later than 19th January and designed to continue the statutory effect of any of the Ways and Means Resolutions of the House of 13th December), and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

7 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 (Amendment) Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):— It was agreed to.

8 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 (Amendment) Regulations 1994, which were laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):— It was agreed to.

9 Industrial Organisation and Development,—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 Milk Development Council Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):— It was agreed to.

10 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 World Trade Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 1st December, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):— It was agreed to.

11 European Communities,—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 (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation) Order 1994, which was laid before this House on 1st December, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):— It was agreed to.

12 Sugar Regime,—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. 11141/94, relating to the Common Agricultural Policy sugar régime; and supports the Government's policy to press for reductions in sugar prices to bring them into line with those for other arable crops, to defend the United Kingdom beet sugar quota and to support measures which ensure the viability of cane sugar refineries and provide additional access opportunities for developing country suppliers—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):— It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Wandsworth, Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea for a study of alternatives to enable non-London bound rail freight to be routed away from central London and for action thereon 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 Andrew Mitchell);

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

[Adjourned at 1.37 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Monday 30th January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,—(1) Local Government Finance Report (England) 1995–96,
   (2) Limitation of Council Tax and Precepts (Relevant Notional Amounts) Report
   (England) 1995–96, and
   (3) Special Grant Report (No. 12)
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 161, 163 and 162] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Wildlife (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act]
   [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

3 Police,—(1) Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 3) Order 1995,
   dated 27th January 1995 [by Act] and
   (2) Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 1995–96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 164]
   [Mr Secretary Howard].

4 Social Security,—(1) Draft Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations
   1995, and
   (2) draft Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (General) Regulations 1995
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Agriculture,—Surplus Food Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 184), dated 26th January 1995
   [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

6 Education,—Education (Financial Delegation to Schools) (Mandatory Exceptions)
   Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 178), dated 27th January 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary
   Shephard].

Other Papers:

7 Children and Young Persons,—Report of the Wales Youth Agency for 1993–94 [by
   Command] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

8 Football Spectators,—Report and Accounts of the Football Licensing Authority for 1993–94
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

9 Merchant Shipping,—Report by the Department of Transport of exemptions granted under
   section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906 for the period 1st January to 31st March
   1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Managing to be
    Independent: Management and Financial Control at Colleges in the Further Education
    Sector [by Act]; to be printed [No. 179] [Clerk of the House].

11 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,
   (4) the identification of persons by police officers, and
   (5) the tape recording of interviews by police officers at police stations with suspected
      persons
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].
Papers withdrawn:

12 Social Security,—(1) Draft Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations 1994 and
(2) draft Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (General) Regulations 1994 [laid 24th November].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 30th January; to be printed [No. 188-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 30th January; to be printed [No. 187-i] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 41.]

Tuesday 31st January 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Birmingham Assay Office Bill,—The Birmingham Assay Office Bill was read a second time and committed.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill,—Ordered, That the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill be read a second time on Thursday.

3 Saint Paul's Churchyard Bill,—The Saint Paul's Churchyard Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

6 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No.192].

7 Sex Discrimination,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Application to Armed Forces etc.) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3276) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope): It was agreed to.

8 Motor Vehicles Insurance Certificate Display,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require all registered owners of motor vehicles to display prominently on each vehicle owned a valid certificate of insurance and for it to be an offence if no certificate is so displayed: And that Mr Bob Dunn, Sir James Spicer, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Douglas French, Mr Harry Greenway, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr John Marshall and Mr James Pawsey do prepare and bring it in.

9 Motor Vehicles Insurance Certificate Display Bill,—Mr Bob Dunn accordingly presented a Bill to require all registered owners of motor vehicles to display prominently on each vehicle owned a valid certificate of insurance and for it to be an offence if no certificate is so displayed: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 41].

10 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.

National Health Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with alarm the growing evidence of dangerously inadequate patient care and of overstretched staff and facilities in the National Health Service; takes heed of the
testimonies of those senior staff who are still free to speak, who say that the very existence of a nationwide service in health care is at risk; rejects the drive to replace it by local health businesses; and calls for a moratorium on bed closures in London, and on the Government to reassess their dogma-driven policy changes and to foster co-operation, not competition, between staff and institutions—(Margaret Beckett);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'congratulates National Health Service staff in hospitals and in the community for providing ever more and better care for patients with 122 patients being treated for every 100 four years ago; welcomes the health reforms which have provided a coherent structure to enable them to do so; recognises the challenges faced by the National Health Service resulting from medical advance, the ageing of the population and rising public expectations and believes that the new National Health Service is better placed than ever to meet these challenges; welcomes the 68 per cent. real terms increase in National Health Service spending since 1978-79 and the Government's manifesto commitment to further real terms increases; and condemns Her Majesty's Opposition for its ill-thought-out commitment to abolish the reforms, an act which would inflict chaos and confusion on the health service, deprive patients of the benefits of National Health Service Trusts and general practitioner fundholding and prevent the health service from responding to the changing needs of the public', instead thereof. (Mrs Secretary Bottomley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Joe Benton: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 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):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates National Health Service staff in hospitals and in the community for providing ever more and better care for patients with 122 patients being treated for every 100 four years ago; welcomes the health reforms which have provided a coherent structure to enable them to do so; recognises the challenges faced by the National Health Service resulting from medical advance, the ageing of the population and rising public expectations and believes that the new National Health Service is better placed than ever to meet these challenges; welcomes the 68 per cent. real terms increase in National Health Service spending since 1978-79 and the Government's manifesto commitment to further real terms increases; and condemns Her Majesty's Opposition for its ill-thought-out commitment to abolish the reforms, an act which would inflict chaos and confusion on the health service, deprive patients of the benefits of National Health Service Trusts and general practitioner fundholding and prevent the health service from responding to the changing needs of the public.

11 Police,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 1995-96 (House of Commons Paper No. 164), which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved—(Mr David Maclean);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Peter Mandelson: 248.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 1995-96 (House of Commons Paper No. 164), which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.

12 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Edward Garnier be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Mr Walter Sweeney be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Administration,—Ordered, That Sir David Madel be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr Derek Conway be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Berkshire County Council against the final recommendations of the Local Government Commission in relation to Berkshire 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 David Willetts);

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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-seven minutes past Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.27 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 31st January 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Classes VIII and IX (Home Office and Charity Commission and Lord Chancellor’s and Law Officers’ Departments) for 1993–94 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 100-vii] [Sir George Young].

4 Education,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools for 1993–94 Part I [by Act]; to be printed [No. 122] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

5 Pensions,—Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1995 (No. 1) [by Act] [Sir George Young].

6 Social Security,—Report by the Government Actuary on the operation of the Social Security Act 1975 in the five years ended 5th April 1990 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 160] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

7 South Thames Training and Enterprise Council,—Department of Employment and Department of the Environment minute, dated 31st January 1995 concerning a contingent liability in respect of arrangements to ensure continuity of Government programmes following the appointment of an administrative receiver to manage the affairs of South Thames Training and Enterprise Council [by Command] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 31st January; to be printed [No. 159–ii] [Mr Greville Janner].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8–vii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
Wednesday 1st February 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Northern Ireland (Loans) (Increase of Limit) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 198].

6 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Robert Hicks reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 8958/94, relating to recording equipment in road vehicles; and supports the Government's view that, while there is a need for alternative recording equipment, further development work is needed to prove the security of any new system before any change can be agreed.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

7 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Alan Haselhurst reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 9069/94, relating to the future of European social policy, and shares the Government's view that future Community social policy must centre on the need to tackle unemployment and facilitate the creation of new jobs, taking account of the principle of subsidiarity, the need to respect the diversity of Member States' institutions and traditions, and the importance of enhancing the competitiveness of Community businesses; takes note of European Community Document No. 4075/94, relating to the application of the Agreement on Social Policy; of European Community Document No. 11115/94, relating to a Resolution on the future of social policy; and of European Community Document No. 6230/94, relating to European Works Councils; and welcomes the fact that acts adopted under the Agreement on Social Policy are not applicable to the United Kingdom under the terms of the Maastricht Treaty.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

8 Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 in connection with the procedures relating to the registration of deaths in England and Wales: And that Mrs Angela Knight, Mr James Clappison, Mr Peter Butler, Mr David Hinchcliffe, Mr John Heppell, Mr Gyles Brandeth, Sir Timothy Sainsbury, Sir Ivan Lawrence, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr John Greenway and Mr David Lidington do prepare and bring it in.

9 Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill,—Mrs Angela Knight accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 in connection with the procedures relating to the registration of deaths in England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th February and to be printed [Bill 42].

10 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 1995–96 (House of Commons Paper No. 161), which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Gummer);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Dennis Turner: 257.

So the Question was agreed to.

**Resolved,** That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 1995–96 (House of Commons Paper No. 161), which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.

And it being after Ten o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of the other Motions relating to Local Government Finance, pursuant to Order [27th January].

Local Government Finance,—**Resolved,** That the Special Grant Report (No. 12) (House of Commons Paper No. 162), which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Gummer.)

Local Government Finance,—**Resolved,** That the Limitation of Council Tax and Precepts (Relevant Notional Amounts) Report (England) 1995–96 (House of Commons Paper No. 163), which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Gummer.)

11 Scientific Research,—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 Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th December, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Benfleet for action to prevent the abuse of Woodside Park; and

(2) residents of Bedford for action to improve the priority of new road schemes were presented and read; 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—(Dr Liam Fox);

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

[Adjourned at 10.48 p.m.]

**APPENDIX I**

**Wednesday 1st February 1995**

**Papers presented or laid upon the Table:**

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection,—Toys (Safety) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 204), dated 30th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

2 Education,—Education (School Financial Statements) (Prescribed Particulars etc.) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 208), dated 31st January 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

3 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Employments) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 216), and


4 Prisons and Young Offenders Centres,—Prison and Young Offenders Centre Rules (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R.(N.I.), 1995, No. 8), dated 10th January 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

6 Members' Interests.—Register of Members' Interests as at 31st January 1995 [pursuant to the Resolutions of 22nd May 1974 and 28th June 1993]; to be printed [No. 186] [Clerk of the House].

7 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Wales on the Petition [14th December] from Delyn Friends of the Earth for legislation to protect sites of special scientific interest [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Treaty Series (No. 9, 1995).—Notes exchanged at Bonn on 12th September 1994 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 termination of the Agreement by Exchange of Notes of 25th September 1990 concerning the presence, for a limited period, of the forces of the French Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America in Berlin [by Command] [Cm. 2744] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Home Energy Conservation Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Robert B. Jones, Mr John McAllion, Diana Maddock, Alice Mahon, Mr Andrew Robathan, Joan Ruddock, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Llew Smith, Mr Richard Spring, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Mr Gary Waller and Mr Tim Yeo.

2 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Application to Armed Forces etc.) Regulations 1994, viz.: Mr David Atkinson, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr John Carlisle, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Peter Griffiths, Sir Archie Hamilton, Mr John Hutton, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr John Marshall, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Nicholas Soames, Rachel Squire, Mr John Wilkinson and Mr David Young.

3 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994, viz.: Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Thomas McaVoy, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr Andrew MacKay, Mr Max Madden, Mr Ken Maginnis, Sir Michael Marshall, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Bridget Prentice, Sir Dudley Smith, Sir Keith Speed, Mr John Spellar, Sir Donald Thompson and Mr Cyril D. Townsend.

4 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995, the draft Electricity Distribution Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generation Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generators (Aluminium) (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Transmission Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Formula Valuation (Revocations) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995 and the draft British Gas plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr James Couchman, Mr James Cran, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Mr David Evans, Sir Marcus Fox, Sir Peter Fry, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr John McAllion, Mr Allan Stewart, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr James Wallace and Mr Jimmy Wray.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 1st February; to be printed [No. 83-iv] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].
2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 1st February; to be printed [No. 197-i] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 1st February; to be printed [No. 178-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Education Committee
   [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 1st February; to be printed [No. 39-vi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 European Legislation,—Sixth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-vi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 1st February; to be printed [No. 17-vi] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

7 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 1st February; to be printed [No. 57-viii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

8 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 1st February; to be printed [Nos. 199-i and -ii] [Mr James Pawsey].

9 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 1st February; to be printed [No. 200-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

10 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 1st February; to be printed [No. 41-iii] [Sir Giles Shaw].

11 Social Security,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 1st February; to be printed [No. 196-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Social Security Committee
   [Mr Frank Field].

12 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 1st February; to be printed [No. 194-i] [Mr Richard Caborn].

13 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 1st February; to be printed [No. 104-iv] [Mr Paul Channon].

14 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 1st February; to be printed [No. 187-ii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

15 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 1st February; to be printed [No. 103-iii] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated—
   (1) the Activity Centres (Young Persons’ Safety) Bill to Standing Committee C;
   (2) the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Application to Armed Forces etc.) Regulations 1994 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments &c.;
   (3) the draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
   (4) the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995, the draft Electricity Distribution Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generation Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generators (Aluminium) (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Transmission Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Formula Valuation (Revocations) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, and the draft British Gas plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Sir John Hunt Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Home Energy Conservation Bill in place of Sir Patrick Cormack;

(2) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee on Monday 13th February in respect of a substantive motion for the adjournment (on Scottish Homes);

(3) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Application to Armed Forces etc.) Regulations 1994;

(4) Mr Roland Boyes Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994; and

(5) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995, the draft Electricity Distribution Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generation Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generators (Aluminium) (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Transmission Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Formula Valuation (Revocations) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, and the draft British Gas plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European standing committees), the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 27th January 1995, relating to relations with Russia, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 43.]

Thursday 2nd February 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 9th February.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th February.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The Reverend Ian Paisley, supported by the Reverend William McCrea and Mr Peter Robinson, presented a Bill to prohibit, in Northern Ireland, discrimination against disabled people on the ground of their disability; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th March and to be printed [Bill 43].

6 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Social Security (Incacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 30th January, be approved—(Mr William Hague).

And it being Seven o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [27th January];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mrs Barbara Roche: 232.
So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question necessary to dispose of the other Motion relating to Social Security.

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (General) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

7 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Swansea against use of overseas aid funds on the Chinese population control programme was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Bowen Wells);

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.26 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 2nd February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Housing (Scotland),—(1) Draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1995, and
   (2) draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation Order 1995
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Local Government Finance (Wales),—(1) Local Government Finance Report (Wales) 1995–96,
   (2) Limitation of Council Tax and Precepts (Relevant Notional Amounts) Report (Wales) 1995–96, and
   (3) Special Grant Report (Wales) 1995
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 140, 141 and 142] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

3 Local Government (Scotland),—(1) Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 1995, and
   (2) Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1995
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Armorial Bearings, Ensigns and Flags,—Lyon Court and Office Fees (Variation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 132), dated 18th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


7 Local Government Finance,—Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations and Funds) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 234), dated 2nd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

8 Telecommunications,—Public Telecommunication System Designation (AT&T Communications (UK) LTD) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 182), dated 27th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].
Other Papers:

9 Housing (Scotland),—Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—

(1) the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1995, and
(2) the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation Order 1995
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 146 and 147] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—

(1) the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 1995, and
(2) the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1995
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 190 and 191] [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Second Sale of the Government's Debt in British Telecommunications and the Privatised Electricity Companies [by Act]; to be printed [No. 184] [Clerk of the House].

12 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 to AT&T Communications (UK) LTD [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 2nd February; to be printed [No. 20-vi] [Mrs Marion Roe].

MEMORANDUM

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

(1) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee on Wednesday 8th February in respect of a substantive motion for the adjournment [future of Rail Services in Scotland]; and

(2) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee on Monday 13th February in respect of a substantive motion for the adjournment [Scottish Homes] in place of Mr Michael J. Martin.

[No. 44.]

Friday 3rd February 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill,—Mr Secretary Howard, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr Secretary Dorrell and Mr Michael Forsyth, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Licensing Act 1964 relating to permitted hours in licensed premises and clubs on Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 6th February and to be printed [Bill 44].

3 Proceeds of Crime Bill,—The Proceeds of Crime Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Road Traffic (New Drivers) Bill,—The Road Traffic (New Drivers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

5 Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Bill,—The Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Bill was, according to Order, 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 Nicholas Winterton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nicholas Winterton, Mr Piers Merchant: 48.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Michael Fabricant: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill;

And it being after half-past Two o’clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding;

Committee Friday 10th February.

6 Protection of Calves (Export) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Calves (Export) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th February.

7 Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th February.

8 Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 27th January, That the Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 10th February.

9 Charities (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Charities (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th February.

10 Water Charges (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Charges (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd March.

11 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 8th February, the Speaker shall—

(1) put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Redwood relating to Local Government Finance (Wales) not later than Seven o’clock; and

(2) put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew relating to the draft Children (Northern Ireland) and Children (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Orders not later than Ten o’clock.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 6th February.

[Adjourned at 3.9 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 3rd February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service, Scotland,—National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 165), dated 24th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

2 Reserve Forces,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Defence under section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call-out of Territorial Army personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Accommodation and Works Committee from 23rd November 1994 to 25th January 1995 be printed [Nos. 205-i to -iv].

4 Agricultural Tenancies Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Tenancies 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 Sydney Chapman: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Joe Benton: 129.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

5 Education,—Ordered, That Dr Robert Spink be discharged from the Education Committee and Mr Nirj Joseph Deva be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew Mackay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

6 National Heritage,—Ordered, That Mr Bruce Grocott be discharged from the National Heritage Committee and Mr Roland Boyes be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew Mackay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 6th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Police,—Police (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 131), dated 22nd January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Telegraphs,—Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 244), dated 1st February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:

3 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [10th January] from residents of Great Britain for legislation on civil rights for disabled persons [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 6th February; to be printed [No. 207-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Transport,—Memoranda laid before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 206-i] [Mr Paul Channon].

3 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 6th February; to be printed [No. 187-iii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Selection (see Appendix II).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr John Maxton reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Application to Armed Forces etc.) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3276) referred to a Committee on 31st January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 208].

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

London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon local authorities in London; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

7 Regulation of Diet Industry Bill,—Alice Mahon, supported by Mrs Ann Clwyd, Dawn Primarolo, Jean Corston, Mr Tony Banks, Ms Diane Abbott, Ms Liz Lynne, Mildred Gordon, Helen Jackson, Ms Harriet Harman, Clare Short and Mr Ken Livingstone, presented a Bill to regulate the diet industry; to bring all medicines relating to diets under control; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 31st March and to be printed [Bill 45].

8 Workplace Injury Victims,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that those who are in receipt of an award of compensation in respect of any accident, injury or disease as a consequence of their employment or occupation shall be entitled to benefit from such an award in its entirety; that any negligent employer or other compensator shall be obliged to meet the cost of any social security or other statutory benefit paid to any worker, employee or dependant of any worker or employee as a consequence of any accident, injury or disease resulting from the employment or occupation for which an award of compensation is subsequently made; to make legal aid available in all personal injury litigation in such circumstances, and for connected purposes: And that Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Jean Corston, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Alice Mahon, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr John Spellar and Mr Tony Worthington do prepare and bring it in.

9 Workplace Injury Victims Bill,—Mr Andrew Mackinlay accordingly presented a Bill to provide that those who are in receipt of an award of compensation in respect of any accident, injury or disease as a consequence of their employment or occupation shall be entitled to benefit from such an award in its entirety; that any negligent employer or other compensator shall be obliged to meet the cost of any social security or other statutory benefit paid to any worker, employee or dependant of any worker or employee as a consequence of any accident, injury or disease resulting from the employment or occupation for which an award of compensation is subsequently made; to make legal aid available in all personal injury litigation in such circumstances, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 1st May and to be printed [Bill 46].

10 Opposition day [4th allotted day],—It being a 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.

Financial Settlement for Schools, 1995-96,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the 1995-96 financial settlement for schools will, in the words of the Secretary of State for Education, 'cause class sizes to shoot up' and 'lead to the loss of thousands of teaching posts', with a consequential detrimental impact on standards and opportunities for young people—(Mr David Blunkett);
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 in the real level of education spending since 1979; applauds Government policies to raise standards in schools; acknowledges that this year’s settlement is necessarily tough but congratulates teachers and governing bodies for meeting the challenge of education reform; and recognises that parents will judge schools above all by the performance of pupils and the quality of teaching and learning’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Secretary Shephard.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Dennis Turner: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr David Lightbown: 295.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the substantial increase in the real level of education spending since 1979; applauds Government policies to raise standards in schools; acknowledges that this year’s settlement is necessarily tough but congratulates teachers and governing bodies for meeting the challenge of education reform; and recognises that parents will judge schools above all by the performance of pupils and the quality of teaching and learning.

Passenger Services under Rail Privatisation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls on the Government to fulfil its repeated promises that passenger train services would only be franchised on the basis of current time tables.—(Mr Michael Meacher);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Franchising Director’s consultation document on passenger service requirements which, for the first time, introduces guarantees of service for passengers; supports the Government in its determination not to freeze the existing timetable but to create space for the private sector to develop new and additional services based on current timetables which are more attuned to the needs of passengers; supports the Government in its determination to halt the decline in railway use by both passengers and freight customers; and condemns Her Majesty’s Opposition for continuing to rely on scare tactics as a substitute for a policy which would enhance passenger services’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Mawhinney.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Eric Clarke: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 302.

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 Kirkhope, Dr Liam Fox: 295.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Eric Clarke: 263.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Franchising Director’s consultation document on passenger service requirements which, for the first time, introduces guarantees of service for passengers; supports the Government in its determination not to freeze the existing timetable but to create space for the private sector to develop new and additional services based on current timetables which are more attuned to the needs of passengers; supports the Government in its determination to halt the decline in railway use by both passengers and freight customers; and condemns Her Majesty’s Opposition for continuing to rely on scare tactics as a substitute for a policy which would enhance passenger services.
11 Home Energy Conservation Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signed to the proposed Motion relating to Home Energy Conservation Bill [Money];

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

(a) any expenses of the Secretary of State under the Act, and

(b) any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

12 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mr Peter Butler be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments and Lady Olga Maitland be added to the Committee.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

13 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Croxteth Country Park estate, Liverpool, for a new primary school, and

(2) friends of Ysgol Bro Carmel School, Holywell, against reductions in education spending in the rate support grant settlement for Wales, 1995–96,

were presented and read; 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—(Dr Liam Fox);

And the Motion having been made after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being one minute to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 7th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Breckland) Designation (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 198), dated 26th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave];

(3) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Cambrian Mountains) Designation (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 243), dated 30th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];


(6) Environmentally Sensitive Areas Designation (Wales) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 242), dated 30th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];


(13) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Suffolk River Valleys) Designation (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 194), dated 26th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave]; and


3 Customs and Excise,—Dual-Use and Related Goods (Export Control) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 271), dated 4th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


7 Merchant Shipping Safety,—Merchant Shipping (Hours of Work) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 157), dated 20th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].


9 Public Passenger Vehicles,—Public Service Vehicles (Lost Property) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 185), dated 30th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

10 Rating and Valuation,—Valuation for Rating (Former Enterprise Zones) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 213), dated 30th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

11 Honours, Decorations and Medals,—Paper, entitled the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross [by Command] [Cm. 2758] [The Prime Minister].

12 Law Commission,—Report by the Law Commission on Legislating the Criminal Code: Intoxication and Criminal Liability [by Act]; to be printed [No. 153] [Mr John M. Taylor].

13 Duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster,—Revenue and Capital Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for the period 30th September 1993 to 29th September 1994 [by Act] [Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Allan Stewart (nominated in respect of the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995, the draft Electricity Distribution Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generators Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generators (Aluminium) (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generators Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Transmission Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Formula Valuation (Revocations) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, and the draft British Gas plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr George Kynoch.

APPENDIX III
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. 8-viii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
Wednesday 8th February 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Financing of Political Parties,—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the financing of political parties by requiring disclosure of the source of donations, by the prohibition of donations from overseas, and by the publication of accounts: And that Mr John Spellar, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Mike O'Brien, Mr David Winnick, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Gordon McMaster and Mr Chris Mullin do prepare and bring it in.

6 Financing of Political Parties Bill,—Mr John Spellar accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the financing of political parties by requiring disclosure of the source of donations, by the prohibition of donations from overseas, and by the publication of accounts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 47].

7 Local Government Finance (Wales),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Local Government Finance Report (Wales) 1995-96 (House of Commons Paper No. 140), which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved—(Mr Secretary Redwood);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Bowen Wells: 295.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Joe Benton: 269.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the local Government Finance Report (Wales) 1995-96 (House of Commons Paper No. 140), which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved.

And it being after Seven o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions on the other Motions relating to Local Government Finance (Wales), pursuant to Order [3rd February].

Local Government Finance (Wales),—Resolved, That the Special Grant Report (Wales) 1995 (House of Commons Paper No. 142), which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved.—(Mr Derek Conway.)

Local Government Finance (Wales),—Resolved, That the Limitation of Council Tax and Precepts (Relevant Notional Amounts) Report (Wales) 1995-96 (House of Commons Paper No. 141), which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved.—(Mr Derek Conway.)

8 Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 12th January, be approved.—(Mr Malcolm Moss.)

9 Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Children (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 12th January, be approved.—(Mr Malcolm Moss.)

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 Northern Ireland (Loans) (Increase of Limit) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved.—(Mr David Willetts).—It was agreed to.

11 Recording Equipment in Road 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. 8958/94, relating to recording equipment in road vehicles; and supports the Government's view that, while there is a need for alternative recording equipment, further development work is needed to prove the security of any new system before any change can be agreed—(Mr David Willetts):—It was agreed to.
12 European Social Policy.—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. 9069/94, relating to the future of European social policy; and shares the Government’s view that future Community social policy must centre on the need to tackle unemployment and facilitate the creation of new jobs, taking account of the principle of subsidiarity, the need to respect the diversity of Member States’ institutions and traditions, and the importance of enhancing the competitiveness of Community businesses; takes note of European Community Document No. 4075/94, relating to the application of the Agreement on Social Policy, and of European Community Document No. 6230/94, relating to European Works Councils; and welcomes the fact that acts adopted under the Agreement on Social Policy are not applicable to the United Kingdom under the terms of the Maastricht Treaty—(Mr David Willetts).—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Doveridge for the reinstatement of the Doveridge bypass in the roads programme 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 David Willetts.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 8th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Highlands and Islands Shipping Services.—Draft Undertaking by the Secretary of State for Scotland with the consent of Her Majesty’s Treasury and the agreement of Caledonian MacBrayne Limited [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang];

   (2) Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 280),
   (3) Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 281), and
   dated 8th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Education,—Education (Welsh Agricultural College Higher Education Corporation) (Dissolution) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 183), dated 24th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];

4 Housing (Scotland),—Housing Revenue Account General Fund Contribution Limits (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 188), dated 29th January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 Pensions,—(1) Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 214), dated 30th January 1995, and
   (2) Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 238),
   dated 31st January 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


Other Papers:

7 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Entry into the United Kingdom, and
   (2) Severance Payments to Senior Staff in the Publicly Funded Education Sector [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 204 and 202] [Clerk of the House].

8 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Fifth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1994-95, on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link and Blight: Investigation of complaints against the Department of Transport [by Act]; to be printed [No. 193] [Clerk of the House].
Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Forty-ninth to Fifty-first Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1993-94 [by Command] [Cm. 2754] [Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Agricultural Tenancies Bill [Lords], viz.: Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Michael Colvin, Jean Corston, Mr Harold Ellision, Mr Derek Enright, Mr David Faber, Mr Edward Garner, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Emma Nicholson, Mr Mark Robinson, Mr Paddy Tipping, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Bowen Wells and Mr Alan W. Williams.

2 Standing Committee C.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill, viz.: Mr Eric Forth, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr Nick Harvey, Glenda Jackson, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr David Lidington, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Andrew Miller, Estelle Morris, Mr David Porter, Sir James Spicer, Mr Michael Stern, Mr Gary Streeter and Mr Mark Wolfson.

3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Defence Valuation and Research Agency Trading Fund Order 1995, viz.: Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Michael Carttiss, Mr Churchill, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr David Congdon, Mr Derek Fatchett, Mr Roger Freeman, Mr Mike Gapes, Dr John Gilbert, Mr Roger Goddiss, Mr John Hutton, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Bill Olner, Mr David Porter, Mr Neville Trotter and Mr David Young.

4 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Michael Marshall (nominated in respect of the draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994); and had appointed in substitution Mr Paul Marland.

5 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Vivian Bendall, Mr Jamie Cann, Dame Peggy Fenner, Mr Michael Forsyth, Dr Liam Fox, Sir John Gorst, Mr Bernie Grant, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr George Howarth, Mr Robert Key, Mr Michael Lord, Mr William McKelvey, Mr Robert Maclean, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Andrew Miller, Bridget Prentice and Mr John Townend.

6 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it has discharged from the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill, Mr Peter Snape; and had appointed in substitution Mr Gordon Prentice.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 8th February; to be printed [No. 61-iv] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence.—(1) First Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Replies to the Ninth and Tenth Reports from the Committee, Session 1993-94, on Military Training and Defence Procurement]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 8th February; to be printed [Nos. 211 and 86-ii] [Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

3 Education.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 8th February; to be printed [No. 178 -ii] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 8th February; to be printed [No. 39-vii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 8th February; to be printed [No. 214-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

6 Procedure.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 8th February; to be printed [No. 213-i] [Sir Peter Emery].
7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 8th February; to be printed [No. 215-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

8 Science and Technology,—(1) First Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 1993-94, on the Forward Look of Government-funded Science, Engineering and Technology 1994]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 8th February;

to be printed [Nos. 216 and 41-iv] [Sir Giles Shaw].

9 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 8th February; to be printed [No. 196-ii] [Mr Frank Field].

10 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 8th February; to be printed [No. 210] [Mr Richard Caborn].

11 Transport,—(1) Second Report from the Transport Committee [Privatisation of National Air Traffic 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. 36];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 8th February; to be printed [No. 206-4]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Transport Committee
[Mr Paul Channon].

12 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 8th February; to be printed [No. 212] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

13 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 8th February; to be printed [No. 103-iv] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) The Agricultural Tenancies Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A;

(2) the Proceeds of Crime Bill to Standing Committee C;

(3) the Road Traffic (New Drivers) Bill to Standing Committee C;

(4) the draft Defence Evaluation and Research Agency Trading Fund Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(5) the draft Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Mrs Ann Winterton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Defence Evaluation and Research Agency Trading Fund Order 1995;

(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 1995; and

(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 9th December, relating to the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement with Israel.
Thursday 9th February 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means. Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 16th February.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th February.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995, the draft Electricity Distribution Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generation Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generators (Aluminium) (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Transmission Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Formula Valuation (Revocations) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995 and the draft British Gas plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 220].

7 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 Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 100) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates): It was agreed to.

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

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

9 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Woodley, Berkshire, against overseas aid spending on the Chinese population control programme was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 9th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government.—Draft Avon (Structural Change) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

2 Northern Ireland.—(1) Draft Children's Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, and (2) draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

3 Urban Development.—Leeds Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1995, dated 6th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Environmental Protection,—Waste Management Licensing (Amendment etc.) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 288), dated 8th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

6 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 262), dated 8th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].


9 Rating and Valuation,—Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 284), dated 8th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

Other Papers:

10 Armed Forces Pay,—Twenty-fourth Report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay [by Command] [Cm. 2761] [The Prime Minister].

11 Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—Twenty-fourth Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration [by Command] [Cm. 2760] [The Prime Minister].

12 Merseyside Museums and Galleries,—Account of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 218] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Customs and Excise: Writing off VAT Arrears [by Act]; to be printed [No. 209] [Clerk of the House].

14 New Towns,—Statement of determination of the pension of the Chairman of the Commission for New Towns [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

15 Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions Allied to Medicine,—Twelfth Report of the Review Body on 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. 2762 and 2763] [The Prime Minister].

16 School Teachers,—Fourth Report of the School Teachers’ Review Body [by Command] [Cm. 2765] [The Prime Minister].

17 Science and Technology,—Accounts of—
   (1) the Agricultural and Food Research Council, and
   (2) the Medical Research Council
for 1993-94, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 217 and 219] [Clerk of the House].

18 Senior Salaries,—Seventeenth Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries [by Command] [Cm. 2764] [The Prime Minister].

Paper withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Michael Forsyth (nominated in respect of the draft Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr Nicholas Baker.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 100), viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Michael Alison, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Clive Betts,
Mr David Evennett, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Michael Jopling, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Elliot Morley, Emma Nicholson, Mr John Patten, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Bowen Wells and Mr Alan Williams.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 9th February; to be printed [No. 20-vii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 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) the Speaker appointed Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. in respect of the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1995.

3 Public Bills (Scotland),—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 94E (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland) the Speaker certified that, in her opinion, the provisions of the Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 49.]

Friday 10th February 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Public Petitions, —Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Otterburn against the inclusion of the Otterburn Training Area in the Northumberland National Park;

(2) residents of Wakefield for action to ensure that disabled students have unrestricted access to higher education;

(3) citizens of the United Kingdom for a ban on anti-personnel landmines; and

(4) (i) to (vii) friends and staff of Guy's Hospital and persons living or working nearby for retention of an accident and emergency service and a fully functioning hospital on the site

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

4 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill;

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

Mr Tom Clarke 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 Alfred Morris, Mr Colin Pickthall: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Alan Duncan: 2.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Alfred Morris: 175.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Derek Enright: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

5 Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th February.

6 Transport of Animals for Slaughter Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transport of Animals for Slaughter Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th March.

7 Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill,—The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

8 Prevention of Fraud (Registration) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Fraud (Registration) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th February.

9 Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th January, That the Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 24th March.

10 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 3rd March.

11 Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 18 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Michael Bates 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 Protection of Calves (Export) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Calves (Export) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd March.

13 Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill,—The Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill was, according to Order, 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 Douglas French)—It was agreed to.

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.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Michael Bates 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.
14 Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 27th January, That the Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 17th February.

15 Charities (Amendment) Bill,—The Charities (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

16 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 15th February, the Speaker shall put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Lang relating to the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 1995, the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1995 and the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation Order 1995 not later than three hours after the first such Motion has been made; and the said Motions may be entered upon and proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o’clock.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

17 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Michael Bates);

And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eight minutes past Three o’clock, till Monday 13th February.

APPENDIX I

Friday 10th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service,—National Health Service Pension Scheme Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 300), dated 8th February 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

2 Police,—Police and Magistrates’ Courts Act 1994 (Commencement No. 5 and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 246), dated 1st February [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

3 Police (Northern Ireland),—Statement of Accounts of the Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 221] [Clerk of the House].

4 Public Health,—Food Protection (Emergency Prohibition) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish) (No. 2) Order 1993 (Partial Revocation No. 4) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 292), dated 8th February [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petitions from—

(1) residents of Chalfont St. Peter and Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, against funding from the Overseas Aid Budget of the Chinese population control programme, and

(2) residents of Sutton and district against Overseas Aid funding of the International Planned Parenthood Federation

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Accommodation and Works,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Works Committee on 8th February; to be printed [No. 222-i] [Mr Ray Powell].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable),—The 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 Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 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 Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy) (Scotland) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994, No. 3068) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr David Lightbown):—It was agreed to.

6 Opposition day [5th 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.

Europe and a Referendum,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House believes that the popular assent of the people of the United Kingdom should be sought through a referendum before any substantial alteration of the present constitutional settlement between the European Union and its Member States—(Mr Paddy Ashdown);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Simon Hughes: 47.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony Marlow, Mr Andrew Welsh: 3.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House believes that the popular assent of the people of the United Kingdom should be sought through a referendum before any substantial alteration of the present constitutional settlement between the European Union and its Member States.

7 Liaison,—Ordered, That Mr Robert B. Jones be discharged from the Liaison Committee.—(Mr David Willetts.)

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

And the Motion having been made after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the 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

Monday 13th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Pensions,—Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

2 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Enforcement of External Orders) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].
3 Social Security,—(1) Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1995,  
            (2) draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1995, and  
            (3) draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Fund  
                 Payments) Order 1995  
                [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

4 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Statutory Sick Pay Percentage Threshold  
                Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Rating and Valuation,—Non-Domestic Rating (Telecommunications and Canals)  
                (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 239), dated 31st January 1995 [by Act] [Mr  
                Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

6 Home Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Prison Service for 1993-94  
                [by Act]; to be printed [No. 185] [Mr Secretary Howard].

7 National Heritage,—Account of the Board of Trustees of the Armouries for 1993-94, with  
                the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed  
                [No. 223] [Clerk of the House].

8 Social Security,—Report by the Government Actuary on the drafts of the Social Security  
                Benefits Up-rating Order 1995 and the Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and  
                National Insurance Fund Payments) Order 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 2747] [Mr  
                Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery  
reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to  
serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the  
draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995,  
viz.: Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Thomas McAvoy,  
Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr Andrew MacKay, Mr Max Madden, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr  
Paul Marland, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Bridget  
Prentice, Sir Dudley Smith, Sir Keith Speed, Mr John Spellar, Mr Donald Thompson and  
Mr Cyril D. Townsend.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on  
            13th February; to be printed [No. 225-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service  
            Committee on 13th February; to be printed [No. 187-iv] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84  
            (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the draft Local  
            Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 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), the Speaker appointed Mr Roland Boyes Chairman of the Second  
            Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Local  
Tuesday 14th February 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Addresses of 15th December relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Azerbaijan) Order 1994, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1994, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1994 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1994 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs Ann Winterton reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Defence Evaluation and Research Agency Trading Fund Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No.226].

6 Health Authorities Bill,—Mr Barry Jones reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Health Authorities Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 48].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 228].

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

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the criminal justice system of Scotland as respects criminal proceedings, the investigation of offences, the sentences and other disposals applicable in respect of certain offences, legal aid in relation to certain appeals, and the treatment of offenders; to amend the law of Scotland in relation to confiscation of the proceeds of, and forfeiture of property used in, crime; to make further provision as respects Scotland in relation to the preparation of jury lists for the purposes of criminal and civil trials; and for connected purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 49].

9 Landlord and Tenant (Covenants),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for persons bound by covenants of a tenancy to be released from such covenants on the assignment of the tenancy, and to make other provision with respect to rights and liabilities arising under such covenants; to restrict in certain circumstances the operation of rights of re-entry, forfeiture and disclaimer; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Peter Thurnham, Dame Peggy Fenner, Mr John McFall, Mr John Fraser, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Sir Gerard Vaughan, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Richard Page and Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown do prepare and bring it in.

10 Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Bill,—Mr Peter Thurnham accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for persons bound by covenants of a tenancy to be released from such covenants on the assignment of the tenancy, and to make other provision with respect to rights and liabilities arising under such covenants; to restrict in certain circumstances the operation of rights of re-entry, forfeiture and disclaimer; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 50].

11 Opposition day [6th allotted day].—It being a 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.
Poverty and long-term unemployment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the damage done to the country's social fabric and economy by the rapid growth of poverty in United Kingdom society; deprecates Government policies which have failed the long-term unemployed, seen the number of families living on less than half national average income treble and deprives many of an opportunity to contribute to and share in national prosperity; and calls for immediate concerted action to tackle the causes of poverty and unemployment including a major welfare-to-work programme, a national childcare strategy and action to improve education and skills—(Mr Donald Dewar);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the fact that the vast majority of people are significantly better off today than in 1979, and notes, in particular, that the average pensioner is now more than 50 per cent. better off, approves the Government's policy of ensuring that social security spending does not outstrip the nation's ability to pay while focussing resources on those who need it most; applauds the fact that the Government has channelled an extra £1 billion a year to low income families, and an even greater sum to poorer pensioners, since 1988; welcomes the high priority accorded by the Government to education and training; recognises that employment is the best route to higher incomes, and commends the package of work incentives, including the child care disregard and the Back to Work Bonus, which the Government has introduced; applauds the Government's achievement in reducing unemployment by over half a million since 1992 and notes the fact that a national minimum wage would increase unemployment; and deprecates the Opposition's failure to reveal the level of their national minimum wage, how they would deal with differentials, their social security policies and their costs', 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 Clarke, Mr Dennis Turner: 252.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr David Lightbown: 291.

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 Sydney Chapman, Mr David Willetts: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Dennis Turner: 251.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the fact that the vast majority of people are significantly better off today than in 1979, and notes, in particular, that the average pensioner is now more than 50 per cent. better off, approves the Government's policy of ensuring that social security spending does not outstrip the nation's ability to pay while focussing resources on those who need it most; applauds the fact that the Government has channelled an extra £1 billion a year to low income families, and an even greater sum to poorer pensioners, since 1988; welcomes the high priority accorded by the Government to education and training; recognises that employment is the best route to higher incomes, and commends the package of work incentives, including the child care disregard and the Back to Work Bonus, which the Government has introduced; applauds the Government's achievement in reducing unemployment by over half a million since 1992 and notes the fact that a national minimum wage would increase unemployment; and deprecates the Opposition's failure to reveal the level of their national minimum wage, how they would deal with differentials, their social security policies and their costs.

12 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 Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates);—It was agreed to.

13 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 Distribution Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates);—It was agreed to.
14 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 Generation Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

15 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 (Aluminium) (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—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 1995, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—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 Electricity Transmission Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—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 Formula Valuation (Revocations) (Scotland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—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 Mines and Quarries (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

20 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 1995, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—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 British Gas plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

22 Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State under or by virtue of the Act.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

23 Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill [Ways and Means],—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the charging by the licensing authority of fees under regulations made under the Act; and

(b) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.3 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 14th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

Northern Ireland,—Draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr George Howarth (nominated in respect of the draft Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Ms Janet Anderson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment.—(1) First Report from the Employment Committee [Mothers in 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. 227]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 14th February; to be printed [Nos. 159-iii and 31-iv]

[Mr Greville Janner].

2 Statutory Instruments.—Ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-ix] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 52.]

Wednesday 15th February 1995.

The House met at Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Home Energy Conservation Bill.—Sir John Hunt reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Home Energy Conservation Bill, and made Amendments thereto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to make provision for the drawing up of local energy conservation reports in relation to residential accommodation; to give the Secretary of State functions in connection therewith; and for related purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 17th March; and to be printed [Bill 52].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 233].

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1993 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 234].
7 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1995, referred to a Committee on 9th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 236].

8 European Standing Committee B.—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 9th December 1994, relating to the conclusion of a Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement with Israel; and supports the Government's view that this is a welcome development in relations between the European Union and Israel.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

9 Land Registers (Scotland).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make prepayment of the appropriate statutory fees a condition of acceptance of writs for recording in the Register of Sasines and of applications for registration in the Land Register of Scotland: And that Mr Bill Walker, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Phil Gallie and Mr Raymond S. Robertson do prepare and bring it in.

10 Land Registers (Scotland) Bill.—Mr Bill Walker accordingly presented a Bill to make prepayment of the appropriate statutory fees a condition of acceptance of writs for recording in the Register of Sasines and of applications for registration in the Land Register of Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 51].

11 Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Sunday Hours) 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 Sydney Chapman, Mr Simon Burns: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ray Powell, Mr Derek Enright: 116.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

12 Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved—(Mr Secretary Lang);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Estelle Morris: 247.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved.

And it being later than three hours after the first Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Lang was made, the Deputy Speaker put the remaining Questions required to be put at that hour, pursuant to Order [10th February].

Local Government (Scotland).—Resolved, That the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved.—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.)

Housing (Scotland).—Resolved, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved.—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.)

Housing (Scotland).—Resolved, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved.—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.)

13 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill.—Ordered, That Glenda Jackson be discharged from the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill and Mr John Heppell be added to the Committee.—(Mr David Willetts.)
14 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Roger Evans be discharged from the Welsh Affairs Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Inverness for action to support the Regional Council's decision to replace the road bridge at Kirkhill was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 15th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Representation of the People,—(1) Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang]; and

(2) draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Wales) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Environmental Protection,—Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 304), dated 9th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 Land Registration (Scotland),—Land Registration (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 248), dated 1st February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Local Government,—Isle of Wight (Staff Transfer) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 289), dated 8th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5 Local Government (Scotland)—Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy or Premature Retirement on Re-organisation) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 340), dated 15th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Insolvency of Employer (Excluded Classes) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 278), dated 2nd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Other Papers:

7 Boundary Commission,—(1) Fourth Periodical Report of the Boundary Commission for Scotland [by Command] [Cm. 2726] [Mr Secretary Lang]; and

(2) Fourth Periodical Report of the Boundary Commission for Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 195] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 Employment Protection,—Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service and of the Certification Officer and the Central Arbitration Committee for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 230] [Clerk of the House].

9 Law Commission (Scotland),—Report of the Scottish Law Commission for the period 16th June 1993 to 15th June 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 176] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Entry into the United Kingdom [by Act]; to be printed [No. 204] [Clerk of the House].

11 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1994-95 [by Command] [Cm. 2757] [Sir George Young].

12 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [20th December] from the members of the Boldmore and Wylde
Green Council of Churches, for United Kingdom involvement under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development in promoting peace in the Sudan [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Paper withdrawn:

13 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Entry into the United Kingdom [laid 8th February].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Proceeds of Crime Bill, viz.: Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr James Clappison, Mr Sebastian Coe, Ann Coffey, Mr Edward Garnier, Sir John Hannam, Mr Oliver Heald, Sir Ivan Lawrence, Mr David Maclean, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Michael Shersby and Mr Michael Stern.

2 Standing Committee C,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Road Traffic (New Drivers) Bill, viz.: Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Churchill, Dr Michael Clark, Mr Alan Duncan, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Robert Key, Mr Michael Lord, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Mike O’Brien and Mrs Elizabeth Peacock.

3 Standing Committee C,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Matthew Banks, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Sir Paul Beresford, Ann Coffey, Mr John Denham, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr David Faber, Cheryl Gillan, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Simon Hughes, Helen Jackson, Alice Mahon, Mr Peter L. Pike, Mr John Sykes and Mr Roy Thomason.

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 3) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Matthew Banks, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr William Cash, Mr James Clappison, Ann Coffey, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Dr Liam Fox, Mr John Gunnell, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Maclean, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Barry Porter, Mr Graham Riddick and Sir John Stanley.

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr George Galloway, Mr Warren Hawksley, Sir Ralph Howell, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Andrew MacKay, Mr Ken Maginnis, Sir Roger Moate, Marjorie Mowlam, Mr Robert Parry, Mr Stuart Randall, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Charles Wardle, Sir John Wheeler, Mr Malcolm Wicks and Mr David Wilshire.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 15th February; to be printed [No. 61–v] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 15th February; to be printed [No. 86–iii] [Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

3 Education,—(1) Second Report from the Education Committee [Safety in Outdoor Activity Centres], 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. 178];

(2) First Special Report from the Education Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1993–94 (The Department for Education’s Expenditure Plans 1994–95 to 1996–97)]; to be printed [No. 224]; and
MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated—
   (1) the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill to Standing Committee C;
   (2) the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill to Standing Committee C;
   (3) the Charities (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee C;
   (4) the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 3) Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
   (5) the draft Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
   (6) the Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy) (Scotland) Regulations 1994 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), the Speaker appointed—
   (1) Mr James Hill and Mr Edward O'Hara Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Agricultural Tenancies Bill [Lords];
   (2) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill;
   (3) Sir James Kilfedder an additional Chairman of the Special Standing Committee on the Children (Scotland) Bill;
   (4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 3) Order 1995;
   (5) Mr Roland Boyes Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995; and
   (6) Sir James Kilfedder Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 7854/94, relating to budgetising the European Development Fund.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;
   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 23rd February.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 23rd February.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II)

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Roland Boyes reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. the draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 238]

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

8 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr Richard Page be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Sir Kenneth Carlisle be added to the Committee.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Simon Burns.)
   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 16th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Hovercraft,—Draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

2 Local Government,—Draft Humberside (Structural Change) Order 1995, and
   (2) draft North Yorkshire (District of York) (Structural and Boundary Changes) Order 1995
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Enforcement of External Orders) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

4 Prisons,—(1) Draft Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993 (Release of Prisoners etc.) Order 1995, and
   (2) draft Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 (Release of Prisoners etc.) Order 1995
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Income Tax,—(1) Lloyd's Underwriters (Tax) Regulations 1995 (S.1., 1995, No. 351),
   (2) Lloyd's Underwriters (Tax) (1992-93 to 1996-97) Regulations 1995 (S.1., 1995, No. 352), and
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(3) Lloyd's Underwriters (Special Reserve Funds) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 353), dated 15th February 1995 [by Act] [Sir George Young].

6 National Health Service,—Brent and Harrow Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 301), dated 10th February 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].


Other Papers:

8 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 16th February 1995, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1994-95 [by Act] [Sir George Young].

9 Defence (Votes A) 1995-96,—Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for 1995-96 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 182] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Account of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 201] [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 Reserve Forces,—Statement by the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call out of territorial army personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

12 Supply Estimates, 1993-94,—Statement of the sums required to be voted in order to make good excesses on certain grants for 1993-94 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 180] [Sir George Young].

13 Supply Estimates, 1994-95,—Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1994-95 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 181] [Sir George Young].

Paper withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr Nick Hawkins (nominated in respect of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Harold Elletson.

2 Special Standing Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Special Standing Committee Mr Michael Bates (nominated in respect of the Children (Scotland) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Timothy Kirkhope.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Legislation,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 16th February; to be printed [No 239-i] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 16th February; to be printed [No. 20-viii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

3 Home Affairs,—Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

4 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 16th February; to be printed [No. 57-ix] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

MEMORANDUM

Public Bills (Scotland),—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 94E (Scottish Grand Committee (bills in relation to their principle)), the Speaker certified that, in her opinion, the provisions of the Land Registers (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.
Friday 17th February 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Tobacco Products Labelling Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tobacco Products Labelling Bill;
   And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
   Mr Terry Lewis 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 Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Harry Barnes: 92.
   Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Gardiner, Mr Vivian Bendall: 1.
   Whereupon the 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 3rd March.

3 Tobacco Smoking (Public Places) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tobacco Smoking (Public Places) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd March.

4 Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th February.

5 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th February.

6 Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th February.

7 Prevention of Fraud (Registration) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Fraud (Registration) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th February.

8 Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 27th January, That the Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill be now read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 24th February.

9 Land Registers (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Registers (Scotland) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th February.

10 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 22nd February, the Speaker shall—
   (1) put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the Value Added Tax (Buildings and Land), (Construction of Buildings), (Protected Buildings), (Input Tax) (Amendment) and (Payments on Account) (Amendment) Orders 1995 not later than one and a half hours after the first such Motion has been made; and
   (2) put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Tony Blair relating to the Education (Mandatory Awards) and (Student Loans) Regulations 1994 not later than one and a half hours after the first such Motion has been made; and the said Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock.—(Mr Simon Burns.)
11 Highlands and Islands Shipping Services,—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 Undertaking by the Secretary of State for Scotland with the consent of Her Majesty's Treasury and of Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd. as if it were a draft statutory instrument; and that the said draft Undertaking be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

12 Sittings of the House (Private Members' Business),—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (4) of the Sessional Order [19th December] relating to Sittings of the House (Private Members' Business), on the last Wednesday before any adjournment of the House for more than four days, the subject for debate on the motion for the adjournment between Ten o'clock and One o'clock shall be 'matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment'—(Mr Simon Burns.)

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 20th February.

[Adjourned at 3.2 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 17th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Agricultural Processing and Marketing Grant Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 362), dated 16th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].


Other Papers:

5 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the Victoria and Albert Museum for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 240] [Clerk of the House].

6 Northern Ireland,—Review of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1991 [by Command] [Cm. 2706] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

7 Treaty Series (No. 10, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Lagos on 16th September 1993 and Cotonou on 16th November 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Benin concerning certain commercial debts (the United Kingdom/Benin Debt Agreement No. 2 (1991)) [by Command] [Cm. 2749] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

8 Treaty Series (No. 11, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Nairobi on 16th June and 15th July 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Kenya concerning certain commercial debts (the United Kingdom/Kenya Debt Agreement No. 1 (1994)) [by Command] [Cm. 2751] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 Treaty Series (No. 12, 1995),—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. 2752] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Death of a Member.—The Speaker made the following communication to the House;

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sir Nicholas Hardwick Fairbairn, Q.C., Member for Perth and Kinross, and I am sure that Members on all sides of the House will join me in mourning the loss of a colleague and in extending our sympathy to the honourable Member's family and friends.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

South Africa Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision in connection with the re-admission of South Africa as a member of the Commonwealth; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Central European Time Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the adoption of Central European Time in England, Wales and Northern Ireland; and to restrict the extent of the Summer Time Act 1972; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

National Health Patient Accommodation Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide a right to single sex accommodation for National Health Service Patients; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 South Africa Bill [Lords].—The South Africa Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 54].

6 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 Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy or Premature Retirement on Re-organisation) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 340) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.

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.

Health Care in London and the South East.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its concern at the evidence of continuing crisis of health care in London and the South East; believes that the scale and nature of the crisis stems directly from the Government's failure either to assess the health care needs of the area properly or to plan a programme by which those needs can be met; believes that the process of the internal market and Government-driven so-called 'reforms' are making matters worse; and calls for a moratorium on further closures until a fresh and thorough review has been carried out of the mounting evidence of serious misdirection of health care across the whole of the area.—(Margaret Beckett);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'recognises that, because of medical advance, shifts in the population and the changing needs of patients, reform of the health service in London is both necessary and long overdue; congratulates Her Majesty's Government for its resolve in addressing the modern needs of people in the capital and the South East, in sharp contrast to the vacillation and evasion of the Opposition; and believes that policies now being pursued have already delivered a better health service for the area, enhancing the excellence of research, teaching and treatment as well as improving local health services in the parts of greatest need', instead thereof.—(Mrs Secretary Bottomley);

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Estelle Morris, Mr John Cummings: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 282.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House recognises that, because of medical advance, shifts in the population and the changing needs of patients, reform of the health service in London is both necessary and long overdue; congratulates Her Majesty's Government for its resolve in addressing the modern needs of people in the capital and the South East, in sharp contrast to the vacillation and evasion of the Opposition; and believes that policies now being pursued have already delivered a better health service for the area, enhancing the excellence of research, teaching and treatment as well as improving local health services in the parts of greatest need.

Future Ownership, Control and Regulation of Regional Electricity Companies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the President of the Board of Trade's decision not to refer the hostile bid by Trafalgar House for Northern Electric to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, given its unpopularity with the majority of Northern Electric’s shareholders present at the special general meeting of 15th February, the absence of any experience on the bidders' part in running a private domestic monopoly energy utility, the concerns of the Director-General of Electricity Supply about his ability to regulate a regional electricity company which becomes subsumed within a larger group, the ongoing inquiries being made by the Securities and Futures Authority into insider dealings involving the bidders' advisers the Swiss Bank Corporation, and the expiry on 31st March 1995 of the golden share held by the Government in the 12 regional electricity companies, which will leave them open to predatory or hostile bids without any established procedures for transfer of ownership or the protection of small shareholders, consumers and employees—(Dr John Cunningham);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘applauds the improvements in performance in the electricity supply industry since privatisation; welcomes the benefits which customers are receiving in terms of lower prices and improved service; supports the continuing development of competition in the electricity market and the maintenance of effective regulation where this is necessary; and notes that the Director General of Electricity Supply will continue to promote competition and protect the interests of consumers’, 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, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr George Mudie: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Derek Conway: 280.

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 Timothy Kirkhope: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr George Mudie: 247.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House applauds the improvements in performance in the electricity supply industry since privatisation; welcomes the benefits which customers are receiving in terms of lower prices and improved service; supports the continuing development of competition in the electricity market and the maintenance of effective regulation where this is necessary; and notes that the Director General of Electricity Supply will continue to promote competition and protect the interests of consumers.
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 Defence Evaluation and Research Agency Trading Fund Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 27th January, be approved.—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

9 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—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 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved.—(Mr Simon Burns):—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 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 9th February, be approved.—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

11 Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement with Israel.—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 unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 9th December 1994, relating to the conclusion of the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement with Israel; and supports the Government’s view that this is a welcome development in relations between the European Union and Israel.—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

12 Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr George Kynoch be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Mr Allan Stewart be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Environment.—Ordered, That Mr Roland Boyes be discharged from the Environment Committee and Mr Bill Olner be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

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

Monday 20th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Fees and Charges,—Draft Medicines (Fixing of Fees Relating to Medicinal Products for Human Use) Amendment Order 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Gaming (Bingo) Act (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 322), and

(3) Lotteries (Gaming Board Fees) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 323),
dated 13th February [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Charities,—Draft Charities (The Bridge House Estates) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].


5 Ministers of the Crown,—Transfer of Functions (Treasury and Minister for the Civil Service) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 269), dated 8th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].
6 Open Spaces,—Draft Hyde Park and The Regent's Park (Vehicle Parking) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Other Papers:

7 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on IT Security in Government Departments [by Act]; to be printed [No. 231] [Clerk of the House].

8 Race Relations,—Account of the Commission for Racial Equality for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 241] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 20th February; to be printed [No. 242-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 20th February; to be printed [No. 187-vi] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 56.]

Tuesday 21st February 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments &c. the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (No. 3) Order 1995.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 243].

5 Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading the Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21st April.

6 New Member sworn,—James Donnelly Touhig, Esquire, Member for Islwyn, was sworn.

7 Television Sport (Public Access).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Broadcasting Act 1990 to provide that listed national sporting events, namely the F.I.F.A. World Cup Finals, the F.A. Cup Final, the Scottish F.A. Cup Final, the Wimbledon Finals, the Olympic Games, the Derby, the Grand National and Test Matches in England continue to be available on terrestrial television, and for connected purposes—(Mr Bruce Grocott);

   And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the 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 Bruce Grocott, Hilary Armstrong, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Bryan Davies, Mr Don Dixon, Mr John Evans, Mr John Maxton, Estelle Morris, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Chris Mullin and Mr Dennis Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.

8 Television Sport (Public Access) Bill,—Mr Bruce Grocott accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Broadcasting Act 1990 to provide that listed national sporting events, namely
the F.I.F.A. World Cup Finals, the F.A. Cup Final, the Scottish F.A. Cup Final, the Wimbledon Finals, the Olympic Games, the Derby, the Grand National and Test Matches in England continue to be available on terrestrial television, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 53].

9 Health Authorities Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Health Authorities Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Annual report to Parliament on activities of regional offices of the National Health Service)—(Margaret Beckett)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr Joe Benton: 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr David Willetts: 283.

Amendment (No. 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 27, at the end to insert the words—

'(2) The Secretary of State shall be under a duty to give directions to such Health Authorities as may be established in Wales, requiring them to act so as to secure—

(a) the promotion of common standards in the purchasing of equipment for, and design of capital works by, those authorities;

(b) the publication from time to time of such information, including annual performance targets and details of defective or deficient work by contractors, as is necessary to enable progress towards the achievement of such common standards to be evaluated; and

(c) the organisation of clinical and non-clinical services on an all-Wales basis where that represents the most efficient and cost-effective means of providing such services'.—(Mr Rhodri Morgan.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 5, at the end to insert the words—

'5.—(1) No appointment shall be made under paragraph 1(a) or (b) above unless the Secretary of State has first procured and considered independent advice as to the suitability of the respective candidate.

(2) "Independent advice" in subparagraph (1) above means advice from a person or persons with relevant local knowledge or experience, with particular reference to the provision of health services, but who is, or who are, not—

(a) employed in any capacity by, or in any commercial or contractual relationship with, any Health Authority or NHS trust;

(b) employed by the Crown;

(c) the holder or holders of any public elected office; or

(d) affiliated to, or publicly identified with, any political party or cause.

(3) "Suitability" in subparagraph (1) above means personal qualifications or aptitude, irrespective of political affiliations, for discharging the functions of the post to which the appointment is to be made'.—(Mr John Gunnell.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Michael Bates: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr George Mudie, Mr Eric Clarke: 243.
So the Question was agreed to.

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

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 21st February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—(1) Local Government Changes for England (Property Transfer and Transitional Payments) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 402), and


2 National Health Service,—Nottingham City Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 324), dated 14th February 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

3 Road Traffic,—Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment, Use and Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 305), dated 9th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

Other Papers:


5 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on legislating the criminal code: the year and a day rule in homicide [by Act]: to be printed [No. 183] [Mr John M. Taylor].

6 Merchant Shipping,—Report by the Department of Transport under section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906 of the exemptions granted to fishing vessels acting as guard ships for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

7 National Health Service,—Treasury Minute concerning the dissolution and reconfiguration of certain National Health Service Trusts: remission of outstanding debt [by Command] [Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 21st February; to be printed [No. 159-iv]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Employment Committee

[Mr Greville Janner].

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 21st February; to be printed [No. 229-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-x] [Mr Richard Alexander].
MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. in respect of the draft Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 in place of Mr Roland Boyes.

[No. 57.]

Wednesday 22nd February 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Liaison,—Sir Terence 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 18th March be allotted for the consideration of the following Spring Supplementary Estimates for the financial year 1994–95:

1. Class IV, Vote 1, Department of Trade and Industry: support for business, consumer and investor protection, energy programmes and administration, in so far as it relates to support for the development of broadband communications;

2. Class VII, Vote 7, Department of the Environment: administration, in so far as it relates to retail planning policy;

and that debate on the first Estimate be concluded not later than three hours after its commencement.

Report to lie upon the Table.

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 253].

7 European Standing Committee B,—Sir James Kilfedder reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 7854/94, relating to procedures for the possible budgetisation of the European Development Fund, and supports the Government’s view that, in order to maintain maximum control over the United Kingdom’s level of contribution to the EDF, Her Majesty’s Government should continue to oppose its budgetisation.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

8 Criminal Appeal Bill,—Mr Secretary Howard, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr Attorney General, Mr David Maclean and Mr Nicholas Baker, presented a Bill to amend provisions relating to appeals and references to the Court of Appeal in criminal cases; to establish a Criminal Cases Review Commission and confer functions on, and make other provision in relation to, the Commission; to amend section 142 of the Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980 and introduce in Northern Ireland provisions similar to those of that section; 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].

9 Breast Cancer (National Plan).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to formulate a national plan for combating breast cancer: And that Alice Mahon, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mrs Ann Winterton, Ms Liz Lynne, Audrey Wise, Mr Harold Elletson, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Ann Clwyd, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Jean Corston and Mr Eric Illsley do prepare and bring it in.

10 Breast Cancer (National Plan) Bill,—Alice Mahon accordingly presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to formulate a national plan for combating breast cancer: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 31st March and to be printed [Bill 56].

11 Value Added Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 280), dated 8th February 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Mr David Heathcote-Amory);

And it being one and a half hours after the Motion was made, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [17th February].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Bowen Wells: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mrs Barbara Roche: 254.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 280), dated 8th February 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions required to be put at that hour.

Value Added Tax,—Resolved, That the Value Added Tax (Protected Buildings) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 283), dated 8th February 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

Value Added Tax,—Resolved, That the Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 281), dated 8th February 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

Value Added Tax,—Resolved, That the Value Added Tax (Buildings and Land) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 279), dated 8th February 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

Value Added Tax,—Resolved, That the Value Added Tax (Payments on Account) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 291), dated 8th February 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th February, be approved.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

12 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Avon (Structural Change) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 9th February, be approved—(Mr David Curry);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Michael Bates: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 202.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Avon (Structural Change) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 9th February, be approved.

13 Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3044), dated 30th November 1994, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st December, be revoked—(Mr Bryan Davies);

And it being one and a half hours after the Motion was made, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [17th February].
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Stephen Byers: 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Dr Liam Fox: 284.

So the Question was negatived.

14 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. 3) Order 1995, dated 27th January 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

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

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

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

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

* [Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 22nd February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Guild Community Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 342), dated 15th February 1995,

(3) Hounslow and Spelthorne Community and Mental Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 343), dated 15th February 1995,


(6) Richmond, Twickenham and Roehampton Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 346), dated 1st February 1995,

(7) St. Albans and Hemel Hempstead National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 347), dated 15th February 1995, and


[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

3 Rating and Valuation,—Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 312), dated 8th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Scottish Land Court,—Scottish Land Court (Fees) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 307), dated 8th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
Other Papers:

5 Environment,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Environment Committee, Session 1993-94, on shopping centres and their future [by Command] [Cm. 2767] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

6 Law Commission,—Report of the Scottish Law Commission on Evidence: Report on Hearsay Evidence in Criminal Proceedings [by Act]; to be printed [No. 177] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7 National Lottery,—Report of the Millennium Commission for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

8 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the aforementioned 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:

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibition) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish) (No. 2) Order 1993 (Partial Revocation No. 4) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 292) [laid 10th February].

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

9 Transport,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Transport Committee, Session 1993-94, on taxis and private hire vehicles [by Command] [Cm. 2715] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

10 Treaty Series (No. 13, 1995).—Notes exchanged at Manila on 13th April 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines amending the United Kingdom/Philippines Debt Agreement No. 4 (1991) (The United Kingdom/Philippines Debt Agreement No. 4 (1991) Amendment) [by Command] [Cm. 2753] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Wildlife (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Tony Banks, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Harold Elletson, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Dame Jill Knight, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Andrew MacKay, Mr Kevin McNamara, Sir David Mitchell, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr John Spellar, Mr Richard Tracey and Mr A. Cecil Walker.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Leeds Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1995, viz.: Mr John Battle, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Hartley Booth, Sir Rhodes Boyson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Derek Fatchett, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr John Gunnell, Helen Jackson, Mr David Martin, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr George Mudie, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Keith Vaz and Mr Ray Whitney.

3 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy) (Scotland) Regulations 1994 and the Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy or Premature Retirement on Reorganisation) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Barry Field, Mr George Foulkes, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr David Harris, Mr George Kynoch, Mr John McAllion, Mr Raymond S. Roberston, Mr Bill Walker and Mr James Wallace.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Enforcement of External Orders) Order 1995, viz.: Ms Janet Anderson, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Stuart Bell, Mrs Anne
Campbell, Dr Liam Fox, Dr John Gilbert, Mr John Horam, Mr John Hutton, Mr Robert Jackson, Jane Kennedy, Mr David Maclean, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Alun Michael, Sir Michael Neubert, Dame Angela Rumbold, Mr Colin Shepherd, Mr Michael Spicer and Mr Roy Thomason.

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Children's Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr David Ashby, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Sir John Cope, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr Douglas French, Mr John Greenway, Mr Andrew MacKay, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Mr Paul Murphy, Bridget Prentice, Mr Terry Rooney, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Rachel Squire, Sir John Wheeler, Mr Alan W. Williams, Mr Tim Yeo and Mr David Young,

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Second Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Reply to the Second Report from the Defence Committee, Session 1994-95, relating to naval stores]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 22nd February; to be printed [Nos. 251 and 65-ii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 22nd February; to be printed [No. 247-i] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

3 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 22nd February; to be printed [No. 246-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 European Legislation,—Eighth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-viii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 22nd February; to be printed [No. 214-ii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

6 Public Accounts,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 22nd February; to be printed [No. 255-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

7 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 22nd February; to be printed [No. 256] [Sir Giles Shaw].

8 Social Security,—First Report from the Social Security Committee [Low Income Statistics: Low Income Families 1989-1992]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report and an Annex [No. 254] [Mr Frank Field].

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 22nd February; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [Nos. 248, 249-i and 171] [Mr Richard Caborn].

10 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 22nd February; to be printed [No. 206-iv] [Mr Paul Channon].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated—
(1) the Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill to Standing Committee E;
(2) the draft Wildlife (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Alan Haselhurst and Mr Barry Jones Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill;

(2) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of a substantive motion for the adjournment (on inward investment in Scotland);

(3) Sir Giles Shaw Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Wildlife (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;

(4) Mr Roland Boyes Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Leeds Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1995;

(5) Mr Roger Sims Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy) (Scotland) Regulations 1994 and the Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy or Premature Retirement on Re-organisation) (Scotland) Regulations 1995;

(6) Mrs Ann Winterton Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Enforcement of External Orders) Order 1995; and

(7) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 7988/94, relating to a partnership and cooperation agreement with the Russian Federation and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 27th January 1995 relating to an interim agreement with the Russian Federation.

[No. 58.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 2nd March.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd March.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

War Crimes (Supplementary Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to establish a period of limitation as to the institution of proceedings under the War Crimes Act 1991, and to confer jurisdiction on the Court of Appeal.
(Criminal Division) to adjudicate on the quashing of certain indictments laid under the Act; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

7 Deregulation Committee,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 124A (Deregulation Committee) be amended, in line 52, by leaving out the word ‘sixteen’ and inserting the word ‘eighteen’.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

8 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom against overseas aid expenditure on the Chinese population control programme was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Wood.) 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 23rd February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Consumer Protection,—Fireworks (Safety) (Revocation) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 415), dated 20th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

3 Customs and Excise,—Dual-Use and Related Goods (Export Control) (Suspension) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 441), dated 23rd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

4 National Health Service,—(1) Bolton Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 378),

   (2) Burton Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 379),

   (3) Central Nottinghamshire Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 380),


   (5) East Surrey Learning Disability and Mental Health Service National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 382),


   (7) King’s Mill Centre for Health Care Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 384),

   (8) Lincoln Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 385),

   (9) Premier Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 386), and

   (10) Surrey Ambulance Service National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 387),

 dated 16th February 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

6 Weights and Measures.—Non-automatic Weighing Machines and Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 428), dated 22nd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:

7 British Nationality.—Report of the Governor of Hong Kong to the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the British Nationality (Hong Kong) Act 1990 for the period 7th November 1993 to 6th November 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 203] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 20th February 1995 on borrowing by Whittington Hospital National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 23rd February; to be printed [No. 20-ix] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 22nd February; to be printed [No. 103-vi] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. in respect of the draft Children’s Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

[No. 59.]

Friday 24th February 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 European Communities (Re-affirmation of Sovereignty of United Kingdom Parliament) Bill,—Mr William Cash, supported by Mr John Biffen, Sir George Gardiner, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Barry Legg, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Nicholas Winterton, Mrs Ann Winterton and Mr Bill Walker, presented a Bill to preserve the right of the people of the United Kingdom to govern itself within the European Community; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 55].

3 Referendum Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Referendum Bill;

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

Mrs Teresa Gorman rose in her place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Roger Knapman: 24.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Gary Streeter: 2.
And it appearing on the report of the Division that fewer than forty Members had taken part in the Division, the Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

4 Referendum (Single Currency) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Referendum (Single Currency) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

5 Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd March.

6 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

7 Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd March.

8 Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 27th January, That the Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 3rd March.

9 Land Registers (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Registers (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd March.

10 Scottish Grand Committee.—Ordered, That—

(1) the Scottish Grand Committee shall meet on Wednesday 29th March at half-past Ten o'clock;

(2) at that meeting, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 94A (Scottish Grand Committee (composition and business))—

(i) a Motion for the adjournment of the Committee may be made by a member of the government;

(ii) attention may be called to the subject chosen by the Member specified in the Table below until the hour there specified; and

(iii) at One o'clock the Motion shall lapse; and

(3) each Member so specified shall give notice not later than Wednesday 15th March of his choice of subject.

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—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

11 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 28th February, the Speaker shall—

(1) not later than Seven o'clock put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Lilley relating to the draft Statutory Sick Pay Percentage Threshold, Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase, Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Fund Payments) and Social Security Benefits Up-rating Orders 1995 and the draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1995 and in the name of Mr Tony Blair relating to the Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 1994; and

(2) not later than Ten o'clock put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Gummer relating to the draft North Yorkshire (District of York) (Structural and Boundary Changes) and Humberside (Structural Change) Orders 1995.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)
12 Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with as if it had been certified by the Speaker as relating exclusively to Scotland.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 27th February.

[Adjourned at 3.4 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 24th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Customs and Excise,—Gaming Licence Duty (Games) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 442), dated 22nd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Local Government,—Recreation Grounds (Revocation of Parish Council Byelaws) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 376), dated 14th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statutes made by the Governing Body of the University of Oxford on 1st November 1994 amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].


(2) Leeds Development Corporation (Transfer of Property, Rights and Liabilities) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 390), dated 16th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

5 Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1995-96,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure: Statistical Supplement to the Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1995-96 [by Command] [Cm. 2821] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

6 Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Accounts of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 260] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Inland Revenue: market testing the Information Technology Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 245] [Clerk of the House].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [30th January] from residents of Wandsworth, Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea for a study of alternatives to enable non-London bound traffic to be routed away from central London and for action thereon [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Treaty Series (No. 14, 1995),—Agreement, done at Tokyo on 13th June 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Japan on co-operation in science and technology [by Command] [Cm. 2756] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 United States (No. 1, 1995),—Forty-first Annual Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ended 30th September 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2755] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (See Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) 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 the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords] a Second Reading because it believes that the Bill is not an acceptable or effective measure to tackle crime because it fails to address adequately levels of crime in Scotland, particularly the rising trends in violent crime, vandalism, robberies and drugs offences, does nothing to address the underlying causes of crime, represents a major assault on the presumption of innocence and the right to silence as well as a tacit shift away from Scotland’s present adversarial system of justice to an inquisitorial system, and fails to relieve adequately the pressure on the Scottish court system created by increasing workloads and under-resourcing’, instead thereof. (Mr George Robertson.)

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

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Joe Benton: 207.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Michael Bates: 282.

   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.

4 Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords] [Money];

   A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

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

      (a) any amount payable—

         (i) as compensation under Part II of the Act; or

         (ii) under paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Act in respect of remuneration or expenses of administrators;

      (b) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State or the Lord Advocate under the Act; and

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

   (2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums falling to be paid into the Consolidated Fund under section 203 or 412 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975—(Mr Bowen Wells)—It was agreed to.

5 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in chapters 4, 5 and 6 of the Financial Statement and Budget Report 1995-96, as updated, for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory);
The House divided,

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Derek Conway: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Peter Mandelson: 183.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note with approval of the Government's assessment as set out in chapters 4, 5 and 6 of the Financial Statement and Budget Report 1995-96, as updated, for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.

6 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from inhabitants of Scotland against overseas aid expenditure on the Chinese population control programme was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr Liam Fox);

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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, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-four minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.24 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 27th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Fees and Charges,—Medical Devices (Consultation Requirements) (Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 449), dated 27th February 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

2 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Employments) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 447), and

(2) Income Tax (Sub-contractors in the Construction Industry) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 448),

dated 22nd February 1995 [by Act] [Sir George Young].

Other Papers:

3 Civil List Pensions,—List of pensions granted under the Civil List Act 1972 for 1993-94 [by Act] [Sir George Young].

4 Erskine Bridge Tolls,—Accounts of the Scottish Office Industry Department: Erskine Bridge for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 262] [Clerk of the House].

5 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Account of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 263] [Clerk of the House].

6 Railways,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 23rd February 1995 on borrowing by Railtrack plc [by Act] [Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 27th February; to be printed [No. 264-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].
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The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Giles Shaw reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Wildlife (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 267].

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Children’s Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 265].

5 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

   That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 7988/94, relating to a Partnership and Co-operation Agreement with the Russian Federation, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 27th January 1995, relating to an Interim Agreement with the Russian Federation; and recognises that these Agreements will offer substantial encouragement to the process of reform in the Russian Federation through enhanced political and economic co-operation with the European Union.

   Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

6 Disability Discrimination Bill,—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Disability Discrimination Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to make it unlawful to discriminate against disabled persons in connection with employment, the provision of goods, facilities and services or the disposal or management of premises; to make provision about the employment of disabled persons; and to establish a National Disability Council.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 59].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 269].

7 Agricultural Tenancies Bill [Lords],—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Agricultural Tenancies Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 58].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 266].

8 Referendum Bill,—The Order for reading the Referendum Bill a second time this day was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 28th April.

9 Consumer Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994. No. 3159) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

10 House of Commons (Distribution of Seats),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make new provision for the distribution of seats at parliamentary elections—(Mr Spencer Batiste);

   And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member
who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the 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 Julian Brazier, Mr Patrick Nicholls: 53.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 162.

So the Question was negatived.

11 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Statutory Sick Pay Percentage Threshold Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Mr Secretary Lilley):

And it being Seven o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [24th February].

Resolved, That the draft Statutory Sick Pay Percentage Threshold Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions required to be put at that hour.

Pensions,—Resolved, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.—(Mr David Willetts.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Fund Payments) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.—(Mr David Willetts.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.—(Mr David Willetts.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.—(Mr David Willetts.)

Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 1807), dated 7th July 1994, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th July, in the last session of Parliament, be revoked—(Mr Keith Bradley);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Mrs Barbara Roche: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Bowen Wells: 287.

So the Question was negatived.

12 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft North Yorkshire (District of York) (Structural and Boundary Changes) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th February, be approved.—(Mr Robert B. Jones);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Simon Burns: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Estelle Morris, Mr Stephen Byers: 243.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft North Yorkshire (District of York) (Structural and Boundary Changes) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th February, be approved.

And it being after Ten o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the remaining Question required to be put at that hour, pursuant to Order [24th February].

Local Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Humberside (Structural Change) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th February, be approved—(Mr Robert B. Jones);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Simon Burns: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Estelle Morris, Mr Stephen Byers: 212.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the draft Humberside (Structural Change) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th February, be approved.

13 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 Fair Employment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 26th January, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

14 European Development Fund.—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. 7854/94, relating to procedures for the possible ‘budgetisation’ of the European Development Fund, and supports the Government’s view that, in order to maintain maximum control over the United Kingdom’s level of contribution to the EDF, Her Majesty’s Government should continue to oppose its ‘budgetisation’—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute past Eleven o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 11.1 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 28th February 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the Registration of Companies) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 28th February 1995, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the revised Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1994-95 [by Act] [Sir George Young].

4 Education,—Department of Education Minute, dated 28th February 1995, concerning the transfer of assets to the Funding Agency for Schools [by Command] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

5 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Mental Incapacity: Item 9 of the Fourth Programme of Law Reform: Mentally Incapacitated Adults [by Act]; to be printed [No. 189] [Mr John M. Taylor].

6 Merchant Shipping,—Government Response to the Report by Lord Donaldson’s Inquiry into the prevention of pollution from merchant shipping, entitled Safer Ships, Cleaner Seas [by Command] [Cm. 2766] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

7 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Contracting for Acute Health Care in England, and
   (2) the Ministry of Defence: The Risk of Fraud in Defence Procurement
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 261 and 258] [Clerk of the House].

8 Supply Estimates, 1994-95,—Revised Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1994-95 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 250] [Sir George Young].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment,—(1) First Special Report from the Employment Committee [The Future of Trade Unions: Government Reply to the Third Report from the Committee in Session 1993-94]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 28th February; to be printed [Nos. 268 and 159-v] [Mr Greville Janner].

2 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Eleventh 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 Memoranda laid before the Committee;
   to be printed [Nos. 8-xi and 16-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

MEMORANDUM

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

(1) Sir John Hunt Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 7484/93: relating to the Posting of Workers in the Community; and

(2) Sir David Knox Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments &c. in respect of the Leeds Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1995 in place of Mr Roland Boyes.

[No. 62.]

Wednesday 1st March 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 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, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir David Knox reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Leeds Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1995.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 274].

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Roger Sims reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy) (Scotland) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3068) and the Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy or Premature Retirement on Reorganisation) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 340), referred to a Committee on 13th and 20th February respectively.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 275].

7 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. 7484/93,
relating to the posting of workers; and endorses the Government's view that the present text of the draft Directive is bureaucratic, anti-competitive and protectionist in nature, and that it would erect barriers to a free market and damage the effective operation of the Single Market.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

8 Atomic Energy Authority Bill,—Mr Secretary Heseltine, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Gummer, Mr Secretary Lang, Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew and Mr Tim Eggar, presented a Bill to make provision for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to other persons; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 61].

9 Gas Bill,—Mr Secretary Heseltine, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Gummer, Mr Secretary Portillo, Mr Secretary Redwood and Mr Tim Eggar, presented a Bill to amend Parts I and III of the Gas Act 1986; to make provision for requiring the owners of certain gas processing facilities to make them available to other persons; 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 60].

10 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Wales) Bill,—Mr Barry Jones, supported by Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Rhodri Morgan, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr Roy Hughes, Mr Ray Powell, Dr John Marek, Mr Gareth Wardell, Mr Alan W. Williams, Mr Donald Anderson and Mr David Hanson, presented a Bill to make it unlawful in Wales to discriminate against disabled persons in respect of employment and in other circumstances, and to establish a Disability Rights Commission for Wales; to make provision for access to polling stations and voting by disabled persons in Wales; to place certain duties on local authorities, education authorities and other bodies in Wales in relation to disabled persons; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th March and to be printed [Bill 62].

11 Government Paperwork Reduction and Electronic Information,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to introduce a programme for the development of secure electronic information systems within Government, to reduce reliance on paperwork and hard copy files, and to ensure easier public access to certain information: And that Mr David Shaw, Sir Wyn Roberts, Mr John Butcher, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Alan Haselhurst, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mr Nick Hawkins do prepare and bring it in.

12 Government Paperwork Reduction and Electronic Information Bill,—Mr David Shaw accordingly presented a Bill to introduce a programme for the development of secure electronic information systems within Government, to reduce reliance on paperwork and hard copy files, and to ensure easier public access to certain information: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 63].

13 Opposition day [8th 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 Policy towards the European Union,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House does not support Her Majesty's Government's policy towards the European Union and does not believe it promotes the interests of the British people.—(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 'rejects the policy of Her Majesty's Opposition towards Europe, which would destroy United Kingdom jobs, erode the United Kingdom's competitiveness in world markets, place new bureaucratic burdens on business and industry, destroy the veto and diminish the role of Europe's nation states and their national parliaments', instead thereof.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ray Powell, Mr Gordon McMaster: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 319.

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 Sydney Chapman: 326.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ray Powell, Mr Gordon McMaster: 313.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House rejects the policy of Her Majesty’s Opposition towards Europe, which would destroy United Kingdom jobs, erode the United Kingdom’s competitiveness in world markets, place new bureaucratic burdens on business and industry, destroy the veto and diminish the role of Europe’s nation states and their national parliaments.

14 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Plymouth for research into fire retardants in mattresses related to sudden deaths of children; and

(2) citizens of York for legislation to promote civil rights for disabled people were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mr Vincent Arthur Gillezeau for redress of a fiscal grievance was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

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

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 1st March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Agriculture,—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (National Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R. (N.I.), 1995, No. 32), dated 13th February 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

2 Antarctica,—Antarctic Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 490), dated 20th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Other Papers:


4 National Health Service,—Treasury Minute concerning the dissolution and reconfiguration of the Royal Scottish National Hospital and Community NHS Trust: remission of outstanding debt [by Command] [Sir George Young].

5 Treaty Series (No. 20, 1995),—Agreement, done at London on 23rd February 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Azerbaijan Republic concerning air services [by Command] [Cm. 2774] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Paper withdrawn:

6 Fees and Charges,—Draft Medicines (Fixing of Fees Relating to Medicinal Products for Human Use) Amendment Order 1995 [laid 20th February].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Costs of Enquiries etc.) Bill, viz.: Sir Paul Beresford, Mr James Clappison, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Jim Dowd, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Douglas French, Mr Jerry Hayes, Lynne Jones, Mr John McAllion, Mr Keith Mans, Mr David Martin, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr William O’Brien, Mr Bill Olner, Mr David Rendel, Mr George Stevenson and Mr Keith Vaz.

2 Standing Committee C.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Roger Berry, Sir Richard Body, Mr Peter Bottomley, Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Robin Corbett, Jean Corston, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr William Hague, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Andrew Hunter, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Alfred Morris and Mr Tim Smith.

3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1994, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Robert Banks, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Peter Butler, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Judith Church, Sir Peter Emery, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr Nick Harvey, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Richard Page and Mr Alan Simpson.

4 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Parliamentary Constituencies (Wales) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Alex Carlile, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr David Hanson, Sir Terence Higgins, Mr Keith Mans, Dr John Marek, Sir Cranley Onslow, Mr Rod Richards, Mr Allan Rogers, Mr Llew Smith, Dr Robert Spink, Mr Michael Stephen, Mr Michael Trend, Mr Gary Waller and Mr Alan W. Williams.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1995, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Michael Bates, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr George Galloway, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr George Kynoch, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr John McFall, Mrs Ray Michie, Sir Hector Monro, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Dr Ian Twinn, Mr Charles Wardle, Mr Mike Watson, Mr John Whittingdale and Mr Jimmy Wray.

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr Bill Etherington, Sir George Gardiner, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, Mildred Gordon, Sir Michael Grylls, Mr John Heppell, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Steve Norris, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Sir Tim Sainsbury, Sir Nicholas Scott, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Paul Tyler, Joan Walley and Mr Bowen Wells.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 1st March; to be printed [No. 247-ii] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

2 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 1st March; to be printed [No. 246-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Home Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 1st March; to be printed [No. 214-iii]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee [Sir Ivan Lawrence].
4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Memoranda laid before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 37-v] [Sir James Kilfedder].

5 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—(1) Second Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Report of the Health Service Ombudsman for 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. 32]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 1st March; to be printed [No. 270-i] [Mr James Pawsey].

6 Science and Technology,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 1st March; to be printed [No. 41-v]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Science and Technology Committee [Sir Giles Shaw].

7 Trade and Industry,—(1) Third Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The Post Office], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed; with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 170];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 1st March; to be printed [No. 249-ii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee [Mr Richard Caborn].

8 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 1st March; to be printed [No. 206-v] [Mr Paul Channon].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee;

(2) the Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1994 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(3) the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Wales) Order 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(4) the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1995 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(5) the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr Roland Boyes Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1994;

(3) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Wales) Order 1995;

(4) Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1995;

(5) Mr Iain Mills Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1995; and
(6) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum relating to the European Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 1993.

[No. 63.]

Thursday 2nd March 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 9th March.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th March.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs Ann Winterton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Enforcement of External Orders) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 277].

7 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Simon Burns);

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

8 Deregulation,—Ordered, That Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Michael Brown, Judith Church, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr David Evans, Mr Barry Field, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr John Gunnell, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Peter L. Pike, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Graham Riddick, Mr William Ross, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr John Sykes and Dr Ian Twinn be members of the Deregulation Committee.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

9 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Sir David Mitchell be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Tim Smith be added to the Committee.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

10 Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr Gordon McMaster be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure and Mr Peter L. Pike be added to the Committee.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

11 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Ordered, That Mr Mike Watson be discharged from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Mr Michael Connarty be added to the Committee.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

12 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Leeds in support of the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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 2nd March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Fees and Charges,—Draft Medicines (Fixing of Fees Relating to Medicinal Products for Human Use) Amendment Order 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

2 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Continuance) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

7 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Papers, entitled—

   (1) Department of Health and Office of Population Censuses and Surveys: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2812] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley];

   (2) Departmental Report by the Ministry of Defence: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2801] [Mr Secretary Rifkind]; and

   (3) Department of Trade and Industry: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2804] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Dr Ian Twinn (nominated in respect of the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr Phil Gallie.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 2nd March; to be printed [No. 83v] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 2nd March; to be printed [No. 20-x] [Mrs Marion Roe].

3 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 2nd March; to be printed [No. 276-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr James Hill Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1995 in place of Mr Iain Mills.
Friday 3rd March 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from
   (1) Mrs Pat Murgatroyd for legal protection against deliberate cruelty to hedgehogs;
   (2) residents of Rutland against the recommendation of the Local Government Commission that Rutland become a unitary authority;
   (3) pupils of several schools in Lancashire for legislation to stop hare coursing; and
   (4) (i) and (ii) from R.S.P.C.A. branches in England and Wales, and Scotland for legal protection for wild mammals
   were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

3 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Dower Court, York, against cruel treatment of animals exported to Europe was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

4 Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill.—Mr Secretary Hurd, supported by Sir George Young, Mr Richard Needham and Mr Tony Baldry, 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 sections 9A and 10 of the Commonwealth Development Corporation Act 1978; to make provision in relation to interest on advances to the Commonwealth Development Corporation; and to make provision in relation to the remuneration, pensions and compensation of members of the Corporation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 6th March and to be printed [Bill 66].

5 Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill;
   And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
   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 Kevin McNamara, Mr Edward O’Hara: 253.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 0.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

6 Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill.—The Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

7 Protection of Animals Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

8 Media (Diversity) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Media (Diversity) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 30th June.

9 Water Charges (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Charges (Amendment) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.
10 Welfare of Calves (Export) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welfare of Calves (Export) Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 30th June.

11 Protection of Calves (Export) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Calves (Export) Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st April.

12 Tobacco Smoking (Public Places) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tobacco Smoking (Public Places) Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

13 European Communities (Reaffirmation of Sovereignty of United Kingdom Parliament) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Communities (Reaffirmation of Sovereignty of United Kingdom Parliament) Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

14 Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

15 Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

16 Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 27th January, That the Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed, That the 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.

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 Oliver Heald):—It was agreed to.

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.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Dr Liam Fox 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.

17 Land Registers (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Registers (Scotland) Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

18 South Africa Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That, in respect of the South Africa 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.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

19 Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Speaker shall—

(1) at the sitting on Wednesday 8th March—

(i) put the Question on the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Howard relating to the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Continuance) Order 1995 not later than Seven o'clock; and
(ii) put the Question on the Motion in the name of Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew relating to the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 not later than Ten o’clock; and

(2) at the sitting on Thursday 9th March put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to Broadcasting not later than one and a half hours after their commencement.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

20 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 6th March.

[Adjourned at 2.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 3rd March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Assistance Services,—National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 443), dated 24th February 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

2 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Dental Charges) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 444), dated 24th February 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

3 Pensions,—Personal Injuries (Civilians) Amendment Scheme 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 445), dated 23rd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

4 Plant Breeders’ Rights,—(1) Plant Breeders’ Rights (Herbaceous Perennials) Scheme 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 526),

   (2) Plant Breeders’ Rights (Miscellaneous Ornamental Plants) Scheme 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 527),

   (3) Plant Breeders’ Rights (Sweet Peas) Scheme 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 529),

   (4) Plant Breeders’ Rights (Trees, Shrubs and Woody Climbers) (Variation) Scheme 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 528), and

   (5) Plant Breeders’ Rights (Vegetables) (including Field Beans and Field Peas) (Variation) Scheme 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 530),

   dated 28th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

Other Papers:


Paper withdrawn:

6 Contracting Out,—Draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the Registration of Companies) Order 1995 [laid 28th February].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Media (Diversity) Bill,—The Order for reading the Media (Diversity) Bill a second time on Friday 30th June was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

4 Welfare of Calves (Export) Bill,—The Order for reading the Welfare of Calves (Export) Bill a second time on Friday 30th June was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

5 Criminal Appeal Bill,—The Criminal Appeal Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

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

   A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Criminal Appeal Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

      (a) any expenditure of the Secretary of State incurred in connection with the Criminal Cases Review Commission; and

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

   (2) any payments into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Derek Conway): It was agreed to.

7 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 [22nd February] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Derek Conway): It was agreed to.

8 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 Children's Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 9th February, be approved—(Mr Derek Conway): It was agreed to.

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 Wildlife (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved—(Mr Derek Conway): It was agreed to.

10 Urban Development,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Leeds Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1995, dated 6th February 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th February, be approved—(Mr Derek Conway): It was agreed to.

11 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—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 Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Enforcement of External Orders) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th February, be approved—(Mr Derek Conway): It was agreed to.

12 Relations with Russia,—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. 7988/94, relating to a Partnership and Co-operation Agreement with the Russian Federation, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 27th January 1995, relating to an Interim Agreement with the Russian Federation; and recognises that these Agreements will offer substantial encouragement to the process of
reform in the Russian Federation through enhanced political and economic co-operation with the European Union—(Mr Derek Conway)—It was agreed to.

13 Posting of 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. 7484/93, relating to the posting of workers; and endorses the Government’s view that the present text of the draft Directive is bureaucratic, anti-competitive and protectionist in nature, and that it would erect barriers to a free market and damage the effective operation of the Single Market—(Mr Derek Conway);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr David Willetts: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Jean Corston, Mr Andrew Mackinlay: 56.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 7484/93, relating to the posting of workers; and endorses the Government’s view that the present text of the draft Directive is bureaucratic, anti-competitive and protectionist in nature, and that it would erect barriers to a free market and damage the effective operation of the Single Market.

14 Defence,—Ordered, That Mr Robert Key be added to the Defence Committee.—(Mr Don Dixon, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Derek Conway.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.40 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 6th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out,—Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to the Registration of Companies) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (Grants) (Travellers and Displaced Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 543), dated 1st March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

3 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 542), dated 2nd March 1995 [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].

4 National Health Service,—(1) Glan Clwyd District General Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 473),

(2) Gofal Cymuned Clwydian Community Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 474), and

(3) Wrexham Maelor Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 475),

dated 22nd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].


(2) Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 419), and
(3) Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 418),
dated 22nd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:
7 Public Petitions,—Observations by—
   (1) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [17th November] from residents of Barlborough in the constituency of Bolsover and others, against Overseas Aid budget support for the Chinese Population Control Programme, and
   (2) the Secretary of State for Wales on the Petition [7th February] from friends of Ysgol Bro Carmel School, Holywell, against reductions in the rate support grant settlement for Wales
[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Railways,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 23rd February 1995 on borrowing by European Passenger Services Limited [by Act] [Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees
1 Public Accounts,—(1) Seventh 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. 280];
   (2) Eighth 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. 281]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 6th March; to be printed [No. 282-i]
[Mr Robert Sheldon].


MEMORANDUM
Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Sir John Hunt Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1994 in place of Mr Roland Boyes.

[No. 66.]

Tuesday 7th March 1995.

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

PRAYERS.
1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Selection (see Appendix II).
3 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
4 Jobseekers Bill,—Sir David Knox reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Jobseekers Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 65].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 289].
5 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir John Hunt reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3159), referred to a Committee on 28th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 285].

6 Rape Victims Compensation Bill.—Mr John Austin-Walker, supported by Alice Mahon, Audrey Wise, Dawn Primarolo, Jean Corston, Joan Walley and Tessa Jowell, presented a Bill to amend the law in respect of the compensation payable to victims of rape by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 31st March and to be printed [Bill 68].

7 Adoptive Mothers (Maternity Rights) Bill.—Helen Jackson, supported by Tessa Jowell, Cheryl Gillan, Ms Liz Lynne, Mrs Barbara Roche, Glenda Jackson, Ms Joyce Quin, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr John Gunnell, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Richard Burden and Jean Corston, presented a Bill to amend Part III of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 and Part XII of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 so as to require the Secretary of State by order to confer rights on adoptive mothers in relation to employment similar to those enjoyed by mothers whose children are born to them, including the right of an adoptive mother to paid leave and protection from dismissal during the period following the date on which the child is due to have its home with her with a view to adoption: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 31st March and to be printed [Bill 70].

8 Women and Information Technology.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide means of increasing women's involvement in information technology—(Judith Church);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the 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 Judith Church, Ms Janet Anderson, Mrs Anne Campbell, Jean Corston, Ms Angela Eagle, Margaret Hodge, Glenda Jackson, Tessa Jowell, Jane Kennedy, Estelle Morris, Bridget Prentice and Mrs Barbara Roche do prepare and bring in the Bill.

9 Women and Information Technology Bill,—Judith Church accordingly presented a Bill to provide means of increasing women's involvement in information technology: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 69].

10 Opposition day [9th allotted day].—It being a 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.

Lives of Women in the United Kingdom,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the Government's failure to implement its undertakings made at the 1985 UN Conference to promote the progress of women towards equality by the year 2000; in particular notes the damaging effects of labour market deregulation on the position of women, the growing divide between families with two earners and families with none, and the cutbacks in pension entitlement which have had a particularly damaging effect on women; and believes that, taken together with its failure to implement a national childcare strategy, the Government is wasting the talent and diminishing the life opportunities of women in the United Kingdom—(Clare Short); 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 with approval the progress made in the United Kingdom towards equality and increasing opportunities for women, as described in the United Kingdom National Report for the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women; and calls on the Government to continue the policies which have made this possible', instead thereof.—(Mr David Hunt.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Barbara Roche, Tessa Jowell: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 294.

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

Resolved, That this House notes with approval the progress made in the United Kingdom towards equality and increasing opportunities for women, as described in the United Kingdom National Report for the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women; and calls on the Government to continue the policies which have made this possible.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Derek Conway.)

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

Tuesday 7th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Environmental Protection,—Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 554), dated 3rd March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

4 National Health Service,—(1) Carmarthen and District National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 502), dated 23rd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];

(2) Ceredigion and Mid Wales National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 504), dated 23rd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];

(3) Derwen National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 503), dated 23rd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];

(4) Llanelli Dinefwr National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 505), dated 23rd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood]; and

(5) National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 558), dated 6th March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

5 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 551), dated 6th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].


Other Papers:

7 Children,—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the operation of those sections of the Children Act 1975 which are in force in Scotland [by Act]; to be printed [No. 232] [Mr Secretary Lang].

8 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Papers, entitled—

(1) Departmental Report by the Department for Education and the Office for Standards in Education: The Government's Expenditure Plans for 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2810] [Mrs Secretary Shephard];

(2) Departmental Report by The Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departments: The Government Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2809] [Mr John M. Taylor];

(3) Inland Revenue: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2819] [Mr Jonathan Aitken];
(4) HM Customs and Excise: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2818] [Mr Jonathan Aitken]; and

(5) Transport Report: Department of Transport, Office of Passenger Rail Franchising and Office of the Rail Regulator: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2806] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Hugh Dykes (nominated in respect of the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr Michael Trend.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 7th March; to be printed [No. 159-vii] [Mr Greville Janner].

2 Members' Interests,—First Special Report from the Select Committee on Members' Interests; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 288] [Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Twelfth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-xii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 67.]

Wednesday 8th March 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Derek Conway);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Contingencies Fund, 1993-94,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1993-94, showing—

(1) The Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1994; and

(2) The Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year,

with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to make provision for the regulation of centres and providers of facilities where children and young persons under the age of 18 engage in adventure activities, including provision for the imposition of requirements relating to safety.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 24th March; and to be printed [Bill 72].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 294].
7 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Wales) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 297].

8 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 299].

9 European Standing Committee B.—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of OJ C327, the Annual Report of the European Court of Auditors concerning the financial year 1993, together with the institutions’ replies; and supports the Government’s efforts to improve Community financial management.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

10 Child Support Bill,—Mr Secretary Lilley, supported by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mrs Secretary Bottomley, Mr Secretary Redwood, Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Alistair Burt, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to child support maintenance and other maintenance; and to provide for a child maintenance bonus: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 71].

11 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Gordon McMaster, supported by Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Adam Ingram, Mrs Irene Adams, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Michael J. Martin, Mr Jimmy Wray and Dr Norman A. Godman, presented a Bill to make it unlawful in Scotland to discriminate against disabled persons in respect of employment and in other circumstances; and to establish a Disability Rights Commission for Scotland; to make provision for access to polling stations and voting by disabled persons in Scotland; to place certain duties on local authorities, education authorities and other bodies in Scotland in relation to disabled persons; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th March and to be printed [Bill 73].

12 Valuing Women's Unwaged Work Bill,—Mildred Gordon, supported by Mr Harry Cohen, Tessa Jowell, Alice Mahon, Mr Tony Benn, Mr Alan Simpson, Jean Corston, Helen Jackson, Audrey Wise, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mrs Anne Campbell and Mrs Irene Adams, presented a Bill to require government departments and other public bodies to include in the production of statistics relating to the gross domestic product and satellite accounts a calculation of the quantity and value of the unwaged work of women: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 74].

13 Taxis (Protection of Passengers) Bill,—Jane Kennedy, supported by Rachel Squire, Glenda Jackson, Ann Coffey, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Derek Enright, Mr Peter Kilfoyle and Mr Kevin Barron, presented a Bill to make it unlawful for any person who has been convicted of prescribed sexual offences or offences of violence against the person to drive any taxi, minicab or private hire vehicle; to place appropriate duties upon licensing authorities; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th March and to be printed [Bill 75].

14 Tampons (Safety) Bill,—Dawn Primarolo, supported by Helen Jackson, Alice Mahon, Audrey Wise, Jean Corston, Ms Harriet Harman, Clare Short, Mr Alan Simpson, Maria Fyfe, Mildred Gordon, Mr John Austin-Walker and Mr David Hinchliffe, presented a Bill to make provisions for tampon packaging and advertisements for tampons to carry certain warnings and information, and to require the Secretary of State to make regulations for these purposes; to lay upon the Secretary of State duties with respect to research into, and publicity for, tampons and health; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 76].

15 Domestic Violence Bill,—Jean Corston, supported by Clare Short, Helen Jackson, Maria Fyfe, Dawn Primarolo, Glenda Jackson, Ms Angela Eagle, Audrey Wise, Joan Ruddock, Ms Diane Abbott, Mrs Barbara Roche and Alice Mahon, presented a Bill to place duties upon Her Majesty's Government both to undertake a publicity campaign to call public attention to the criminality of domestic violence and to the opportunities for redress, and to co-ordinate policy for refuge provision for victims of domestic violence:
And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 77].

16 Vegetarianism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a national body to promote the health advantages of vegetarianism—(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, the 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, Jean Corston, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 95.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Julian Brazier: 66.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Tony Banks, Mr Tony Benn, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Bill Etherington, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Chris Mullin and Mr Alan Simpson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

17 Vegetarianism Bill,—Mr Tony Banks accordingly presented a Bill to establish a national body to promote the health advantages of vegetarianism: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 78].

18 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Continuance) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 2nd March, be approved—(Mr Secretary Howard);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Eric Clarke: 212.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Continuance) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 2nd March, be approved.

19 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 14th February, be approved—(Sir John Wheeler);

And it being Ten o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [3rd March]—It was agreed to.

20 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Heywood against planning approval for proposed works at Gort Sandpit and Wilderness Quarry was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

21 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.25 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 8th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang];

(2) draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer]; and

(3) draft Railtrack PLC (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Broads Authority,—Norfolk and Suffolk Broads (Extension of Byelaws) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 608), dated 7th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

3 Education,—(1) Education (Bursaries for Teacher Training) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 603),

(2) Education (Teachers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No.602), and


4 Electricity,—Electricity (Class Exemptions from the Requirement for a Licence) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 588), dated 7th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

5 Environmental Protection,—Environmental Protection (Waste Recycling Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 476), dated 27th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

6 Highways,—Rail Crossing Extinguishment and Diversion Orders, the Public Path Orders and the Definitive Maps and Statements (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 451), dated 24th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

7 Income Tax,—Capital Allowances (Corresponding Northern Ireland Grants) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 611), dated 7th March 1995 [by Act] [Sir George Young].


9 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R.(N.I.), 1995, No. 76), dated 6th March 1995,

(2) Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R.(N.I.), 1995, No. 75), dated 7th March 1995, and


12 National Health Service,—(1) Family Health Services Appeal Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 621), dated 8th March 1995,

(2) Family Health Services Appeal Authority Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 622), dated 8th March 1995,

(3) National Health Service (Determination of Districts) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 562), dated 6th March 1995,

(4) National Health Service (District Health Authorities) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 563), dated 6th March 1995,

(5) United Leeds Teaching Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 564), dated 7th March 1995, and


13 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 548), dated 2nd March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang]; and

(2) Non-Domestic Rating (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 609), dated 7th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

15 Universities and Colleges,—Education (University Commissioners) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 604), dated 7th March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

Other Papers:

16 Broadcasting,—Account of additional payments to the Independent Television Commission by television programme contractors for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 292] [Clerk of the House].

17 Contingencies Fund, 1993-94,—Account of the Contingencies Fund for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 296] [Sir George Young].

18 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Papers, entitled—
   (1) Department of the Environment Annual Report 1995: The Government's Expenditure Plans for 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2807] [Mr Secretary Gummer];
   (2) Foreign and Commonwealth Office including Overseas Development Administration: The Government's Expenditure Plans for 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2802] [Mr Secretary Hurd]; and
   (3) The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98 for the Home Office and the Charity Commission [by Command] [Cm. 2808] [Mr Secretary Howard].

   (2) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pay and Allowances) (Amendment) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

20 New Towns (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 2nd March 1995 on borrowing by—
   (1) the Cumbernauld Development Corporation,
   (2) the East Kilbride Development Corporation,
   (3) the Glenrothes Development Corporation,
   (4) the Irvine Development Corporation, and
   (5) the Livingstone Development Corporation,
   [by Act] [Sir George Young].

21 Sessional Returns, 1993-94,—Returns to Orders [14th December] for Returns relating to—
   (1) Business of the House,
   (2) Closure of Debate and Allocation of Time,
   (3) Delegated Legislation,
   (4) Private Bills and Private Legislation,
   (5) Public Bills,
   (6) Sittings of the House,
   (7) Special Procedure Orders,
   (8) Standing Committees, and
   (9) Select Committees
   in Session 1993-94 [by Order]; to be printed [No. 257] [Clerk of the House].

22 South Thames Training and Enterprise Council,—Department of Employment and Department of the Environment Minute, dated 8th March 1995, concerning a contingent liability in respect of arrangements to ensure continuity of Government programmes following the appointment of an administrative receiver to manage the affairs of South Thames Training and Enterprise Council [by Command] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

23 Treaty Series (No. 15, 1995),—Agreement, done at London on 1st March 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Belarus for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 2768] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
24 Treaty Series (No. 16, 1995),—Treaty, done at London on 10th February 1993, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Ukraine on the principles of relations and co-operation [by Command] [Cm. 2769] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Sir Ivan Lawrence (nominated in respect of the Proceeds of Crime Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr John Greenway.

2 Standing Committee E,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill, viz.: Mr Donald Anderson, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Peter Butler, Mr James Clappison, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr James Couchman, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Derek Enright, Mr Michael Forsyth, Dr Liam Fox, Mr John Gunnell, Mr Warren Hawksley, Mr George Howarth, Mr John Hutton, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mrs Barbara Roche and Mr John Whittingdale.

3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Medicines (Fixing of Fees Relating to Medicinal Products for Human Use) Amendment Order 1995, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Roland Boyes, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Alan Duncan, Ms Angela Eagle, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Eric Illsley, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Sir Peter Lloyd, Mr Andrew Robathan, Sir Wyn Roberts, Mr Mark Robinson, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Peter Thurnham and Dr Ian Twinn.

4 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Gaming Licence Duty (Games) Order 1995, viz.: Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Michael Brown, Dr Michael Clark, Mr Derek Conway, Jean Corston, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Roger Goddiss, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr George Howarth, Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd, Alice Mahon, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Tim Renton, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr David Sumberg and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

5 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Undertaking by the Secretary of State for Scotland with the consent of Her Majesty’s Treasury and the agreement of Caledonian MacBrayne Limited, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Richard Alexander, Mr Rupert Allason, Mr Michael Bates, Mr John Biffen, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Michael Connarty, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Robert Jackson, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr John McFall, Mr John MacGregor and Mrs Ray Michie.

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Steve Norris (nominated in respect of the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr John Watts.

7 European Standing Committee B,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from European Standing Committee B Mr Charles Hendry and Mr John Heppell; and had appointed in substitution Mr Hartley Booth and Mr Alan Keen.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 8th March; to be printed [No. 61-vi] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Education,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 8th March; to be printed [No. 28-vi] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].
MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated—
   (1) the Criminal Appeal Bill to Standing Committee B;
   (2) the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill to Standing Committee C;
   (3) the Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill to Standing Committee C;
   (4) the draft Medicines (Fixing of Fees Relating to Medicinal Products for Human Use) Amendment Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
   (5) the Gaming Licence Duty (Games) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
   (6) the draft Undertaking by the Secretary of State for Scotland with the consent of Her Majesty's Treasury and the agreement of Caledonian MacBrayne Limited 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), the Speaker appointed—
   (1) Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody and Mrs Ann Winterton Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Criminal Appeal Bill;
(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Proceeds of Crime Bill;

(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Medicines (Fixing of Fees Relating to Medicinal Products for Human Use) Amendment Order 1995;

(4) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Gaming Licence Duty (Games) Order 1995;

(5) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Undertaking by the Secretary of State for Scotland with the consent of Her Majesty's Treasury and the agreement of Caledonian MacBrayne Limited; and

(6) Mr Robert Hicks Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 9508/93 and 8251/94, relating to hallmarking.

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. 6495/94, relating to the interoperability of high speed trains, and 12253/94 and 12254/94, relating to motor vehicle safety, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Documents Nos. 4523/95, relating to energy policy, and 10589/94 and 4674/95, relating to telecommunications, to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 68.]

Thursday 9th March 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means. Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 16th March.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th March.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1995. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 304].

6 South Africa Bill [Lords].—The South Africa Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, 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 Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to. Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee. (In the Committee)

Clauses Nos 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Bowen Wells 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.

7 Broadcasting.—Resolved, That this House approves the First Report of the Select Committee on Broadcasting of Session 1993-94, House of Commons Paper No. 112, on Developing the Parliamentary Broadcasting Archives.—(Mr Tony Newton.)

8 Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the Commonwealth Development Corporation 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.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

9 Office Costs Allowance,—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the limit on the office costs allowance in relation to Mr Bernie Grant, for the quarter beginning 1st January 1995 and any subsequent quarter, should be 1.33 times the limit determined in accordance with paragraph (1) of Part A of the Resolution of 13th July 1994 relating to Members’ allowances.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes to Nine o’clock, adjourned till Monday 13th March, pursuant to Order [13th January].

[Adjourned at 8.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 9th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Building Societies,—Draft Building Societies (Commercial Assets) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Anthony Nelson].

2 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—(1) Draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1995,
   (2) draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1995, and
   (3) draft Inter-American Development Bank (Eighth General Increase) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

3 Rating and Valuation,—Draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 497), dated 28th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].


7 Council Tax,—(1) Council Tax (Discount Disregards and Exempt Dwellings) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 619), and

8 Dangerous Drugs,—Misuse of Drugs (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 506), dated 28th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].
9 Education,—(1) Education (Ballot Expenditure) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 628), dated 8th March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard];

(2) Education (Grants for Education Support and Training) (England) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 605), dated 8th March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard];

(3) Education (Grant-maintained Schools) (Finance) (Wales) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 587), dated 2nd March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];


(5) Education (London Residuary Body) (Property Transfer) (Modification and Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 627), dated 8th March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard];

(6) Education (Payment for Special Educational Needs Supplies) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 629), dated 8th March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard]; and

(7) Education (School Financial Statements) (Prescribed Particulars etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 532), dated 28th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].


(2) Bovine Offal (Prohibition) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 613), dated 7th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave];

(3) Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 539), dated 28th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave];

(4) Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 540), dated 28th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave]; and

(5) Spirit Drinks (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 484), dated 27th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 Local Government,—(1) Local Authorities (Capital Finance) (Rate of Discount for 1995-96) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 535), dated 1st March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer];

(2) Local Authorities (Discretionary Expenditure Limits) (England) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 651), dated 9th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer];

(3) Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 553), dated 2nd March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer];

(4) Local Government Changes for England (Community Charge and Council Tax, Valuation and Community Charge Tribunals and Alteration of Lists and Appeals) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 624), dated 8th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer];


(7) Local Government Changes for England (Staff) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 520), dated 28th February 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer];

(8) Local Government (Promotion of Economic Development) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 556), dated 6th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer]; and


12 Medicines,—Medicines (Homoeopathic Medicinal Products for Human Use) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 541), dated 3rd March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

13 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 525), dated 1st March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

15 National Health Service,—(1) Gwynedd Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 569), dated 1st March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];

(2) Gwynedd Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 568), dated 1st March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];

(3) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 643), dated 8th March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley];

(4) National Health Service (Determination of Districts) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 533), dated 1st March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];

(5) National Health Service (District Health Authorities) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 534), dated 1st March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];

(6) National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 644), dated 8th March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley];

(7) National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 642), dated 8th March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley]; and

(8) North Wales Ambulance National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 567), dated 1st March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].


(9) Judicial Pensions (Transfer of Accrued Benefits) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 637), dated 7th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor]; and


18 Police,—Police (Discipline) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 647), dated 7th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


20 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Special Parking Area) (London Borough of Redbridge) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 616),

(2) Road Traffic (Special Parking Area) (London Borough of Sutton) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 618), and

(3) Road Traffic (Special Parking Area) (Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 617),
dated 8th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].


23 Sugar,—Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 612), dated 22nd February 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

24 Telegraphs,—Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 655), dated 8th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

25 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Supply of Pharmaceutical Goods) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995, No. 652), and

(2) Value Added Tax (Transport) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 653),
dated 8th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Other Papers:

26 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Papers, entitled—

(1) Department of National Heritage Annual Report 1995: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2811] [Mr Secretary Dorrell];

(2) Departmental Report by the Chancellor of the Exchequer's smaller Departments and Net Payments to European Community Institutions: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2817] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer];

(3) Departmental Report by the Welsh Office: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2815] [Mr Secretary Redwood]; and

(4) Social Security Departmental Report: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98 [by Command] [Cm. 2813] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

27 Monopolies and Mergers,—Reports by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on—

(1) the merger situation between Stagecoach Holdings plc and Mainline Partnership Limited, and

(2) the supply of video games in the UK
[by Command] [Cm. 2782 and 2781] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

28 Pensions,—Report by the Occupational Pensions Board on the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes ( Levy) Regulations 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 2779] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Paper withdrawn:

29 Rating and Valuation,—Draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1995 [laid 8th March].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 9th March; to be printed [No. 246-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 9th March; to be printed [No. 302-i] [Mrs Marion Roe].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Selection (see Appendix II).
3 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
4 Gas Bill, The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas 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 the Gas Bill a Second Reading because it believes that the Bill fails to provide effective safeguards for consumers against the deleterious consequences of deregulation of the domestic gas market; is damaging to the interests of many sections of the population, including elderly people, those with low incomes, and those living in South West England, Wales and other parts of the United Kingdom distant from beaching points; fails to provide adequate resources for health and safety monitoring of the implications of deregulation; does not require suppliers to provide the financial surety necessary to guarantee security of supply to consumers; does not address the question of regional electricity companies attempting to enter the gas market; fails effectively to emphasise the need for energy efficiency; and omits any regulatory provision to enable price cuts to consumers where there are unjustified salary and share options awarded to senior employees', instead thereof. (Dr John Cunningham.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Joe Benton: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 318.

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 Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alex Salmond, Mr Cynog Dafis: 22.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Gas Bill ("the Act"), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of the following, namely—

(a) the remuneration of, and any allowances or pensions payable to or in respect of, persons appointed—

(i) to carry out tests of apparatus and equipment, and tests of gas for the purpose of ascertaining whether it is of or above a declared calorific value;
(ii) to carry out tests of gas for the purpose of ascertaining whether it conforms with any prescribed standards; or
(iii) to examine and stamp, or authorise the stamping of, meters used for ascertaining the quantity of gas supplied through pipes;

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Mr Andrew Mitchell);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Michael Bates: 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Bill Michie: 49.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Gas Bill ("the Act"), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of the following, namely—

(a) the remuneration of, and any allowances or pensions payable to or in respect of, persons appointed—

(i) to carry out tests of apparatus and equipment, and tests of gas for the purpose of ascertaining whether it is of or above a declared calorific value;

(ii) to carry out tests of gas for the purpose of ascertaining whether it conforms with any prescribed standards; or

(iii) to examine and stamp, or authorise the stamping of, meters used for ascertaining the quantity of gas supplied through pipes;

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

6 Gas Bill [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Gas Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the inclusion in licences of conditions requiring the rendering of payments to the Director General of Gas Supply;

(b) the making of provisions under which monetary penalties may be imposed on persons who contravene any conditions or requirements; and

(c) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Derek Conway):—It was agreed to.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Derek Conway.)

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

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 10th March 1995 pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Papers, entitled—

(1) Departments of the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Forestry Commission: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995–96 to 1997–98 [Cm. 2814] [Mr Secretary Lang];

(2) Employment Department Group Departmental Report: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995–96 to 1997–98 [Cm. 2805] [Mr Secretary Portillo]; and

(3) Northern Ireland Expenditure Plans and Priorities: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1995–96 to 1997–98 [Cm. 2816] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

2 Social Security,—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee and Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Income Support (Amendments) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 625) [Cm. 2783] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

3 Treaty Series (No. 17, 1995),—Protocol, done at London on 18th May 1993, amending the Convention between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Austria for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect of taxes on income, signed at London on 30th April 1969 as amended by the Protocol signed at London on 17th November 1977 [Cm. 2770] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

4 Treaty Series (No. 18, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Jakarta on 27th June 1994 and 19th July 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia concerning the proposed export of uranium by AEA Technology to the Government of Indonesia's BATAN Nuclear Fuel Element Centre [Cm. 2771] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
5 Treaty Series (No. 19, 1995), Agreement, done at London on 25th October 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect of the States of Guernsey and the Government of the United States of America regarding the transfer of certain forfeited assets [Cm. 2772] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 10th March 1995 pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 571), dated 3rd March 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].


9 Charities,—Charities (Exemption from Accounting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 645), dated 7th March 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Council Tax (Scotland),—(1) Council Tax (Discounts) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 599),

   (2) Council Tax (Discounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 597), and

   (3) Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 598),

dated 6th March 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 Food,—Bovine Offal (Prohibition) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 537), dated 2nd March 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].

12 Friendly Societies,—(1) Friendly Societies Act 1992 (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 710), and

   (2) Friendly Societies (General Charge and Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 709),

dated 9th March 1995 [Mr Anthony Nelson].


   (3) Local Government (Exemption from Competition) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 678), dated 8th March 1995, and


   [Mr Secretary Lang].


   [Mr John M. Taylor].

16 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (Functions of Family Health Services Authorities) (Prescribing Incentive Schemes) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 692),

   (2) National Health Service (Fund-holding Practices) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 693), and

   (3) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 691),

dated 9th March 1995 [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].
17 National Health Service (Scotland).—(1) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 699), dated 9th March 1995,

(2) National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 703), dated 9th March 1995,

(3) National Health Service (Expenses of Audit) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 698), dated 9th March 1995,

(4) National Health Service (General Medical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 416), dated 21st February 1995,

(5) National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 704), dated 9th March 1995,

(6) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 705), dated 9th March 1995,

(7) National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 414), dated 21st February 1995,

(8) National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 365), dated 16th February 1995,

(9) National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 700), dated 9th March 1995, and


[Mr Secretary Lang].


19 Police.—(1) Common Police Services (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 707), dated 10th March 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang];

(2) Police (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 547), dated 3rd March 1995 [Mr Secretary Howard];

(3) Police and Magistrates’ Courts Act 1994 (Commencement No. 7 and Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 492), dated 28th February 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang]; and

(4) Police (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 596), dated 7th March 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].


(2) Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 518), dated 28th February 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang]; and


23 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Etc.—Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 646), dated 7th March 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].

24 Road Traffic.—(1) Road Traffic (Special Parking Areas) (London Borough of Lambeth) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 679), and

(2) Road Traffic (Special Parking Area) (London Borough of Merton) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 880),

dated 9th March 1995 [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

(2) Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 626), dated 8th March 1995,


[Mr Secretary Lilley].


27 Trade Unions,—Certification Officer (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 483), dated 27th February 1995 [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Other Papers:

28 Industrial and Provident Societies,—(1) Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 713), and


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 13th March 1995

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

30 Charities,—Draft Charities (Trustee Investments Act 1961) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

31 Fees and Charges,—Draft Department of Trade and Industry (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

32 Local Government Finance,—Special Grant Report (No. 13) for 1995-96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 286] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:


38 Housing,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 9th March 1995 on borrowing by the Housing Corporation [by Act] [Sir George Young].

39 King's College London Bill [Lords],—Report by the Attorney General on the King's College London Bill [Lords] [by Standing Order] [Mr Attorney General].

40 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petitions [10th February] from friends and staff of Guy's Hospital and persons living or working nearby for retention of an accident and emergency service and a fully functioning hospital on the site [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Medicines (Fixing of Fees Relating to Medicinal Products for Human Use) Amendment Order 1995. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 313].

4 Children (Scotland) Bill,—Mr John Maxton reported from the Special Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Children (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Bill, as amended in the Special Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 67]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 312].

5 Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill,—Mr Alan Haselhurst reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment. Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 315].

6 Serjeant at Arms,—The Speaker informed the House that she had received a letter from Sir Alan Urwick, KCVO, CMG, Serjeant at Arms, which she read to the House, as follows:

I am writing to confirm to you my decision to retire on 31st July 1995 shortly after my 65th birthday. Following 37 years in the Diplomatic Service, I have been uniquely privileged to spend a further 6 years in the service of the House of Commons. It has been a period of far-reaching change, as the House has taken control of its own administration and finance and also embarked on the rapid expansion of the accommodation available
for Members and their staff. I owe a very great debt of gratitude to all who work in the Serjeant at Arms' Department, including the Parliamentary Works Directorate, without whom none of the achievements of these years would have been possible. I would also wish to pay special tribute to the Metropolitan Police, on whom we rely so heavily for the safety of these buildings and of all of those who work here.

Finally I wish to record my deep appreciation of the kindness and consideration shown to me by all Members of the House which have made my tour of duty such a happy and rewarding one.

7 Civil Aviation (Air Transport Licences) Amendment.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the publication to local planning authorities by the Civil Aviation Authority of the receipt of applications for the grant, revocation, suspension or variation of air transport licences and of any decision made by the Civil Aviation Authority in relation thereto: And that Mr Michael Stern, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, Mr David Mellor, Mr Nicholas Winterton, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Stephen Day and Mr Nirj Joseph Deva do prepare and bring it in.

8 Civil Aviation (Air Transport Licences) Amendment Bill,—Mr Michael Stern accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the publication to local planning authorities by the Civil Aviation Authority of the receipt of applications for the grant, revocation, suspension or variation of air transport licences and of any decision made by the Civil Aviation Authority in relation thereto: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 80].

9 Atomic Energy Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Atomic Energy Authority Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Willetts, Dr Liam Fox: 290.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr John Cummings: 250.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

10 Atomic Energy Authority Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Atomic Energy Authority Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Atomic Energy Authority Bill ('the Act'), it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of the following, namely—

(a) expenses incurred by the Treasury or the Secretary of State in consequence of provision made by the Act for the acquisition of, or of rights to subscribe for, securities of successor companies;
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the administrative expenses of the Secretary of State or the Treasury;
(c) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided;

(2) the extinguishment of liabilities of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority ('the Authority') in respect of the principal of such relevant loans as may be specified by order to such extent as may be so specified;

(3) the extinguishment of liabilities of a successor company in respect of the principal of such relevant loans as may be specified by order to such extent as may be so specified at a time when the company is wholly owned by the Crown or a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Authority;

(4) the issuing out of the National Loans Fund of sums required by the Secretary of State for making loans to any successor company which is wholly owned by the Crown;

(5) the charging on and issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling such guarantees given by them for the discharge of financial obligations in connection with sums borrowed by any successor company which is wholly owned by the Crown;

(6) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund.

In this Resolution—

'relevant loan'—

(a) in relation to the Authority, means the Authority's commencing capital debt and any loan made to the Authority under section 4 of the Atomic Energy Authority Act 1986,
(b) in relation to a successor company, means any debt or loan mentioned in paragraph (a) above (if and to the extent that the liability to repay it is transferred to the company in accordance with a scheme under the Act) and any loan made to the company by the Secretary of State under the Act.

'successor company' means any company which, at a time when it is wholly owned by the Crown or a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Authority, becomes entitled or subject, in accordance with a scheme under the Act, to any property, rights or liabilities of the Authority—(Mr Andrew Mitchell)—It was agreed to.

11 Coal Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Miners' Welfare Act 1952 (Transfer of Functions of Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 23rd February, be approved—(Mr Richard Page);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Dr Liam Fox: 111.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Harry Barnes: 29.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Miners' Welfare Act 1952 (Transfer of Functions of Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 23rd February, be approved.

12 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 Parliamentary Constituencies (Wales) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns)—It was agreed to.

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 Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns)—It was agreed to.

14 Hovercraft.—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 Hovercraft (Application of Enactments (Amendment) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th February, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns)—It was agreed to.

15 Report of the Court of Auditors for 1993.—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 OJ C327, the Annual Report of the European Court of Auditors concerning the financial year 1993, together with the institutions' replies; and supports the Government's efforts to improve Community financial management—(Mr Simon Burns)—It was agreed to.

16 Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill.—Ordered, That, if the Commonwealth Development Corporation 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 Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill [Money] have been concluded, this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

17 Agriculture.— Ordered, That Mr Christopher Gill be discharged from the Agriculture Committee and Sir Roger Moate be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

18 National Heritage.—Ordered, That Mr John Sykes be discharged from the National Heritage Committee and Mr Nigel Waterson be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

19 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Panshanger Community Action Group of Welwyn Garden City for refusal of a licence for the proposed chemical machinery process at TKR International Ltd. was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

20 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mark Richard Franchi for action to release Liu Gang from imprisonment in China was 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 Simon Burns);
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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 nineteen minutes past Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.19 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 14th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Animals,—Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 731), dated 14th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].


3 European Parliament,—European Parliamentary (United Kingdom Representatives) Pensions (Additional Voluntary Contributions Scheme) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 739), dated 14th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

4 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 737), dated 13th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

5 Social Security,—(1) Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 580), and
(2) Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Dependency) (Permitted Earnings Limits) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 581), dated 7th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

6 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of—
(1) Trinity College in the University of Oxford on 13th December 1994 amending the Statutes of the College
(2) the University of Cambridge on 17th November 1994 amending the Statutes of the University, and
(3) the University of Oxford on 1st December 1994 amending the Statutes of the University
[by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].


Other Papers:

8 British Waterways Board,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th February 1995 on borrowing by the British Waterways Board [by Act] [Sir George Young].

9 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 244] [Mr John M. Taylor].

10 Probation Board (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 310] [Clerk of the House].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [23rd February] from citizens of the United Kingdom against overseas aid expenditure on the Chinese population control programme [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—First Special Report from the Deregulation Committee [Consideration of Deregulation Proposals and Draft Orders]; to be printed [No. 311] [Mr Barry Field].

2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 14th March; to be printed [No. 133-ii] [Mr Greville Janner].
3 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 14th March; to be printed [No. 555-ii] [Sir Peter Emery].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Thirteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-xiii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 14th March; to be printed [No. 249-iv] [Mr Richard Caborn].

[No. 71.]

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The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Gaming Licence Duty (Games) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 442).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 320].

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Undertaking by the Secretary of State for Scotland with the consent of Her Majesty's Treasury and the agreement of Caledonian MacBrayne Limited.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 321].

7 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Robert Hicks reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 9508/93 and the Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 9th June 1994, and 8251/94 and the Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 17th October 1994, relating to the marking of articles of precious metal; and supports the Government's view that the proposed procedures for manufacturers' marking of articles of precious metal would not provide an adequate level of consumer protection and that the proposal will therefore need substantial amendment if it is to be acceptable.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

8 National Health Patient Accommodation Bill [Lords],—The National Health Patient Accommodation Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 82].

9 Animal Health (European Law),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Animal Health Act 1981 to provide that European Community law shall not interfere with the validity or legal effectiveness under the laws of the United Kingdom of any prohibitions or restrictions on the export of animals which the designated Ministers shall certify to be justified: And that Mr Bernard Jenkin, Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Roger Knapper, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr David Evans, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Tony Banks and Mr Bill Olner do prepare and bring it in.

10 Animal Health (European Law) Bill,—Mr Bernard Jenkin accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Animal Health Act 1981 to provide that European Community law shall not interfere with the validity or legal effectiveness under the laws of the United Kingdom of any prohibitions or restrictions on the export of animals which the designated Ministers shall certify to be justified: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th March and to be printed [Bill 81].
11 Estimates [2nd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [6th March], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates).

Supplementary Estimates, 1994-95 (Class IV, Vote 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £1,000 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 1995 for expenditure by the Department of Trade and Industry on support for business, research and development; consumer protection and the regulation of trade, energy related programmes, including research and development, and residual privatisation expenses; departmental administration, central and miscellaneous services; security of oil and gas supplies; the operational costs of departmental executive agencies and associated research laboratory privatisation expenses; the provision of land and building; loans, grants and other payments—(Mr Ian Taylor);

It being three hours after the commencement of the Debate, 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).

Supplementary Estimates, 1994-95 (Class VII, Vote 7).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £1,000 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 1995 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment and its agencies on administration, including research, royal commissioners, committees, etc., and by the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency on appeals, and by the Building Research Establishment Executive Agency on buildings research and surveys—(Sir Paul Beresford);

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, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), put the deferred Questions on Supplementary Estimates, 1994–95 (Class IV, Vote 1) and (Class VII, Vote 7).

Class IV, Vote 1

Resolved, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £1,000 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 1995 for expenditure by the Department of Trade and Industry on support for business, research and development; consumer protection and the regulation of trade, energy related programmes, including research and development, and residual privatisation expenses; departmental administration, central and miscellaneous services, security of oil and gas supplies; the operational costs of departmental executive agencies and associated research laboratory privatisation expenses; the provision of land and building; loans, grants and other payments.

Class VII, Vote 7

Resolved, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £1,000 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 1995 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment and its agencies on administration, including research, royal commissioners, committees, etc., and by the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency on appeals, and by the Building Research Executive Agency outbuildings research and surveys.

12 Estimates.—The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Questions required to be put, pursuant to paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 53 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Estimates, 1995–96 (Navy) Vote A

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 1996 a number not exceeding 53,500 all ranks be maintained for Naval Service.

Estimates, 1995–96 (Army) Vote A

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 1996 a number not exceeding 142,990 all ranks be maintained for Army Service, a number not exceeding 131,000 for the Individual Reserves, and a number not exceeding 63,950 for the Territorial Army.

Estimates, 1995–96 (Air) Vote A

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 1996 a number not exceeding 73,860 all ranks be maintained for the Air Force Service, a number not exceeding 18,150 for the Royal Air Force Reserve, and a number not exceeding 2,050 for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force.
Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £167,222,897.35 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to make good excesses of certain grants for Civil Services for the year ended on 31st March 1994, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 180.

Supplementary Estimates, 1994-95

Resolved, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £1,171,473,000 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 1995, as set out in House of Commons Papers No. 181 and 250.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Supplementary Estimates, 1994-95, and to Estimates, Excesses, 1993-94: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Jonathan Aitken, Sir George Young, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory and Mr Anthony Nelson do prepare and bring it in.

13 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—Sir George Young accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 1994 and 1995: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 64].

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 Medicines (Fixing of Fees Relating to Medicinal Products for Human Use) Amendment Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 2nd March, be approved (Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 15th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 Channel Fixed Link,—Amendment No. 2, dated 29th June 1994, to the Channel Fixed Link Concession Agreement [by Command] [Cm. 2776] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

2 Community Punishment,—Paper, entitled Strengthening Punishment in the Community: a Consultation Document [by Command] [Cm. 2780] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Housing (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for 1993-94, with the Reports of the Local Government Auditor and the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 2778] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

4 Kyrgyzstan (No. 1, 1995),—Agreement, done at London on 8th December 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 2777] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 London Regional Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th March 1995 on borrowing by London Regional Transport [by Act] [Sir George Young].

6 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Sixth Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, being the Annual Report for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 307] [Clerk of the House].

7 Reserve Forces,—Statement by the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call out of territorial army personnel [by Act][Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Gas Bill, viz.: Mr Simon Burns, Judith Church, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Sebastian Coe, Ann Coffey, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Tim Eggar, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Tessa Jowell, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Martin O'Neill, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Tim Smith and Mr Gary Streeter.
2 Standing Committee B.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Criminal Appeal Bill, viz.: Mr Donald Anderson, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Peter Butler, Mr James Clappison, Jean Corston, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr John Hutton, Mr David Lidington, Mr David Maclean, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Chris Mullin, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Don Touhig and Mr David Trimble.

3 Standing Committee C.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, viz.: Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Ann Coffey, Sir John Cope, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Roger Gale, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr John Gunnell, Mr John Heppell, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr David Lidington, Mr John McFall, Mr Elliot Morley, Bridget Prentice and Dr Robert Spink.

4 Standing Committee D.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Atomic Energy Authority Bill, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr John Battle, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Harold Elletson, Cheryl Gillan, Mr Robert Maclellan, Mr Andrew Miller, Dr Lewis Moonie, Estelle Morris, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Richard Page, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Mark Robinson, Mr Michael Trend and Mr David Willetts.

5 First Scottish Standing Committee.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Michael Bates, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Tim Devlin, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr George Kynoch, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr John McFall, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Raymond S. Robertson, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Bill Walker and Mr Jimmy Wray.

6 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993 (Release of Prisoners etc.) Order 1995 and the draft Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 (Release of Prisoners etc.) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Michael Bates, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Ian Davidson, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr George Galloway, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr John McFall, Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr Tim Rathbone, Mr Raymond S. Robertson, Rachel Squire and Mr Allan Stewart.

7 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Keith Bradley, Ann Coffey, Mr Bill Etherington, Sir Norman Fowler, Cheryl Gillan, Mr William Hague, Mr David Hinchcliffe, Jane Kennedy, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Bill Michie, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr William Powell, Sir Trevor Skeet, Sir James Spicer, Mr Neville Trotter and Mr Mark Wolfson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Third Special Report from the Defence Committee [Progress of The Committee’s Inquiry into Gulf War Syndrome];

(2) Fourth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Reply to the First Report from the Defence Committee, Session 1994-95, on the Ministry of Defence Estate]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 15th March; to be printed [Nos. 317, 318 and 319-i] [Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 15th March; to be printed [Nos. 39-viii and 246-iv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 European Legislation,—Tenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-x] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—(1) Third Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [The Child Support Agency], 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. 199];

(2) Second Special Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Government Reply to the First Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, 'Maladministration and Redress']; to be printed [No. 316]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 15th March; to be printed [No. 290-ii]

[Mr James Pawsey].

5 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 15th March; to be printed [No. 555-iii] [Sir Peter Emery].

6 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 15th March; to be printed [No. 322-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

7 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 15th March; to be printed [No. 293-ii] [Mr William McKelvey].

8 Social Security,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 15th March; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Social Security Committee; to be printed [Nos. 196-iv and 303] [Mr Frank Field].

9 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 15th March; to be printed [No. 206-vii] [Mr Paul Channon].

10 Welsh Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Treatment Centres], 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. 88];

(2) Memoranda laid before the Welsh Affairs Committee

[Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Gas Bill to Standing Committee A;
(2) the Atomic Energy Authority Bill to Standing Committee D;
(3) the Town and Country Planning (Costs of Enquiries etc.) Bill to Standing Committee E (transferred from Standing Committee A);
(4) the draft Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993 (Release of Prisoners etc.) Order 1995 and the draft Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 (Release of Prisoners etc.) Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
(5) the draft Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Sir David Knox and Mr Michael J. Martin Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Gas Bill;
(2) Mr James Hill and Mr Edward O'Hara Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Atomic Energy Authority Bill;
(3) Mr Iain Mills an additional Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee on the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
(4) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993 (Release of Prisoners etc.) Order 1995 and the draft Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 (Release of Prisoners etc.) Order 1995; and
(5) Mr Roland Boyes Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 1995; and
(6) Sir John Hunt Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 11287/93, relating to external frontiers.

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. 5097/95, relating to the Common Agricultural Policy price proposals for 1995-96 and related measures, to European Standing Committee A; and
(2) European Community Document No. 4069/95, relating to consumer protection: unit pricing, to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 72.]

Thursday 16th March 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.
Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 23rd March.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 23rd March.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Finance Bill,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 2, 5, 8, 15, 52, 64 and 91 and Schedules Nos. 1, 4, 11 and 14) and made Amendments thereunto.
Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 79].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 325].

6 Medical (Professional Performance) Bill,—Mrs Secretary Bottomley, supported by Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Tony Newton, Mr Secretary Lilley, Mr Secretary Lang, Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr Secretary Redwood, Mr Gerald Malone and Mr Tom Sackville, presented a Bill to amend the Medical Act 1983 to make provision relating to the professional performance of registered medical practitioners and the voluntary removal of names from the register of medical practitioners; 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 83].

7 Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill,—The Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill was, according to Order, 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 Derek Conway):—It was agreed to.
Further proceedings on the Bill stood postponed, pursuant to Order [14th March].

8 Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill [Money];
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) any increase in payments out of the National Loans Fund, the Consolidated Fund or money provided by Parliament resulting from provisions of the Act—
(a) increasing to £1,100 million and £1,500 million respectively the sums of £750 million and £850 million specified in section 9A(2) of the Commonwealth Development Corporation Act 1978 ("the 1978 Act"); and
(b) removing the limit in section 10(1) of the 1978 Act on the amounts which may be advanced to the Commonwealth Development Corporation ("the Corporation") under that section;
and any increase in payments into the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund resulting from such provisions;
(2) the making of interest-free advances to the Corporation under section 10(1) of the 1978 Act; and
(3) the remission of the payment by the Corporation under section 12(1) of the 1978 Act of interest on advances under section 10(1) of that Act—(Mr Derek Conway)—It was agreed to.

9 Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill.—The House, pursuant to Order [14th March], resolved itself into a Committee on the Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Derek Conway 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.

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

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

11 Proceeds of Crime Bill.—Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on the Proceeds of Crime Bill that they have power to make provision in the Bill for facilitating the enforcement of overseas forfeiture and restraint orders.—(Mr Tony Baldry.)

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

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

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Richard Page.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.12 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 16th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Family Law.—Draft Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Local Government (Scotland),—(1) Local Government (Application of Enactments) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No.789), and

(2) Local Government (Superannuation and Compensation for Premature Retirement) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I.,1995, No. 750), dated 14th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

3 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 1995 (S.I.,1995, No.714), dated 10th March 1995, and

(2) Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No.3) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No.730), dated 13th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

4 Education,—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in Wales for 1993-94 [by Act]; to be printed [No.287] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

5 Education (Scotland),—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on further education in Scotland for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Legislation,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Road Safety of the Select Committee on European Legislation on 16th March; to be printed [No. 323-i] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 16th March; to be printed [No. 324-i] [Mrs Marion Roe].

3 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 16th March; to be printed [No. 276-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

[No. 73.]

Friday 17th March 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Home Energy Conservation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Home Energy Conservation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

   Amendments (Nos. 2 to 10) made to the Bill.

   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Northern Ireland) 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 21st April.

5 Protection of Animals Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st April.

6 National Health Patient Accommodation Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the National Health Patient Accommodation Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st April.

7 Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill,—Ordered, That Standing Committee C be discharged from considering the Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill and that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr Don Dixon.)

   Committee on Friday 21st April.

8 European Standing Committees,—Ordered, That European Community Document No. 5097/95, relating to Common Agricultural Policy price proposals, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee A.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

9 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 21st March, the Speaker shall put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to Agricultural Prices not later than Ten o'clock; and the Order [19th December] (Statutory Instruments, &c., and European Community Documents) shall not apply.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

   And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes past Three o'clock, till Monday 20th March.

[Adjourned at 3.2 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Friday 17th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Legal Aid and Advice.—(1) Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 797),

(2) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 795), and

(3) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 796),

dated 16th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].


and

(2) Police (Retention and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 723),

dated 10th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

5 National Audit.—(1) Interim Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on PSA services—the sale of PSA projects, and

(2) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the National Rivers Authority: river pollution from farms in England

[by Act], to be printed [Nos. 306 and 235] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Accommodation and Works.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Works Committee on 7th December, together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 328-i] [Mr Ray Powell].
PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Selection (see Appendix II).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

4 Land Registers (Scotland) Bill,—Ordered, That the Land Registers (Scotland) Bill be read a second time on Friday.

5 Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill,—Ordered, That the Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill be read a second time on Friday.

6 Child Support Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Child Support 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 insists that the Child Support Bill in the form proposed is unacceptable because although the introduction of an element of discretion to depart from the financial formula and the overdue recognition that clean-break settlements must be taken into account are welcome, the current proposals do not adequately address the problems that have undermined public confidence in the Child Support Agency, nor do they end a system under which children living in the poorest households are the least likely to benefit from increased maintenance payments; indeed the majority of those dependent on Income Support are left not one penny better off’, instead thereof.—(Mr Donald Dewar.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Estelle Morris, Mrs Barbara Roche: 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr David Lightbown: 290.

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 Sydney Chapman, Mr Derek Conway: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr David Chidgey: 40.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Child Support Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Secretary of State in respect of expenditure incurred by him under or by virtue of the Act;

(2) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided; and

(3) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):It was agreed to.

8 Customs and Excise,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.) That the Gaming Licence Duty (Games) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 442), dated 22nd February 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24th February, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.
9 Highlands and Islands Shipping 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 Undertaking by the Secretary of State for Scotland with the consent of Her Majesty's Treasury and the agreement of Caledonian MacBrayne Limited, which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell)—It was agreed to.

10 Hallmarking.—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. 9508/93 and the Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 9th June 1994, and 8251/94 and the Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 17th October 1994, relating to the marking of articles of precious metal; and supports the Government's view that the proposed procedures for manufacturers' marking of articles of precious metal would not provide an adequate level of consumer protection and that the proposal will therefore need substantial amendment if it is to be acceptable—(Mr Andrew Mitchell)—It was agreed to.

11 Environment.—Ordered, That Mr Barry Field be discharged from the Environment Committee and Mr Den Dover be added to the Committee—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection).

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

   (1) Churches Together in Golders Green in support of intergovernmental peace talks in East Africa; and

   (2) St. Philip's Sixth Form College, Birmingham, against exports of livestock were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 20th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—Draft Civil Aviation Authority (Borrowing Powers) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

2 European Communities,—(1) Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and the Russian Federation) Order 1995, and

   (2) draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and Ukraine) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Licensed Betting Offices (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 802), dated 15th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Education,—Education (National Curriculum) (Exceptions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 800), dated 9th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

5 Social Security,—Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 746), dated 13th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
Other Papers:

6 British Waterways Board,—Statement of determination of the remuneration of members of the British Waterways Board, allowances payable to a new member and pension arrangements of the Chairman [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


8 Environmental Protection,—(1) Local Authority Air Pollution Control Fees and Charges (Scotland) Scheme 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang]; and

(2) Local Enforcing Authorities Air Pollution Fees and Charges Scheme (England and Wales) 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

9 Provisional Orders (Scotland),—Report by the Chairman of Committees in the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and the General Orders thereunder, were presented to one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State on or before 27th November 1994, namely—

(1) the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order,

(2) the City of Edinburgh District Council Order, and

(3) the Edinburgh Assay Office Order,

and are of the opinion that the last two above-mentioned Orders should be allowed to proceed subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make thereanent, and that they are considering further whether the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order should be allowed to proceed [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petitions [27th and 9th February] from—

(1) inhabitants of Scotland, and

(2) residents of Woodley, Berkshire

against overseas aid expenditure on the Chinese population control programme [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Paper withdrawn:

11 Fees and Charges,—Draft Department of Trade and Industry (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995 [laid 13th March].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr Robert Maclellan (nominated in respect of the Atomic Energy Authority Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr David Rendel.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 20th March; to be printed [No. 330-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury and Civil Service,—(1) Third Special Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [Government Observations on the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1994–95, (The 1994 Budget)]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 20th March;

to be printed [Nos. 331 and 332-i] [Sir Thomas Arnold].
Tuesday 21st March 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Death of a Member,—The Speaker made the following communication to the House:

   I regret to have to report to the House the death of Sir James Alexander Kilfedder, Member for North Down. I am sure that Members on all sides of the House will join me in mourning the loss of a colleague and in extending our sympathy to the honourable Member’s family and friends.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

   Environment Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the establishment of a body corporate to be known as the Environment Agency and a body corporate to be known as the Scottish Environment Protection Agency; to provide for the transfer of functions, property rights and liabilities to those bodies and for the conferring of other functions on them; to make provision with respect to contaminated land and abandoned mines; to make further provision in relation to National Parks; to make further provision for the control of pollution, the conservation of natural resources and the conservation or enhancement of the environment; to make provision for imposing obligations on certain persons in respect of certain products or materials; to make provision in relation to fisheries; to make provision for certain enactments to bind the Crown; to make provision with respect to the application of certain enactments in relation to the Isles of Scilly; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

   Pensions Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law about pensions and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Environment Bill [Lords],—The Environment Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 85].

6 Pensions Bill [Lords],—The Pensions Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 87].

7 Protection of Calves (Export) Bill,—The Order for reading the Protection of Calves (Export) Bill a second time on Friday 21st April was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

8 Heavy Goods Vehicles (Safety),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to specify more stringent safety standards for heavy goods vehicles and to increase the penalties for failure to comply with those standards: And that Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Joan Walley, Helen Jackson, Mr Matthew Taylor, Alice Mahon and Sir Donald Thompson do prepare and bring it in.

9 Heavy Goods Vehicles (Safety) Bill,—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody accordingly presented a Bill to specify more stringent safety standards for heavy goods vehicles and to increase the penalties for failure to comply with those standards: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 84].

10 Agricultural Prices,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 5097/95, relating to agricultural prices for 1995-96 and related measures; congratulates the Government on its robust negotiating stance on the Common Agricultural Policy since 1979, its leading role in achieving reform of the CAP, its continuing pressure for further radical reform and its determination to ensure that EU agricultural spending is effectively restrained; welcomes the Government’s key role in the negotiations which secured an effective agreement on agriculture in the GATT Uruguay Round; endorses the Government’s drive to spearhead urgent and continuing efforts to combat fraud and illegal state aids throughout the EU; notes that UK farm incomes rose by 6.9 per cent. over the last year and that Government spending on hill livestock compensatory amounts and agricultural research and development has been maintained; and supports the Government’s intention to negotiate an outcome on the 1995-96 price proposals which takes account of the interests of the United Kingdom, producers, consumers and taxpayers alike—(Mr William Waldegrave);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the word 'measures' to the end of the Question and add the words 'but believes that the CAP continues to fail consumers, taxpayers, the rural economy and the rural environment and that the Government is not doing enough to make fundamental changes to an unacceptable policy', instead thereof.—(Dr Gavin Strang.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Dennis Turner: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 305.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 298.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr John Cummings: 277.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 5097/95, relating to agricultural prices for 1995-96 and related measures; congratulates the Government on its robust negotiating stance on the Common Agricultural Policy since 1979, its leading role in achieving reform of the CAP, its continuing pressure for further radical reform and its determination to ensure that EU agricultural spending is effectively restrained; welcomes the Government's key role in the negotiations which secured an effective agreement on agriculture in the GATT Uruguay Round; endorses the Government's drive to spearhead urgent and continuing efforts to combat fraud and illegal state aids throughout the EU; notes that UK farm incomes rose by 6.9 per cent. over the last year and that Government spending on hill livestock compensatory amounts and agricultural research and development has been maintained; and supports the Government's intention to negotiate an outcome on the 1995-96 price proposals which takes account of the interests of the United Kingdom, producers, consumers and taxpayers alike.

4 Miscellaneous (No. 1, 1995).—Report on Hong Kong for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2788] [Mr Secretary Hurd].


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence and Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence and Trade and Industry Committees meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (4)(e) of Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) on 21st March; to be printed [No. 333–i] [Mr Richard Caborn].

2 Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 21st March; to be printed [No. 159–vii] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 21st March; to be printed [No. 246–v] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Statutory Instruments.—Fourteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8–xiv] [Mr Richard Alexander].
7 War Crimes (Supplementary Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The War Crimes (Supplementary Provisions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 89].

8 Welsh Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 98 (Welsh Grand Committee), That the Matter of health care in Wales, being a Matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Michael Bates)—It was agreed to.

9 School Transport Safety,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to improve the safety of school transport by imposing stricter standards for school vehicles; by providing for the licensing by local authorities of such vehicles and their drivers; by requiring the supervision of children travelling in school vehicles; and by permitting controls on heavy goods vehicles on school transport routes: And that Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr George Foulkes, Mr John Austin-Walker and Mr Jimmy Wray do prepare and bring it in.

10 School Transport Safety Bill,—Mr Jimmy Hood accordingly presented a Bill to improve the safety of school transport by imposing stricter standards for school vehicles; by providing for the licensing by local authorities of such vehicles and their drivers; by requiring the supervision of children travelling in school vehicles; and by permitting controls on heavy goods vehicles on school routes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 88].

11 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill;
And the Question being put forthwith, 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.

12 Jobseekers Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Jobseekers Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, New Clauses except New Clause No. 6, amendments to the Bill, New Schedules, amendments to the Schedules to the Bill, and New Clause No. 6.—(Mr Michael Bates.)
A Clause (Expeditied claims for housing and council tax benefit)—(Mr Roger Evans)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Sick or disabled persons)—(Mr Keith Bradley)—brought up, and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Clause (Availability for employment: the 21 hour rule)—(Mr Ian McCartney)—brought up, and read the first time.
Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tessa Jowell, Mr Dennis Turner: 254.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 277.
Another Clause (Loans for back to work expenses)—(Ms Liz Lynne)—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 Archy Kirkwood, Mr Simon Hughes: 250.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Timothy Wood: 261.
Amendments (Nos. 6 and 7) made to the Bill.
Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—
"(6A) A jobseekers agreement may specify that a claimant need not be available for or seek, employment other than at a minimum prescribed amount of remuneration"—(Mr Ian McCartney.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made. 
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Joe Benton: 259.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Willetts, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 279.

Other Amendments (Nos. 8 to 19) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 48, after the word 'allowance', to insert the words 'invalid care allowance or a benefit paid by virtue of his incapacity for work'.—(Ms Liz Lynne.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Ms Liz Lynne: 259.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Bowen Wells: 278.

And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

13 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), That, at this day's sitting, the Jobseekers Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

14 Jobseekers Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Jobseekers Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 48, to leave out the words 'two years' and insert the words 'one year', instead thereof.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Adam Ingram: 260.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Willetts, Dr Liam Fox: 280.

Other Amendments (Nos. 20 to 40) made to the Bill.

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

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

15 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of South West England for action to restrain increases in domestic water charges was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Andrew Mitchell),

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

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 22nd March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Local Government (Scotland),—Local Government (Education Administration) (Compensation for Redundancy or Premature Retirement on Reorganisation) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 840), dated 20th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

3 Electoral Law (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 1993-94 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 278] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

4 Parliamentary Commissioner (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Northern Ireland Ombudsman for 1994, being the Annual Reports of the Parliamentary Commissioner for
Administration for Northern Ireland and the Commissioner for Complaints [by Act]; to be printed [No. 252] [Clerk of the House].

5 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Second and Third Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1994-95 [by Command] [Cm. 2786] [Sir George Young].

Paper withdrawn:

6 Civil Aviation,—Draft Civil Aviation Authority (Borrowing Powers) Order 1995 [laid 20th March].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee D,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D, Mr Harold Elletson (nominated in respect of the Atomic Energy Authority Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Spencer Batiste.

2 Standing Committee E,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Child Support Bill, viz.: Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Alistair Burt, Mr David Faber, Mildred Gordon, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Jane Kennedy, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr George Mudie, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Peter Thurham, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Malcolm Wicks.

3 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Railtrack PLC (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1995, and the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr David Atkinson, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Graham Bright, Mr John Butcher, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Sir Peter Fry, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mr Robert B. Jones, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr George Kynoch, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr John McFall, Sir Dudley Smith and Mr Jimmy Wray.

4 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Building Societies (Commercial Assets) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr John Austin-Walker, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Julian Church, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Alistair Darling, Mr Quentin Davies, Ms Angela Eagle, Sir Marcus Fox, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Nick Harvey, Mrs Angela Knight, Mr Barry Legg, Sir David Madel, Mr Anthony Nelson and Mr David Shaw.

5 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Charities (Trustee Investments Act 1961) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Michael Allison, Mr David Amess, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Vivian Bendall, Mr Clive Betts, Mr John Carlisle, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Dr Liam Fox, Dr John Gilbert, Ms Margaret Hodge, Lynne Jones, Mr Robert Key, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Terry Rooney and Mr Cyril D. Townsend.

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1995, the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Eighth General Increase) Order 1995, and the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr George Galloway, Sir John Gorst, Mr Bernie Grant, Helen Jackson, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr Michael Jopling, Mr Jim Lester, Joan Lester, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr David Mellor, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Timothy Wood and Mr David Young.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—First Report from the Agriculture Committee [Identification and Registration of Farm Livestock], 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. 83] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].
2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 22nd March; to be printed [No. 246-vi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 European Legislation,—Eleventh Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-xi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 22nd March; to be printed [Nos. 214-iv and 369-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

5 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—(1) Third Special Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Government Response to the Recommendations of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on the Reform of NHS Complaints Procedures]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 22nd March; to be printed [Nos. 334 and 290-iii] [Mr James Pawsey].

6 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 22nd March; to be printed [No. 337-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

7 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 22nd March; to be printed [No. 41-vii] [Sir Giles Shaw].

8 Social Security,—Memoranda laid before the Social Security Committee; to be printed [No. 336] [Mr Frank Field].

9 Trade and Industry,—Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 85-II] [Mr Richard Caborn].

10 Transport,—Third Report from the Transport Committee [Urban Road Pricing], 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. 104] [Mr Paul Channon].

11 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 22nd March; to be printed [No. 332-ii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDA

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

   (1) the Child Support Bill to Standing Committee E;

   (2) the draft Railtrack PLC (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, and the draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

   (3) the draft Building Societies (Commercial Assets) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

   (4) the draft Charities (Trustee Investments Act 1961) Order 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

   (5) the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1995, the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Eighth General Increase) Order 1995, and the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

   (1) Mr John McWilliam and Mr Robert Hicks Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Child Support Bill;

   (2) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of a substantive Motion for the adjournment (Council tax in Scotland, Scotland's local government, the future of nursery education in Scotland, the structure of water services in Scotland);

   (3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Railtrack PLC (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, and the draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1995;

   (4) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Building Societies (Commercial Assets) Order 1995;
(5) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Charities (Trustee Investments Act 1961) Order 1995;

(6) Mr Roland Boyes Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1995, the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Eighth General Increase) Order 1995, and the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1995;

(7) Mr Alan Haselhurst Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 6495/94, relating to the interoperability of high speed trains;

(8) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 8076/94, relating to the protection of the Community's financial interests.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 4966/95, relating to relations with Mexico, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

THE SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 77.]

Thursday 23rd March 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 30th March.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 30th March.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Giles Shaw reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 338].

6 Television Sport (Public Access) Bill,—Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Television Sport (Public Access) Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

7 Pensions (Divorce) Bill,—Ordered, That the Pensions (Divorce) Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st April.

8 Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill,—Ordered, That the Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

9 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill,—Ordered, That the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

10 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.

11 Royal Assent,—The 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 1995
12 Jobseekers Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the
Jobseekers Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Reduced payments)—(Ann Widdecombe)—was brought up, and read
the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr David Willetts: 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr John Cummings: 230.

Clause added to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third
time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Sidney Chapman: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Joe Benton: 239.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

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 Timothy Wood.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX 1

Thursday 23rd March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Local Government.—(1) Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Approved Investments)
(Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 850), dated 22nd March 1995, and

(2) Local Authorities (Companies) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 849), dated 21st
March 1995

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

2 National Assistance Services,—National Assistance (Assessment of Resources)
[Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

3 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Injury Benefits) Regulations 1995 (S.I.,
1995, No. 866), dated 23rd March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

4 Police,—(1) Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.R.(N.I.), 1995,
No. 117),

(2) Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Full-time) (Appointment and Conditions of
Service) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.R.(N.I.), 1995, No. 118), and

(3) Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Part-time) (Appointment and Conditions of

dated 21st March 1995 [by Statutory Instrument] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

5 Social Security,—Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Consequential and Transitional
1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

6 Animal Health,—Return of expenditure incurred and proceedings taken under the Animal
Health Act 1981, and incidence of disease in imported animals, for 1994 [by Act]
[Mr William Waldegrave].
7 Appropriations in Aid.—Treasury Minute, dated 23rd March 1995, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the votes specified in the Estimates for 1995–96 [by Act] [Sir George Young].

8 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Civil Service College for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 279] [Mr David Hunt].


10 Defence (Royal Air Force).—Order, dated 1st March 1995, amending the rates of pay, allowances and pensions of the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

11 Local Government (Scotland).—Scottish Local Government Financial Statistics for 1992–93 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

12 Monopolies and Mergers.—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on Thomas Cook Group Limited and Interpayment Services Limited [by Command] [Cm. 2789] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

13 Northern Ireland.—Northern Ireland Trading and other Accounts for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 305] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

14 Supply Estimates, 1995–96,—(1) Estimates for Classes I to XIX and Index for 1995–96 [by Command]; to be printed [Nos. 271-i to 271-xix and 271-ind.] [Sir George Young];
   (2) Estimates for Class XIX, A, Vote 1 (House of Commons Administration) and Vote 2 (House of Commons: Works services) for 1995–96 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 272] [The Speaker];
   (3) Estimates for Class XIX, B, Vote 1 (National Audit Office) for 1995–96 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 273] [Sir Peter Hordern]; and
   (4) Summary and Guide to the Supply Estimates, 1995–96 [by Command] [Cm. 2775] [Sir George Young].

15 Transport.—Report of the Transport Users Consultative Committee for Wales for 1993–94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

16 Treaty Series (No. 22, 1995).—Amendment, done at Washington on 23rd May 1994, to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America for co-operation in the uses of atomic energy for mutual defense purposes [by Command] [Cm. 2785] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 23rd March; to be printed [No. 324-ii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 23rd March; to be printed [No. 276-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Scottish Affairs.—(1) First Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Operation of the Enterprise Agencies and the LECs], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 339]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Mr William McKelvey].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Sir Giles Shaw Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. in respect of the draft Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 1995, in place of Mr Roland Boyes.
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Food.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 539) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.

3 Food.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 540) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.

4 Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill, The House, according to Order proceeded to consider the Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
   Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 16, to leave out '18' and insert '17', instead thereof.—(Mr Edward Leigh.)
   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 20, to leave out the word 'and'.—(Mr Piers Merchant.)
   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 44, to leave out the words 'two years' and insert the words 'one year', instead thereof.—(Mr Peter Ainsworth.)
   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, to leave out from the word 'instrument' in line 36 to the word 'and' in line 37.—(Mr Nigel Evans.)
   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
   The Bill was read the third time and passed.

5 Transport of Animals for Slaughter Bill, The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transport of Animals for Slaughter 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.
elder, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 31st March.

6 Energy-Saving Material (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th January, That the Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill be now read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 31st March.

7 Animal Health (European Law) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Animal Health (European Law) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th April.

8 Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 31st March.

9 Land Registers (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Registers (Scotland) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 31st March.
10 Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 31st March.

11 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 31st March.

12 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 Bowen Wells.)

13 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 29th March, the Speaker shall put the Question on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Blair relating to the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1995 not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings thereon; the said Motion may be entered upon and proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock; and Standing Order No. 15 (Prayers against Statutory Instruments, &c. (negative procedure)) shall not apply.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

14 Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr Charles Hendry be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure and Mr David Martin be added to the Committee.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

15 Members' Interests,—Ordered, That Sir Anthony Durant be discharged from the Select Committee on Members' Interests and Mr Iain Duncan Smith be added to the Committee.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 27th March.

[Adjourned at 2.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 24th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (National Curriculum) (Exceptions) (Wales) (Amendment) (Revocation) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 856), dated 21st March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

2 Housing,—(1) Housing Renovation etc. Grants (Prescribed Forms and Particulars) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 839), and

   (2) Housing Renovation etc. Grants (Reduction of Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 838),

dated 20th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 Local Government,—Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy and Premature Retirement) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 817), dated 16th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1995, the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Eighth General Increase) Order 1995 and the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1995, in place of Mr Roland Boyes.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (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 Railtrack PLC (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, the draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1995 and the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 345].

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

   Civil Evidence (Family Mediation) (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the inadmissibility as evidence in civil proceedings in Scotland of information as to what occurred during family mediation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

   The Lords have agreed to the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Disability Discrimination Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Disability Discrimination Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

   Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses relating to Part II of the Bill, new Clauses relating to education, new Clauses relating to Part IV of the Bill, other new Clauses, Amendments relating to Clause No. 1, Amendments relating to Schedule No. 1, remaining Amendments to the Bill, new Schedules and remaining Amendments to the Schedules to the Bill.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

   A Clause (Small firms)”—(Sir 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 (Small firms (No. 2))”—(Mr Tom Clarke)—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 Jon Owen Jones, Mr Joe Benton: 267.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr David Lightbown: 297.

   Another Clause (Discrimination in relation to education)”—(Mr Tom Clarke)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Estelle Morris, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 277.

   Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Andrew Mitchell: 297.

   Another Clause—(Disability Rights Commission)—(Mr Tom Clarke)—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 Joe Benton, Mr George Mudie: 286.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Wood: 299.

And it being after Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered to-morrow.
6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 27th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 751), dated 15th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].


4 National Health Service,—Health Service Commissioner (Family Health Services Appeal Authority) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 753), dated 15th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].


[by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

6 River,—Fish Health (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 886), dated 22nd March 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

7 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic Accidents (Payments for Treatment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 889), dated 27th March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].


Other Papers:

9 Government Annuities and Insurances,—Account of all moneys received on account 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 contracts made for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Anthony Nelson].

10 Pensions,—Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Amendment Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 766), dated 15th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 27th March; to be printed [No. 344-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury and Civil Service,—(1) Fourth Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [Simplified Estimates and Resource Accounting], 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. 212]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 27th March; to be printed [No. 346-i]

[Sir Thomas Arnold].
MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr John Maxton an additional Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of a substantive Motion for the adjournment (Council tax in Scotland, Scotland's local government, the future of nursery education in Scotland, the structure of water services in Scotland); and

(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1995.

[No. 80.]

Tuesday 28th March 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments &c. the draft Building Societies (Commercial Assets) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 348].

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

Members' Interests,—The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Roger James Willoughby, Esquire, a Clerk in this House, to attend to be examined as a witness before the Sub-Committee on Declaration and Registration of Interests of the Select Committee appointed by the Lords on Procedure of the House.

5 Rape Victims Compensation Bill,—The Order for reading the Rape Victims Compensation Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 28th April.

6 Insolvency Commission,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to improve the regulation of insolvency practitioners: And that Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr David Shaw, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Peter L. Pike, Mr Tim Smith, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr John Maxton and Mr Peter Butler do prepare and bring it in.

7 Insolvency Commission Bill,—Mr Anthony Coombs accordingly presented a Bill to improve the regulation of insolvency practitioners: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 90].

8 Disability Discrimination Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Disability Discrimination Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Access to information)—(Mr Dafydd Wigley)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Accessibility to public transport)—(Sir John Hannam)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, after the word 'activities' to insert the words 'or has a history of having had such an impairment'.—(Mr Alan Howarth.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 98 to 100, 128 to 133, 71, 72, 120 to 123 and 73 to 95) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 124) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, line 33, after '(2)', to insert the words 'Subject to subsection (4A)'.—(Mr James Paice.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Michael Bates: 299.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr George Mudie, Mr Dennis Turner: 270.

Other Amendments (Nos. 125, 126, 96, 97, 127, 101, 134 and 102 to 113) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

9 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Coventry against the use, manufacture and export of anti-personnel mines; and

(2) constituents of York for legislation to ensure civil rights for disabled people were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Tuesday 28th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 890), dated 23rd March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—(1) Heather Moorland (Livestock Extensification) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 891), dated 23rd March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang]; and


3 Housing,—(1) Housing (Change of Landlord) (Payment of Disposal Cost by Instalments) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 854), dated 19th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer]; and


4 Sea Fisheries,—(1) Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Quota Measures) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 908), and


Other Papers:

5 Development of Tourism,—Statement of determination of the salary on appointment of a member of the British Tourist Authority [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

6 Environmental Protection,—HMIP Integrated Pollution Control Fees and Charges Scheme (England and Wales) Revised 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gunner].
PRAYERS.

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Proceeds of Crime Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Proceeds of Crime Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to make further provision for and in relation to the recovery of the proceeds of criminal conduct; make further provision for facilitating the enforcement of overseas forfeiture and restraint orders; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday; and to be printed [Bill 86].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 349].

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr John Maxton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Charities (Trustee Investments Act 1961) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 353].

7 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Alan Haselhurst reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 6495/94, relating to the interoperability of the European high speed train network, and endorses the Government’s approach to negotiations on the proposal in the Council.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

8 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 8076/94, relating to the protection of the Community’s financial interests; and supports the Government’s efforts to fight fraud and maintain European Community budget discipline.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
9 Members’ Interests,—*Ordered*, That the Lords Message yesterday be now considered.

*Lords Message considered accordingly.*

*Ordered*, That Roger James Willoughby, Esquire, a Clerk in this House, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as requested by their Lordships.

*Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.*

10 National Health Service (Amendment) Bill,—Mr John Austin-Walker, supported by Alice Mahon, Audrey Wise, Mr Roger Sims, Mr John Greenway, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Jimmy Hood and The Reverend Martin Smyth, presented a Bill to make provision in relation to persons disqualified, or subject to proceedings for disqualification, under section 46 of the National Health Service Act 1977; to make provision about the constitution of the tribunal under that section; to make corresponding provision for Scotland; 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 91].

11 Eradication of Mink,—*A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to eradicate mink from the United Kingdom*—(*Mr Andrew Robathan*);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the 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 Andrew Robathan, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Harold Elletson, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Rupert Allason, Mr Bernard Jenkin and Mr Iain Duncan Smith do prepare and bring in the Bill.

12 Eradication of Mink Bill,—Mr Andrew Robathan accordingly presented a Bill to eradicate mink from the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 92].

13 Opposition day [10th allotted day].—It being a 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 Education Cuts on Standards and Opportunity,—*A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House asks the Government to reconsider its position on the Teachers’ Pay Review Body award for 1995-96, because of the impact of increased pupil numbers, and the threat to standards, opportunity and achievement from the shortfall in funding experienced in many local authority areas and the vast majority of schools in England and Wales*—(*Mr David Blankett*);

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 in the real level of education spending since 1979; notes that in a tough settlement overall local authorities will still be able to spend more next year than in 1994-95; looks to them to set sensible priorities; welcomes the substantial improvement in standards of achievement by pupils in recent years, as demonstrated by examination and test results and by school inspection reports; and applauds the Government’s education policies which are further driving up education standards, and giving parents more choice and information for the benefit of their children’, instead thereof—(*Mrs Secretary Shephard.*)

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

The House divided.

*Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Jim Dowd*: 256.

*Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Bowen Wells*: 289.

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 Sydney Chapman, Mr Bowen Wells*: 289.

*Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jim Dowd, Mr Joe Benton*: 254.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

*Resolved*, That this House welcomes the substantial increase in the real level of education spending since 1979; notes that in a tough settlement overall local authorities
will still be able to spend more next year than in 1994-95; looks to them to set sensible
priorities; welcomes the substantial improvement in standards of achievement by pupils
in recent years, as demonstrated by examination and test results and by school inspection
reports; and applauds the Government’s education policies which are further driving up
education standards, and giving parents more choice and information for the benefit of
their children.

14 Atomic Energy Authority Bill [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any
Act resulting from the Atomic Energy Authority Bill, it is expedient to authorise the
imposition of charges to corporation tax by provisions relating to the transfer of
property, rights and liabilities of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority in
accordance with schemes under the Act.—(Mr Richard Page.)

15 Prisons.—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
Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993 (Release of Prisoners etc.)
Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th February, be approved.—(Mr
Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

16 Prisons.—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
Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 (Release of Prisoners etc.) Order 1995, which was laid before
this House on 16th February, be approved.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

17 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 (Incapacity for Work) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 1995,
which were laid before this House on 2nd March, be approved.—(Mr Timothy
Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

18 National Health Service.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an
humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the National Health Service
(Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 643),
dated 8th March 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th March, be
annulled.—(Margaret Beckett);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the
Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [24th March].

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Eric Clarke: 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 281.

So the Question was negatived.

19 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Sawbridgeworth against the use of
overseas aid funds for the Chinese population control programme was presented; and
ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.38 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 29th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—(1) Draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of
Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995,

(2) draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1995,
(3) draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, and
(4) draft Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1995
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (School Curriculum and Assessment Authority) (Transfer of Functions) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 903), dated 22nd March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

3 Electricity,—Electricity (Class Exemptions from the Requirement for a Licence) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 909), dated 27th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


5 Local Government (Scotland),—Local Authorities Etc. (Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 912), dated 28th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 Sea Fisheries,—(1) Draft Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 1995, and
(2) draft Isles of Scilly Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 1995
[by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

7 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 913), dated 29th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Other Papers:

8 Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th March 1995 on borrowing by the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act] [Sir George Young].

9 Environment,—Paper, entitled This Common Inheritance: UK Annual Report 1995, on the UK’s Sustainable Development Strategy of 1994 [by command] [Cm. 2822] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

10 New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th March 1995 on borrowing by the Commission for the New Towns [by Act] [Sir George Young].

11 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1994-95 [by command] [Cm. 2825] [Sir George Young].

12 Railways,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th March 1995 on borrowing by Union Railways [by Act] [Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Alistair Burt, Mr James Couchman, Mr David Evennett, Mr Douglas French, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr John Gunnell, Dr Keith Hampson, Sir John Hannam, Mr Jerry Hayes, Jane Kennedy, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr George Mudie, Mr Terry Rooney and Mr Malcolm Wicks.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995, and the Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Peter Brooke, Mr Michael Brown, Mrs Angela Browning, Mr James Clappison, Jean Corston, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Robert Litherland, Mr Keith Mans, Sir Michael Neubert, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr Alan W. Williams and Mr Tim Yeo.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 29th March; to be printed [No. 61-vii] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 29th March; to be printed [No. 350-i] [Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

3 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 29th March; to be printed [No. 246-vii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 European Legislation,—Twelfth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-xii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 29th March; to be printed [No. 214-v] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

6 National Heritage,—Third Report from the National Heritage Committee [Relations between Rugby Union and Rugby League], 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. 276] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 29th March; to be printed [No. 355-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

8 Social Security,—Second Report from the Social Security Committee [The Operation of Pension Funds: The Church Commissioners and Church of England Pensions], 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 [Nos. 354-I and II] [Mr Frank Field].

9 Trade and Industry,—Fourth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Regional Policy]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 356] [Mr Richard Caborn].

10 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 29th March; to be printed [No. 352-i] [Mr Paul Channon].

11 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 29th March; to be printed [No. 346-ii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDA

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

   (1) the draft Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

   (2) the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 and the Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

   (1) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Road Traffic (New Drivers) Bill;

   (2) Mr Roy Hughes Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the Matter of health care in Wales;

   (3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995; and

   (4) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 and the Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 6591/94, relating to comparative advertising, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.
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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 20th April.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 19th April at Seven o'clock.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments &c.,—Mr John Maxton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments &c., the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1995, the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Eighth General Increase) Order 1995 and the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1995.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 357].

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

   Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to reform the law of Scotland with regard to the requirement of writing for certain matters and the formal validity of contractual and other documents and presumptions relating thereto; to abolish any rule of law restricting the proof of any matter to writ or oath and to abolish the procedure of reference to oath; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Parliamentary Elections Bill,—Mr Jeff Rooker, supported by Mr Austin Mitchell, Dr Tony Wright, Glenda Jackson, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr John Garrett, Mr Frank Field, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Mike Watson, Mr Giles Radice, Mr Hugh Bayley and Mr Graham Allen, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to elections and political parties: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 93].

8 Contracting Out,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the Registration of Companies) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Jonathan Evans);

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Timothy Wood: 219.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Jim Dowd: 139.

   So the Question was agreed to.

   Resolved, That the draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the Registration of Companies) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.

9 Local Government Finance,—Resolved, That the Special Grant Report (No. 13) (House of Commons Paper No. 286), which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved.-(Mr John Bowis.)

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 Railtrack PLC (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 8th March, be approved.-(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

11 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 1995, which was laid before this House on 8th March, be approved.-(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

12 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 Supply Industry (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 9th March, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns)—It was agreed to.

13 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 Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 21st March, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns)—It was agreed to.

14 Scottish Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 94H (Scottish Grand Committee (sittings)), That the Scottish Grand Committee shall meet—

(1) on Wednesday 3rd May at half-past Ten o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the Adjournment of the Committee;
(2) on Wednesday 17th May at half-past Ten o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the Adjournment of the Committee;
(3) on Wednesday 14th June at half-past Ten o’clock to take Questions for oral answer and to consider a substantive Motion for the Adjournment of the Committee;
(4) in the Aberdeen Town and County Hall on Monday 26th June at half-past Ten o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the Adjournment of the Committee—(Mr Simon Burns)—It was agreed to.

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

16 Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Carers (Recognition and Services) 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.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

17 Liaison,—Ordered, That Mr Barry Field be added to the Liaison Committee.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

18 Adjournment, Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 30th March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—Draft Civil Aviation Authority (Borrowing Powers) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (Grant-maintained and Grant-maintained Special Schools) (Finance) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 936), dated 29th March 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

3 Police,—(1) Ministry of Defence Police (Police Committee) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 939), dated 23rd March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind]; and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

5 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Local Management of Schools [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 329] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

6 Education,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools for 1993–94 Part II [by Act]; to be printed [No. 284] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

7 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Sale of County Hall (Riverside Building) to Shirayama Shokusan Company Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 314] [Clerk of the House].

8 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Report by the Government Actuary on the valuation of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund as at 1st April 1993 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 343] [Clerk of the House].

9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [2nd February] from residents of Swansea against use of overseas aid funds on the Chinese population control programme [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

10 Senior Salaries,—Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries: Review of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme [by Command] [Cm. 2830] [Mr Tony Newton].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Legislation,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 30th March; to be printed [No. 239-ii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [UK policy on Weapons Proliferation and Arms Control in the post-Cold War era], 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 Mike Gapes].

3 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 30th March; to be printed [No. 324-iii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

[No. 83.]

Friday 31st March 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Derbyshire against the Government’s education policies was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

3 Proceeds of Crime Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Proceeds of Crime Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (Designation of offences in respect of which magistrates’ courts may make confiscation orders)—(Mr John Greenway)—brought up, and read the first time.

   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
It being Eleven o'clock, the Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11 (Friday sittings).

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 3 to 14) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

4 Regulation of Diet Industry Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Regulation of Diet Industry 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 28th April.

5 Breast Cancer (National Plan) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Breast Cancer (National Plan) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th April.

6 Transport of Animals for Slaughter Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th March, That the Transport of Animals for Slaughter Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 21st April.

7 Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th January, That the Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 21st April.

8 Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st April.

9 Land Registers (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Registers (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st April.

10 Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st April.

11 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st April.

12 National Health Service (Amendment) Bill.—The National Health Service (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, 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 John Austin-Walker):—It was agreed to.

Committee on Friday 21st April.

13 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Mr John Horam be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Peter Thurnham be added to the Committee.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

14 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 4th April, the Speaker shall put the Question on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Blair relating to the Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Regulations 1995 not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings thereon; and the said Motion may be entered upon and proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes past Three o'clock, till Monday 3rd April.

[Adjourned at 3.2 p.m.]
APPENDIX
Friday 31st March 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Exmoor) Designation (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 960), dated 30th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].


3 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 949),
(2) Legal Advice and Assistance at Police Stations (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 950),
(3) Legal Advice and Assistance (Duty Solicitor) (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 951),
(4) Legal Aid in Contempt Proceedings (Remuneration) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 948), and

4 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 957), and
(2) Value Added Tax (Treatment of Transactions) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 958), dated 30th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Other Papers:

5 Census (Scotland),—Report of the General Register Office Scotland on key statistics for Scotland for the 1991 census [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 Environmental Protection,—Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) Fees and Charges Scheme 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

7 Health,—Government Response to the First Report from the Health Committee, Session 1994–95, on priority setting in the NHS [by Command] [Cm. 2826] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

8 Miscellaneous (No. 2, 1995),—United Nations Convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly Africa (open for signature at Paris from 14th to 15th October 1994 and thereafter at the United Nations Headquarters at New York until 13th October 1995) [by Command] [Cm. 2790] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [1st March] from residents of Plymouth for research into fire retardants in mattresses related to sudden deaths of children [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

10 Vienna,—Vienna Document 1994 of the Negotiations on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures [by Command] [Cm. 2791] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
Monday 3rd April 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).
3 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr James Hill reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 364].
4 Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 96].
5 Ways and Means.—Value added tax (groups of companies).—Resolved. That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending section 43 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994. (Dr Liam Fox.)
6 Ways and Means.—Securities. —Resolved. That provision affecting the charges to income tax, corporation tax and capital gains tax may be made about the interest paid on gilt-edged securities and about cases in which, where gilt-edged or other securities are transferred from one person to another, there is—
   (a) a contract or arrangement under which a person makes a payment which is, or is treated as, representative of amounts paid or payable in respect of the securities transferred; or
   (b) a contract or arrangement under which the transferee is or may be required to transfer securities, or benefits accruing from the redemption of securities, to the transferor, to his nominee or to a person connected with the transferor. (Dr Liam Fox.)
7 Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Pool betting duty)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Groups of companies)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Interest on gilt-edged securities payable without deduction of tax)—(Mr Anthony Nelson) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Periodic accounting for tax on interest on gilt-edged securities)—(Mr Anthony Nelson) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Treatment of price differential on sale and repurchase of securities)—(Mr Anthony Nelson) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Manufactured interest on gilt-edged securities)—(Mr Anthony Nelson) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Power to make special provision for special cases)—(Mr Anthony Nelson) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Stock lending: power to modify rules)—(Mr Anthony Nelson) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Annuities purchased where certain claims or actions are settled)—(Sir George Young) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Discretionary share option schemes in the privatised utilities)—(Mr Andrew 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 John Cummings, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 244.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr David Willetts: 283.

Another Clause (Postponement of self-assessment)—(Hilary Armstrong) 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 Jon Owen Jones, Mr John Cummings: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Simon Burns: 277.

Another Clause (Premises for the provision of child care)—(Hilary Armstrong)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr George Mudie: 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Simon Burns: 276.

Another Clause (Rebate mechanism for irrecoverable VAT for charities)—(Mr Alan Howarth)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 68) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 83) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 13, after the word 'State', to insert the words 'or Cyprus or Malta'.—(Mr Denis MacShane.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 58, 59 and 71) made to the Bill.

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

Bill to be further considered tomorrow.

8 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—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 Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 9th March, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

9 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—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 Inter-American Development Bank (Eighth General Increase) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 9th March, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

10 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—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 Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 9th March, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

11 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Southampton for steps to enable local authorities to use capital receipts for housebuilding was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mr Vincent Gillezeau for redress of a fiscal grievance was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 31st March 1995 after the rising of the House:

1 National Audit,—Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) the Administration of Retirement Pensions, and

(2) the National Health Service Outpatient Services in England and Wales [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 360 and 359] [Clerk of the House].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Fees and Charges,—Draft Department of Trade and Industry (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

3 Northern Ireland,—Draft Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].


6 Pensions,—(1) Local Government Superannuation (Equality and Maternity Absence) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 901), and 
   (2) Local Government Superannuation (Limitation on Earnings and Reckonable Service) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 900),
   dated 27th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

7 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Type Approval and Approval Marks) (Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 925), dated 28th March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].


Other Papers:

9 Development of Rural Wales,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by the Development Board for Rural Wales [by Act] [Sir George Young].

10 Employment Protection,—Report of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

11 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health—
   (1) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Airedale National Health Service Trust,
   (2) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Ashford Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (3) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Bath Mental Health Care National Health Service Trust,
   (4) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by BHB Community Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (5) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Doncaster Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (6) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Dorset Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (7) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by East Anglian Ambulance National Health Service Trust,
   (8) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by East Yorkshire Community Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (9) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Fosse Health National Health Service Trust,
   (10) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Furness Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (11) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Hereford Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(12) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Hounslow and Spelthorne Community and Mental Health National Health Service Trust,

(13) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Kent and Sussex Weald National Health Service Trust,

(14) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Mid Staffordshire General Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(15) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by South Durham Health Care National Health Service Trust,

(16) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by South West Durham Mental Health National Health Service Trust,

(17) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Tameside and Glossop Community and Priority Services National Health Service Trust,

(18) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by The Avalon Somerset National Health Service Trust,

(19) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by The Whittington Hospital National Health Service Trust,

(20) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by The Wirral Hospital National Health Service Trust,

(21) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Wakefield and Pontefract Community Health National Health Service Trust,

(22) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Weald of Kent Community National Health Service Trust,

(23) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by West Cumbria Health Care National Health Service Trust,

(24) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Wigan and Leigh Health Services National Health Service Trust,

(25) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Wiltshire Ambulance Service National Health Service Trust,

(26) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Wirral Community Healthcare National Health Service Trust,

(27) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Worcester Royal Infirmary National Health Service Trust,

(28) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Wrightington Hospital National Health Service Trust,

(29) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Carlisle Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(30) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by East Gloucestershire National Health Service Trust,

(31) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by East Suffolk Local Health Services National Health Service Trust,

(32) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by East Surrey Hospital and Community Healthcare National Health Service Trust,

(33) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by East Yorkshire Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(34) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Gateshead Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(35) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by George Eliot Hospital National Health Service Trust,

(36) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Glenfield General Hospital National Health Service Trust,

(37) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Harrogate Health Care National Health Service Trust,

(38) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Hinchingbrooke Health Care National Health Service Trust,

(39) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Horton General Hospital National Health Service Trust,

(40) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Kent and Canterbury Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(41) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Leicester General Hospital National Health Service Trust,

(42) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Leicester Royal Infirmary National Health Service Trust,

(43) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Mayday Healthcare National Health Service Trust,

(44) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Milton Keynes Community National Health Service Trust,

(45) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by North Hampshire Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(46) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Royal West Sussex National Health Service Trust,

(47) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Salford Royal Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(48) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by South Buckinghamshire National Health Service Trust, and

(49) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by St. Helier National Health Service Trust

[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

12 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 following their Report of the 16th March last, they have further considered the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order, taking account of representations made on behalf of the Promoters, and are of the opinion that the Order should be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the said Order [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

13 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Liberty Communications Limited under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—(1) First Report from the Environment Committee [Volatile Organic Compounds], with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee relating to the Report; to be printed [No. 39]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Committee

[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Privileges,—First Report from the Committee of Privileges [Complaint concerning an article in the Sunday Times of 10th July 1994 relating to the conduct of Members]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Evidence, Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence and the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 351] [Mr Tony Newton].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Improving Social Security Services in London]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 145];

(2) Tenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Department of Social Security: Appropriation Accounts 1993–94]; 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 3rd April; to be printed [No. 365–i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

4 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 3rd April; to be printed [No. 352–ii] [Mr Paul Channon].
Tuesday 4th April 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation Bill; and the same were agreed to.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Roy Hughes reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, that it had considered the matter of Health Care in Wales, referred to it on 22nd March, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings to lie upon the Table.

5 Criminal Appeal Bill,—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Criminal Appeal Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 94].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 368].

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, & c.,—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 539) and the Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations (S.I., 1995, No.540), referred to a Committee on 24th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 367].

7 Boxing,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to ban the sport of boxing—(Mr Jim Callaghan);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the 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 Andrew F. Bennett, Mr John Home Robertson : 60.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Terry Lewis : 120.

So the Question was negatived.

8 Adjournment (Easter),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That this House, at its rising on Wednesday 5th April, do adjourn till Tuesday 18th April—(Mr Michael Bates);—It was agreed to.

9 Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 86) proposed to the Bill, in page 80, line 27, to leave out '1996' and insert '2000'.—(Mr Andrew Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Stephen Byers : 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr David Willetts : 283.

Another Amendment (No. 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 87) proposed to the Bill, in page 84, line 20, at the end to add the words 'of insurance'.—(Mr Matthew Carrington.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Other Amendments (Nos. 2 to 6, 16 to 19, 84, 85, 80, 23 to 32, 81, 34, 41, 36, 42, 37, 43, 38, 44, 48, 45, 46, 49, 39, 50, 51, 54, 52, 55, 47, 40, 78, 79, 72 to 76, 60, 56, 53, 77, 15, 20 and 21) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

10 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 (Commercial Assets) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 9th March, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.

11 Charities.—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 Charities (Trustee Investments Act 1961) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.

12 Family 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 Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 16th March, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.

13 Food.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 77), dated 15th January 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th January, be revoked—(Mr Martyn Jones);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Peter Mandelson: 233.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr Simon Burns: 258.

So the Question was negatived.

14 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 tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.48 p.m.]
(8) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Stoke Mandeville Hospital National Health Service Trust,

(9) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Walsgrave Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(10) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by Western Area Health National Health Service Trust,

(11) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by York Health Services National Health Service Trust,

(12) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Essex Ambulance Service National Health Service Trust,

(13) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Havering Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(14) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Hereford Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(15) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Leicestershire Mental Health Service National Health Service Trust,

(16) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Lincolnshire Ambulance and Health Transport Service National Health Service Trust,

(17) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by North West Anglia Health Care National Health Service Trust,

(18) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Poole Hospital National Health Service Trust,

(19) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Queen Mary's Sidcup National Health Service Trust,

(20) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Rotherham General Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(21) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Swindon and Marlborough National Health Service Trust,

(22) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Warrington Community Health Care National Health Service Trust,

(23) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by West Dorset General Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(24) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Westmorland Hospitals National Health Service Trust, and

(25) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Wiltshire Healthcare National Health Service Trust

[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

4 Scottish Nuclear,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 4th April 1995 on borrowing by Scottish Nuclear Limited [by Act] [Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence and Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence and Trade and Industry Committees meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (4)(e) of Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) on 4th April; to be printed [No. 333-ii] [Mr Michael Colvin].

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 4th April; to be printed [No. 366-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Northern Ireland Affairs,—First Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Employment Creation in Northern Ireland]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 37] [Mr Mark Wolfson].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with a Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-xvi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
MEMORANDUM

Public Bills (Scotland),—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 94E (Scottish Grand Committee (bills in relation to their principle)) the Speaker certified that, in her opinion, the provisions of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 86.]

Wednesday 5th April 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to offences of failing to secure gates on certain railways; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords],—The Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

6 Discrimination (Genetic Information),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent discrimination against people who have had genetic tests or have a genetic predisposition to disease, and to guarantee the privacy of such persons: And that Mrs Anne Campbell, Ms Janet Anderson, Dr Jeremy Bray, Judith Church, Mr Alan Howarth, Sir John Hannam, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Alan Williams, Margaret Hodge and Tessa Jowell do prepare and bring it in.

7 Discrimination (Genetic Information) Bill,—Mrs Anne Campbell accordingly presented a Bill to prevent discrimination against people who have had genetic tests or have a genetic predisposition to disease, and to guarantee the privacy of such persons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 97].

8 Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Employment protection)—(Mr George Howarth)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 16 to 25) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to amend the provisions of the Licensing Act 1964 relating to permitted hours in licensed premises and clubs on Sundays and Good Friday; and for connected purposes.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

9 External Frontiers,—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. 11287/93, relating to controls on persons at the external frontiers of the European Union; welcomes the objective of achieving effective controls on persons at the external frontiers of the Member States; endorses the Government's determination to take whatever steps are necessary to maintain immigration controls on non-European Economic Area nationals at United Kingdom internal frontiers; endorses the need to preserve the intergovernmental character of agreements concluded under Title VI of the Treaty on European Union; endorses the Government's commitment, in the event of agreement between all parties, that the final text of the draft External Frontiers Convention should be brought back to Parliament before signature and that the draft Convention should not be ratified before the necessary
legislation has been enacted by Parliament; and endorses the Government's aim of ensuring that full account is taken of the United Kingdom's present practice in drawing up the common visa list—(Mr Andrew Mitchell)—It was agreed to.

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes to Eight o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 18th April, pursuant to Resolution [yesterday].

[Adjourned at 7.52 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 5th April 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service,—(1) Dartford and Gravesham National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 935),

(2) Hereford Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 934),

(3) Portsmouth Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 933),

(4) Portsmouth Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 932),

(5) Stoke Mandeville Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 938), and


3 Social Security,—Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1003), dated 5th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

4 British Aerospace,—Department of Trade and Industry Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent upon British Aerospace participation in the Airbus A330/340 programme [by Command] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

5 Deregulation,—Proposal by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Greyhound Racing) Order, together with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

6 Employment Protection,—Report of the Certification Officer for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

7 Home Affairs,—Government Reply to the Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1993-94, on video violence and young offenders [by Command] [Cm. 2796] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the Wallace Collection for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 371] [Clerk of the House].

9 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of Employment: Financial Controls in Training and Enterprise Councils in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 361] [Clerk of the House].


11 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health—
(1) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by—
   (i) Addenbrookes National Health Service Trust,
   (ii) Andover District Community Health Care National Health Service Trust,
   (iii) Bassetlaw & Community Services National Health Service Trust,
   (iv) Bishop Auckland Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (v) Blackburn, Hyndburn & Ribble Valley Health Care National Health
       Service Trust,
   (vi) Brighton Health Care National Health Service Trust,
   (vii) Central Nottinghamshire Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (viii) Chase Farm Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (ix) City Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (x) Community Healthcare Service (North Derbyshire) National Health Service
       Trust,
   (xi) Derby City General Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (xii) Dewsbury Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (xiii) Huddersfield National Health Service Trust,
   (xiv) Humberside Ambulance Service National Health Service Trust,
   (xv) Isle of Wight Community Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (xvi) Norfolk Mental Health Care National Health Service Trust,
   (xvii) Northern General Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (xviii) North Hampshire Loddon Community National Health Service Trust,
   (xix) Northampton General Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (xx) Portsmouth Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (xxi) Preston Acute Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (xxii) Queen Victoria Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (xxiii) Royal Berkshire and Battle Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (xxiv) Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals National Health Service
       Trust,
   (xxv) Royal Devon and Exeter Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (xxvi) Royal Shrewsbury Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (xxvii) Southampton Community Health Services National Health Service Trust,
   (xxviii) Southampton University Hospitals National Health Service Trust, and
(2) on 4th April 1995 on borrowing by—
   (i) Exeter and District Community Health Service National Health Service Trust,
   (ii) Hastings and Rother National Health Service Trust, and
   (iii) Merton and Sutton Community National Health Service Trust
[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

12 National Health Service (Scotland).—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of
   State for Scotland—
   (1) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by—
      (i) Dundee Healthcare National Health Service Trust, and
      (ii) Moray Health Services National Health Service Trust, and
   (2) on 31st March 1995 on borrowing by—
      (i) Law Hospital National Health Service Trust, and
      (ii) The Glasgow Dental Hospital and School National Health Service Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

13 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petitions
   [28th March and 1st March] from residents of York for legislation to promote civil rights
   for disabled people [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

14 Telecommunications,—Report of the Office of Telecommunications for 1994 [by Act]; to be
   printed [No. 340] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

15 Treaty Series (No. 25, 1995),—Appendix to the Anti-Doping Convention, done at Strasbourg
   on 16th November 1989, (new reference list of pharmacological classes of doping agents
   and doping methods incorporating amendments made on 1st September 1990, 24th
   January 1992 and 1st August 1993) [by Command] [Cm. 2795] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Fifth Report from the Defence Committee [Defence Costs Study Follow-Up: Defence Medical 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. 102]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 5th April; to be printed [No. 373-i]
[Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

2 Defence and Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence and Trade and Industry Committees meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (4)(e) of Standing Order No. 130 (Select Committees related to government departments) on 5th April; to be printed [No. 333-iii] [Mr Richard Caborn].

3 Education,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 28th and 29th March; to be printed [Nos. 28-vii and -viii] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Eleventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [English Nature: Protecting and Managing Sites of Special Scientific Interest in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 375];
(2) Twelfth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Property Holdings: Negotiating Office Leases]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 106]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 5th April; to be printed [No. 376-i]
[Mr Robert Sheldon].

5 Scottish Affairs,—(1) Second Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Market Conditions in the Scottish Salmon Industry], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 370]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Scottish Affairs Committee
[Mr William McKelvey].

6 Trade and Industry,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 5th April; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee to be printed [Nos. 374-i and 378] [Mr Richard Caborn].

7 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 5th April; to be printed [No. 332-iii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

8 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Export of Live Animals], 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. 298]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Welsh Affairs Committee
[Mr Gareth Wardell].
Tuesday 18th April 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have made an amendment to the order of reference of the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of this House as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, as communicated to this House on 3rd June 1992, namely, to add at the end of paragraph (1) the words ‘and any draft order proposed to be made under section 1 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994’.

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 they propose that the Joint Committee do meet on Wednesday 26th April at half-past Four o’clock in Committee Room 4.

3 Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit payment directly or indirectly to any person convicted of an offence in the United Kingdom (or in any country with which the United Kingdom had diplomatic relations at the time of the offence if the offence would have been an offence if committed in the United Kingdom at that time) or to any person associated with that person in respect of any book, play, film, newspaper article or other publication relating to that offence; to confer anonymity upon men accused of sexual offences unless and until convicted of them; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Michael Stephen, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr David Evans and Mr Bernard Jenkin do prepare and bring it in.

4 Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Michael Stephen accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit payment directly or indirectly to any person convicted of an offence in the United Kingdom (or in any country with which the United Kingdom had diplomatic relations at the time of the offence if the offence would have been an offence if committed in the United Kingdom at that time) or to any person associated with that person in respect of any book, play, film, newspaper article or other publication relating to that offence; to confer anonymity upon men accused of sexual offences unless and until convicted of them; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 99].

5 Environment Bill [Lords],—The Environment Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Environment Bill [Lords] it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of the National Loans Fund or out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required by a Minister of the Crown for making loans under or by virtue of the Act to the Environment Agency or the Scottish Environment Protection Agency;

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

(a) any sums required by a Minister of the Crown—

(i) for making grants under or by virtue of the Act;

(ii) for fulfilling guarantees given under or by virtue of the Act;

(b) any administrative expenses of a Minister of the Crown which are attributable to the Act;

(c) any other expenditure of a Minister of the Crown which is attributable to the Act;

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

(3) any payment out of the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund resulting from increases attributable to the Act in the sums which are payable out of that Fund under any other enactment.
In this Resolution, "Minister of the Crown" has the same meaning as in the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975—(Mr David Willetts):—It was agreed to.

7 Environment Bill [Lords] [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Environment Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the imposition of charges in connection with any environmental licences, as defined in that Act, or any other licences, approvals, authorisations, consents or other permissions or registrations required by or under that Act or any Act amended by that Act; and

(b) the payment of sums into the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund—(Mr David Willetts):—It was agreed to.

8 Interoperability of High Speed Trains.—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. 6495/94, relating to the interoperability of the European high speed train network, and endorses the Government’s approach to negotiations on the proposal in the Council—(Mr David Willetts):—It was agreed to.

9 Protection of the Community’s Financial Interests.—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. 8076/94, relating to the protection of the Community’s financial interests; and supports the Government’s efforts to fight fraud and maintain European Community budget discipline—(Mr David Willetts):—It was agreed to.

10 National Health Service (Amendment) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to National Health Service (Amendment) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred under provisions of the Act about payments in consequence of suspension, and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment.—(Mr David Willetts.)

11 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr James Couchman be added to the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Social Security,—Ordered, That Mr Peter Thurnham be discharged from the Social Security Committee and Mr Robert G. Hughes be added to the Committee—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That Mrs Jacqui Lait be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Mr Terry Dicks be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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

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 Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—Supplement to the Twenty-fourth Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration [Cm. 2831] [The Prime Minister].

2 Thailand (No. 1, 1995).—Treaty, done at Bangkok on 12th September 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand on mutual assistance in criminal matters [Cm. 2792] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
3 Treaty Series (No. 23, 1995).—Convention, done at Berne on 17th December 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Confederation for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on estates and inheritances with Protocol [Cm. 2793] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

4 Treaty Series (No. 24, 1995).—Agreement, done at London on 30th November 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the promotion and protection of investments [Cm. 2794] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 Treaty Series (No. 27, 1995).—Agreement, done at London on 14th March 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of India for the promotion and protection of investments [Cm. 2797] [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:

6th April 1995

6 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—(1) Amusements with Prizes (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 928),
(2) Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 926), and
(3) Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 927), dated 28th March 1995 [Mr Secretary Howard].

7th April 1995

7 Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1004), dated 5th April 1995 [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

8th April 1995


9th April 1995


10th April 1995


11th April 1995


12th April 1995

18 Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1024), dated 6th April 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].

11th April 1995


12th April 1995

(2) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Capital Finance) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1041), dated 11th April 1995 [Mr Secretary Redwood];
(3) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Limitation of Compensation) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1039), dated 5th April 1995 [Mr Secretary Redwood]; and
(4) Local Government (Wales) (Service Agency Agreements) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1040), dated 10th April 1995 [Mr Secretary Redwood].

13th April 1995


22 Value Added Tax.—Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1069), dated 12th April 1995 [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

13th April 1995

23 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—(1) Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1066), and
(2) Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1065) dated 11th April 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 18th April 1995:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

26 Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1054), dated 10th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

27 Food.—Dairy Products (Hygiene) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1086), dated 14th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

Other Papers:

28 National Health Service.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health—
(1) on 27th March 1995 on borrowing by—
(i) Cleveland Ambulance National Health Service Trust,
(ii) Community Health Services (Southern Derbyshire) National Health Service Trust,
(iii) Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Learning Disabilities National Health Service Trust,
(iv) Cornwall Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
(v) Countess of Chester National Health Service Trust,
(vi) Enfield Community Care National Health Service Trust,
(vii) Epsom Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
(viii) Hereford Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(ix) James Paget Hospital National Health Service Trust,
(x) Luton and Dunstable National Health Service Trust,
(xi) Mid Cheshire Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(xii) North Durham Acute Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(xiii) Plymouth Hospitals National Health Service Trust, and
(xiv) Royal Surrey County and St Luke's Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(2) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by—
(i) Lincoln Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(ii) Norfolk and Norwich Health Care National Health Service Trust, and
(iii) Portsmouth Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(3) on 5th April 1995 on borrowing by South Manchester University Hospitals
National Health Service Trust, and

(4) on 6th April 1995 on borrowing by Furness Hospitals National Health Service Trust

[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

29 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(i) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [29th
March] from residents of Sawbridgeworth against the use of overseas aid funds for the
Chinese population control programme, and

(ii) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [8th February] from residents
of Doveridge for the reinstatement of Doveridge bypass in the roads programme

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

30 Statutory Instruments,—Reports to the Lord Chancellor and the 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—

(1) the Department of Trade and Industry have certified, under section 6 of the said
Regulations, that the printing and sale of the Electricity (Class Exemptions from the
Requirement for a Licence) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 588), and

(2) the Home Office have certified, under section 6 of the said Regulations, that the
printing and sale of the European Parliamentary (United Kingdom Representatives)
in accordance with the requirements of section 2(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act
1946, are unnecessary, having regard to the brevity of the period for which the
instruments will remain in force;

That the Committee is satisfied that the certificates are justified and has taken no
further action in the matter [The Speaker].

31 Telecommunications,—International Telephone Access Code Direction 1995: direction to
the Director General of Telecommunications under section 94 of the
Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Paper withdrawn:

32 Housing,—Housing Renovation etc. Grants (Prescribed Forms and Particulars) (Welsh
Forms and Particulars) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 [laid 28th March].

THE SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Finance Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the
Parliament Act 1911.
The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 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, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Road Traffic (New Drivers) Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Road Traffic (New Drivers) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 28th April; and to be printed [Bill 98].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 381].

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

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the jurisdiction of United Kingdom courts to try sexual offences against children committed overseas; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Workplace Injury Victims Bill,—The Order for reading the Workplace Injury Victims Bill a second time on Monday 1st May was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

8 Women and Information Technology Bill,—The Order for reading the Women and Information Technology Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 28th April.

9 Sports (Discrimination) (No. 2) Bill,—Mr David Hinchliffe, supported by Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Gary Waller, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Allan Rogers, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Neil Gerrard, Dr Norman A. Godman, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Alan Williams, Kate Hoey and Mr Tom Pendry, presented a Bill to make it unlawful for any administrative or rule making body for a sport, or any affiliated club, to discriminate against persons who have participated, are participating or are expected to participate in any other lawful sport; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 100].

10 Merchant Shipping (Inquiries and Investigations) Amendment Bill,—Mr Nigel Spearing, supported by Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Andrew Mackinlay and Mildred Gordon, presented a Bill to provide for the High Court to order the holding of a formal investigation into a shipping casualty; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 101].

11 Telegraphs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 655) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates)—It was agreed to.

12 Transport (Motorway Safety).—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to improve the safety of motorways and motorway driving; and for connected purposes: And that Cheryl Gillan, Mr Peter Butler, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Richard Spring, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Oliver Heald, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Harold Elletson, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Patrick McLoughlin and Mr Hartley Booth do prepare and bring it in.
13 Transport (Motorway Safety) Bill,—Cheryl Gillan accordingly presented a Bill to improve the safety of motorways and motorway driving; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 102].

14 Agricultural Tenancies Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Agricultural Tenancies Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Mortgages of agricultural land)—(Mr Michael Jack)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Agricultural tenancies: annual report)—(Mr Martyn Jones)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Milk quotas: compensation)—(Mr Martyn Jones)—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 13) made to the Bill.

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

Mr William Waldegrave, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having being 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 William Waldegrave, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having being 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 Sydney Chapman, Dr Liam Fox: 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Eric Clarke: 181.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

15 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill;

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

Notice having been taken that strangers were present, the Deputy 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 Dennis Skinner, Ann Clwyd: 1.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bowen Wells, Dr Liam Fox: 167.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr Raymond S. Robertson 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 Oliver Heald, Mr Raymond S. Robertson: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Dennis Skinner: 22.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Raymond S. Robertson: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Brian Sedge more, Ann Clwyd: 19.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

16 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at to-morrow's sitting, the Speaker shall—

(1) put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to the First Report from the Committee of Privileges not later than two hours after their commencement; and

(2) put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to Withdrawal of Members from Meetings of Select Committees not later than one and a half hours after their commencement;

the Questions aforesaid shall include the Questions on any amendments of the Motions which she may have selected, which may then be moved, and the said Motions may be entered upon and proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.51 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 19th April 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Telegraphs.—Wireless Telegraphy (Short Range Devices) (Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1081), dated 11th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:

2 Brunei (No. 1, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Bandar Seri Begawan on 19th January 1995, 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 the reference of appeals from the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam to the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council [by Command] [Cm. 2841] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

3 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Papers entitled—

(1) Research and Development Work on Equipment for the Disabled 1991,
(2) Research and Development Work on Equipment for the Disabled 1992, and
(3) Research and Development Work on Equipment for the Disabled 1993 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 341-i, -ii and -iii] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

4 Interception of Communications,—Report of the Commission for Interception of Communications for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2828] [The Prime Minister].

5 National Health Service (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 13th April 1995 on borrowing by Fife Healthcare National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 Security Service,—Report of the Commissioner on the Security Service for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2827] [The Prime Minister].

7 Treaty Series (No. 29, 1995),—Agreement, done at London on 26th July 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory concerning the European Bioinformatics Institute [by Command] [Cm. 2834] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee B,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated twenty-five Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Environment Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Robert
Atkins, Mr Peter Atkinson, Sir Andrew F. Bennett, Sir Paul Beresford, Mrs Anne Campbell, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Jim Dowd, Mr Douglas French, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Jerry Hayes, Glenda Jackson, Helen Jackson, Mr Keith Mans, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr William O’Brien, Sir Cranley Onslow, Joan Ruddock, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Paddy Tipping, Mr Bowen Wells and Mr Tim Yeo.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Civil Aviation Authority (Borrowing Powers) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr David Congdon, Mr Harold Elletson, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Dr John Gilbert, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Tom King, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Sir David Mitchell, Sir Roger Moate, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Robert Parry, Mr Stuart Randall, Mr Paul Tyler, Joan Walley and Mr Bowen Wells.

3 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1995, the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995, and the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Churchill, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Norman Lamont, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr John McFall, Mr Michael Mates, Emma Nicholson, Rachel Squire and Mr Bill Walker.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Dame Peggy Fenner, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Warren Hawksley, Mr Keith Hill, Jane Kennedy, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Robert Maclean, Mr John Marshall, Mr David Martin, Dame Angela Rumbold, Mr Iain Sproat and Mr Peter Viggers.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 19th April; to be printed [No. 366–ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 European Legislation,—Thirteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70–xiii] [Mr Robert Hicks].

3 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Memorandum laid before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Mr Mark Wolfson].

4 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 19th April; to be printed [No. 41–viii] [Sir Giles Shaw].

5 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 19th April; to be printed [No. 382–i] [Mr Frank Field].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 19th April; to be printed [No. 374–ii] [Mr Richard Caborn].

7 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 19th April; to be printed [No. 352–iii] [Mr Paul Channon].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Environment Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B;
2 Chairman of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Sir Giles Shaw and Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Environment Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill;

(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Civil Aviation Authority (Borrowing Powers) Order 1995;

(4) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1995, the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995, and the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1995; and

(5) Mrs Ann Winterton Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995; and

(6) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 13th December 1994 on the accession of new Member States to the European Union.

3 European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 5663/95, relating to the promotion of employment, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 89.]

Thursday 20th April 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 27th April.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Rape Victims Compensation Bill.—The Order for reading the Rape Victims Compensation Bill a second time on Friday 28th April was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

5 Government Paperwork Reduction and Electronic Information Bill.—The Order for reading the Government Paperwork Reduction and Electronic Information Bill a second time tomorrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14th July.
6 Atomic Energy Authority Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Atomic Energy Authority Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 95].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 384].

7 Privileges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House—

(i) approves the First Report from the Committee of Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 351);

(ii) considers that, having regard to the conclusions of the Committee in respect of the honourable Member for Colne Valley, the conduct of the honourable Member fell below the standards which the House is entitled to expect from its Members, and therefore formally reprimands him for his actions; and suspends him from the service of the House for ten sitting days, with suspension of his salary as a Member for the same period; and

(iii) considers that, having regard to the conclusions of the Committee in respect of the honourable Member for Bosworth, the conduct of the honourable Member fell below the standards which the House is entitled to expect from its Members, and therefore formally reprimands him for his actions; and suspends him from the service of the House for twenty sitting days, with suspension of his salary as a Member for the same period—(Mr Derek Conway);

And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [yesterday].—It was agreed to.

8 Withdrawal of Members from meetings of select committees,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That if any select committee, or sub-committee thereof, considers that the presence at a meeting, or part of a meeting, of that committee to which the public are not admitted of any specified Member of the House not nominated to that committee would obstruct the business of the committee, it shall have power to direct such Member to withdraw forthwith; and the Serjeant at Arms shall act on such instructions as he may receive from the chairman of the committee in pursuance of this Order.

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House—(Mr Tony Newton);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [yesterday].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr David Willetts: 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Piara S. Khabra: 35.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That if any select committee, or sub-committee thereof, considers that the presence at a meeting, or part of a meeting, of that committee to which the public are not admitted of any specified Member of the House not nominated to that committee would obstruct the business of the committee, it shall have power to direct such Member to withdraw forthwith; and the Serjeant at Arms shall act on such instructions as he may receive from the chairman of the committee in pursuance of this Order.

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.

9 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from constituents of Bristol East for legislation on the civil rights of disabled people was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes to Nine o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
APPENDIX I

Thursday 20th April 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Legal Services,—(1) Draft Conditional Fee Agreements Order 1995, and
(2) draft Conditional Fee Agreements Regulations 1995
[by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Road Traffic,—M25 Motorway (Junctions 10 to 15) (Variable Speed Limits) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1094), dated 19th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].


5 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the Governing Body of Exeter College, Oxford, on 15th December 1994, amending the statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

6 Commonwealth Development Corporation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th April 1995 on borrowing by the Commonwealth Development Corporation [by Act] [Sir George Young].

7 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of Social Security: Purchase of Postal and Courier Services [by Act]; to be printed [No. 362] [Clerk of the House].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Reports to the Lord Chancellor and the 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 Welsh Office have certified, under section 6 of the said Regulations, that the printing and sale of the Education (National Curriculum) (Exceptions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 800), and the Education (National Curriculum) (Exceptions) (Wales) (Amendment) (Revocation) Regulations (S.I., 1995, No. 856), in accordance with the requirements of section 2(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, are unnecessary, having regard to the brevity of the period for which the instruments will remain in force;

That the Committee is satisfied that the certificates are justified and has taken no further action in the matter [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 20th April; to be printed [No. 366-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 20th April; to be printed [No. 383-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr Iain Mills Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. in respect of the draft Civil Aviation Authority (Borrowing Powers) Order 1995, in place of Mr James Hill.
Friday 21st April 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—The 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.:

   Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].

   Bill to be read a second time.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

3 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Leicester against the proposed closure of an electricity showroom in Beumont Leys was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

4 Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill.

   (In the Committee)

   Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 disagreed to.

   Clause No. 4 (Expenses).

   Amendment (No. 4) made.

   Clause, as amended, agreed to.

   Clause No. 5 (Short title and commencement).

   Amendment (No. 5) made.

   Clause, as amended, agreed to.

   A Clause (Assessment of ability of carers to provide care: England and Wales)—(Mr Malcolm Wicks)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

   Another Clause (Assessment of ability of carers to provide care: Scotland)—(Mr Malcolm Wicks)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

   Another Clause (Isles of Scilly)—(Mr Malcolm Wicks)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

   Amendment (No. 8) made.

   Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to provide for the assessment of the ability of carers to provide care; and for connected purposes.

   Bill, as amended, to be reported.

   The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Timothy Kirkhope reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

   The House proceeded to consider the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 National Health Service (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill.

   (In the Committee)

   Clauses Nos. 1 to 14 agreed to.

   Schedule agreed to.

   Bill to be reported.

   The 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.

6 Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Bill,—The Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Bill was, according to Order, 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 Peter Thurnham):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 23 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

The 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 Hurd, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having being 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 Hurd, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having being 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.

7 Television Sport (Public Access) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Television Sport (Public Access) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th April.

8 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 17th March, That the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Northern Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 28th April.

9 Protection of Animals Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

10 Pensions (Divorce) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensions (Divorce) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th April.

11 Transport of Animals for Slaughter Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th March, That the Transport of Animals for Slaughter Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 28th April.

12 Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th January, That the Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 28th April.

13 Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill,—The Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill was, according to Order, 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 Piers Merchant):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Andrew MacKay 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.
14 Land Registers (Scotland) Bill.—The Land Registers (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, 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 Bill Walker)—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Andrew MacKay 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 Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th April.

16 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th April.

17 Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th April.

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

And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then four minutes past Three o'clock, till Monday 24th April.

[Adjourned at 3.4 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 21st April 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Korea (No. 1, 1995),—Agreement, done at Seoul on 11th August 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Korea concerning maritime transport [by Command] [Cm. 2835] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

4 Treaty Series (No. 28, 1995),—United Nations Framework Convention, done at New York on 9th May 1992, on climate change [by Command] [Cm. 2833] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 Treaty Series (No. 30, 1995),—Agreement, done at London on 12th May 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Estonia for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 2837] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Selection (see Appendix II).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

4 Liaison,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee on 8th December and 21st February be printed [No. 379].

5 Parliamentary Elections Bill,—The Order for reading the Parliamentary Elections Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

6 Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill to be considered on Friday; and to be printed [Bill 104].

7 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 Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Income Support (Amendments) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 625) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr David Lightbown):—It was agreed to.

8 Housing (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 Housing Revenue Account General Fund Contribution Limits (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 188) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr David Lightbown):—It was agreed to.

9 Pensions Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensions 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 the Pensions Bill [Lords] because although it contains some welcome proposals drawn from the report of the Pensions Law Review Committee intended to strengthen the regulatory framework within which occupational pension schemes operate, it does not fully reflect the importance of pensions as a form of deferred pay, takes too rigid an approach to the equal treatment of men and women under the State pension scheme, and includes a range of proposals designed to undermine the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme and disadvantage occupational as against private pension provision', instead thereof.—(Mr Donald Dewar.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Estelle Morris, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Wood: 267.

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.
10 Pensions Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Pensions Bill [Lords] [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Pensions Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in defraying the expenses of the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority or the Pensions Compensation Board,

(b) any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State, and

(c) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr David Lightbown): It was agreed to.

11 Pensions Bill [Lords] [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Pensions Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the levying of charges towards expenditure under the Act or the Pension Schemes Act 1993 in connection with provisions relating to—

(a) the compilation and maintenance of a register of occupational and personal pension schemes,

(b) the investigation and determination of complaints and disputes relating to occupational and personal pension schemes,

(c) the making of grants by the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority,

(d) the expenses of that authority (including the expenses of establishing the authority), and

(e) the expenses of the Pensions Compensation Board (including the expenses of establishing the Board), and

(2) the making of payments into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr David Lightbown): It was agreed to.

12 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Resolved, That the Team and Group Ministries 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.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.31 p.m.

APPENDIX I


Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 Administration of Justice.—Accounts of Funds in Court for the period 1st March 1993 to 28th February 1994, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 385] [Clerk of the House].

2 Environment.—Department of the Environment Minute, dated 24th April 1995, on a contingent liability in respect of Construction Research Communications Ltd. [by Command] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 National Audit.—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Medical Research Council: Sale of the Mount Vernon Site, Hampstead [by Act]; to be printed [No. 363] [Clerk of the House].
4 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health—

(1) on 19th April 1995 on borrowing by—
   (i) Kent Ambulance National Health Service Trust,
   (ii) North Kent Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (iii) Pontefract Hospitals National Health Service Trust, and
   (iv) Priority Healthcare Wearside National Health Service Trust, and

(2) on 21st April 1995 on borrowing by Scunthorpe Community Health Care National Health Service Trust

[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Keith Hill, Jane Kennedy, and Mr Ken Livingstone (nominated in respect of the Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr Paul Flynn, Glenda Jackson, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Austin Mitchell and Mr Stephen Timms.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Treasury Management in National Health Service Trusts in England], 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. 155];

(2) Fourteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Management of Telephones]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 188]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 24th April; to be printed [No. 386-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 332-iv] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 92.]

Tuesday 25th April 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 107].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 390].

4 Consolidation &c., Bills,—Ordered, That the Lords Message [18th April] 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.

5 Civil Evidence (Family Mediation) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Civil Evidence (Family Mediation) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 106].

6 Road Traffic Reduction,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish targets for a reduction in road traffic levels in the United Kingdom; to require local authorities to draw up local road traffic reduction plans; to require the Secretary of State to draw up a national road traffic reduction plan to ensure that the targets are met; and for related purposes: And that Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Dafydd Wigley, Mr Frank Cook, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Alan Simpson and Mr Nick Ainger do prepare and bring it in.

7 Road Traffic Reduction Bill,—Mr Cynog Dafis accordingly presented a Bill to establish targets for a reduction in road traffic levels in the United Kingdom; to require local authorities to draw up local road traffic reduction plans; to require the Secretary of State to draw up a national road traffic reduction plan to ensure that the targets are met; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 105].

8 Fiftieth Anniversary of the End of World War II,—Resolved, nemine contradicente, 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, recalling the humble Addresses presented to His Majesty King George VI on the 17th May and 21st August 1945, beg leave to express to Your Majesty our joy in commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War and of the defeat of the forces of evil which it brought, our thanks for the fortitude of the men and women who served with the armed forces or who participated in the war effort in civilian life between 1939 and 1945, our recognition of the sacrifice made on behalf of future generations by those who died or who were disabled in their country’s service, and our desire that the constructive work of peace for which our predecessors in 1945 prayed may continue and grow in the years to come.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by the whole House.—(Mr Tony Newton.)

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s most Honourable Privy Council, do humbly know Her Majesty’s Pleasure when she will be attended by the House with the said Address.—(Mr Tony Newton.)

9 Medical (Professional Performance) Bill,—The Medical (Professional Performance) Bill was, according to Order, 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 Special Standing Committee.—(Mr Nigel Spearing);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Jim Cousins: 37.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Dr Liam Fox: 133.

So the Question was negatived.

The Bill stood committed to a Standing Committee.

10 Medical (Professional Performance) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Medical (Professional Performance) Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Medical (Professional Performance) 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 money so provided by virtue of any other enactment—(Mr David Lightbown):—It was agreed to.

11 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown under or by virtue of the Act;

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(Mr David Lightbown.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.53 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 25th April 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Environmental Protection,—Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (No. 3) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1085), dated 12th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 National Health Service,—(1) Morriston Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1089),

(2) Nevill Hall and District National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1090), and

(3) South and East Wales Ambulance National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1088),
dated 12th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

4 Pipe-lines,—St Michaels Mead Natural Gas Pipe-lines Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1091), dated 18th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

5 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the University of Oxford, on 13th December 1994, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:


7 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the Tate Gallery for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 387] [Clerk of the House].

8 Post Office,—Report of the Post Office Users' National Council for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petitions from—
(1) residents of Benfleet for action to prevent the abuse of Woodside Park [1st February]; and

(2) residents of Otterburn against the inclusion of the Otterburn Training Area in the Northumberland National Park [10th February]

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment.—(1) Second Report from the Employment Committee [The Operation of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1994], 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 Employment Committee on 25th April; to be printed [No. 159-ix]

[Mr Greville Janner].

2 Statutory Instruments.—Seventeenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-xvii] [Mr William Ross].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Mr Michael J. Martin an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill.

Wednesday 26th April 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 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, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr Peter Ainsworth 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 (Repeals) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto; and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 26th April.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 400-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 400-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 400-II].

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
6 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Iain Mills reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Civil Aviation Authority (Borrowing Powers) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 398].

7 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1995, the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 and the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 397].

8 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 13th December 1994, relating to the accession of new members to the European Union; and welcomes the fact that agreement was reached on these adjustments enabling Austria, Finland and Sweden to accede to the European Union on 1st January 1995.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

9 Flood Prevention (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Sam Galbraith, supported by Mr Gordon McMaster, Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Bill Walker, Mr Charles Kennedy and Mrs Margaret Ewing, presented a Bill to make further provision for flood prevention in Scotland; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 108].

10 Professional Football Compliance,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Secretary of State to establish a compliance unit for professional football in England and Wales with power to create and maintain proper financial controls and to report irregularities; and for connected purposes: And that Kate Hoey and Mr Jim Lester do prepare and bring it in.

11 Professional Football Compliance Bill,—Kate Hoey accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the Secretary of State to establish a compliance unit for professional football in England and Wales with power to create and maintain proper financial controls and to report irregularities; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 109].

12 Criminal Appeal Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Appeal Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Power to appoint investigating officers)—(Mr Chris Mullin)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Stephen Byers: 239.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Dr Liam Fox: 267.

Another Clause (The Commission: Her Majesty's prerogative of mercy)—(Mr Alun Michael)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Provision for a Commission in Scotland)—(Mr John McFall)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (The Commission: Grants to individuals)—(Mr Alun Michael)—brought up, and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Defrayment of police expenses)—(Mr A. J. Beith)—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 Archy Kirkwood, Mr David Chidgey: 23.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Dr Liam Fox: 189.

Another Clause (Preservation of material evidence)—(Mr Alun Michael)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Leave to appeal: England and Wales)—(Mr Jeremy Corbyn)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 38, at the end, to insert the words

‘For the purposes of this section “unsafe” means, where in the light of representations made to the court and of all the circumstances, it is not satisfied

(i) that the appellant is guilty of the offence; or

(ii) that a reasonable jury would have convicted the appellant if the trial had, in all respects, been conducted properly.’—(Mr David Trimble).

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

Amendment (No. 30) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 34, to leave out the words ‘on application for leave to appeal’.—(Mr Alun Michael.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 31 to 36) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 10, after the word ‘appoint’, to insert the words ‘subject to subsection (1A)’.—(Mr Alun Michael.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 32, to leave out the word ‘and’ and insert the words ‘or

(aa) in the case of a function specified in sub-paragraph (3A), by any committee of, or by one or more of the members of the Commission, and’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Trimble.)

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 Howard, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having being 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.

13 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition of Kevin Maxwell, of Moulsford Manor, Moulsford, Oxfordshire, showing that reference is desired to be made at proceedings at the Central Criminal Court before the Honourable Mr Justice Phillips upon Indictment No. T930798 relating to conspiracy to defraud, to certain evidence and related material of the Select Committees on Social Security in the present and in the previous Parliament which has not been reported to the House and which has not been published: viz:—
(1) records and transcripts of any evidence given and recorded orally in private session of those Committees in the course of their investigations into the operation of pension fund law, and into the affairs of pension funds connected with companies associated with the late Robert Maxwell MC

(2) any documents produced in such private session of those Committees

(3) correspondence between the Serious Fraud Office and those Committees or the Chairman or any person acting on behalf of those Committees

(4) such notes of any meetings including telephone calls between the Serious Fraud Office and the Committees arising from, or connected with, Committee investigations into the operation of the pension funds referred to in 1992 and 1993 that may have been taken;

and requesting that this House will give leave for said records, transcripts, documents, correspondence and notes as aforesaid to be produced to the Honourable Mr Justice Phillips at the Central Criminal Court so that he may decide if the documents should under normal common law principles be disclosed to the parties in the trial; and if the Honourable Mr Justice Phillips so decides, the Court be permitted to make reference to them; was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Darlington for reform of the Government’s education policy was presented and read; 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—(Dr Liam Fox);

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

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Wednesday 26th April 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Customs and Excise,—Dual-Use and Related Goods (Export Control) (Suspension No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1151), dated 25th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

3 National Health Service,—(1) Camden and Islington Community Health Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1124), dated 19th April 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley];

(2) East Glamorgan National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1107), dated 12th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood];

(3) North Yorkshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1127), dated 19th April 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley];

(4) Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1128), dated 19th April 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley];

(5) Special Trustees for the Middlesex Hospital (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1126), dated 19th April 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley];
(6) Special Trustees for the Royal Free Hospital (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1123), dated 19th April 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley];

(7) Special Trustees for University College Hospital (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1129), dated 19th April 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley]; and

(8) Whittington Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1125), dated 19th April 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].


5 Social Security,—Social Security (Recoupment) (Prolongation of Period for Furnishing of Certificate of Total Benefit) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1152), dated 26th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

6 Atomic Energy Authority,—Three Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 25th April 1995 on borrowing by the Atomic Energy Authority [by Act] [Sir George Young].


8 European Communities,—Paper, entitled Developments in the European Union: July to December 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2798] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 European Communities (No. 2, 1995).—Agreement, done at Brussels on 25th October 1994, in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Republic of Hungary amending Annexes VIIIa, IXb and Xb to the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Hungary, of the other part [by Command] [Cm. 2839] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance,—Account of the Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 392] [Clerk of the House].

11 Miscellaneous (No. 3, 1995),—Trademark Law Treaty and Regulations, done at Geneva on 27th October 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2836] [Mr Secretary Hurd].


13 Statutory Instrument (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into force before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:

   Dual-Use and Related Goods (Export Control) (Suspension No. 2) Regulations 1995. [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

14 Treaty Series (No. 31, 1995).—Agreement, done at Riyadh on 10th March 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the avoidance on a reciprocal basis of double taxation on revenues arising from the business of international air transport and on the remuneration of employees of enterprises engaged in such business [by Command] [Cm. 2838] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Medical (Professional Performance) Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Peter Butler, Mr Alex Carlile, Ann Coffey, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Nigel Evans, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Raymond S.
2 Standing Committee D,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated twenty-seven Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Pensions Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mrs Judith Church, Mr David Congdon, John Denham, Mr Donald Dewar, Mr Iain Duncan-Smith, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Mr William Hague, Mr David Hanson, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Jane Kennedy, Mrs Angela Knight, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr David Lidington, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr George Mudie, Mr David Shaw, Mr Tim Smith, Mr Richard Spring, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr Nigel Waterson.

3 Standing Committee E,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee E, Mr Douglas French (nominated in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Cost of Inquiries etc) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr George Kynoch.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Revenue Account General Fund Contribution Limits (Scotland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Michael Bates, Sir Rhodes Boyson, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mr Tam Dalyell, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr John Greenway, Mr David Harris, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Jimmy Hood, Sir Ralph Howell, Mr Michael Lord, Mr John McAllion, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mrs Ray Michie, Mr Mike Watson and Mr Jimmy Wray.

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1995, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr John McFall, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Rhodri Morgan, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr David Porter, Mr Richard Spring, Sir John Stanley, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr John Sykes, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr George Walden and Mr Alan Williams.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 26th April; to be printed [No. 391-i] [Sir Roger Moate].

2 Education,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 26th April; to be printed [No. 388] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 26th April; to be printed [No. 399-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 26th April: to be printed [No. 395-i] [Mr Clive Soley].

5 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 26th April; to be printed [No. 394-i] [Mr James Pawsey].

6 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 26th April; to be printed [No. 41-ix] [Sir Giles Shaw].

7 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 26th April; to be printed [No.396-i] [Mr Paul Channon].

8 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 26th April; to be printed [No. 393-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Mr Gareth Wardell].
MEMORANDA

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

   (1) the Medical (Professional Performance) Bill to Standing Committee A;
   (2) the Pensions Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D;
   (3) the Housing Revenue Account General Fund Contribution Limits (Scotland) Order 1995 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c; and
   (4) the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

   (1) Mrs Ann Winterton and Mr Barry Jones Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Medical (Professional Performance) Bill;
   (2) Mr James Hill and Mr Edward O’Hara Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Pensions Bill [Lords];
   (3) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of a substantive Motion for the adjournment on the state of housing in Scotland;
   (4) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Housing Revenue Account General Fund Contribution Limits (Scotland) Order 1995, and
   (5) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1995.

3 Public Bills (Scotland).—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 94E (Scottish Grand Committee (bills in relation to their principle)), the Speaker certified that, in her opinion, the provisions of the Civil Evidence (Family Mediation) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 94.]

Thursday 27th April 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 4th May.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Gas Bill.—Sir David Knox reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Gas Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 103].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 405].

5 Child Support Bill.—Mr Robert Hicks reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Child Support Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 110].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 402].
6 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs Ann Winterton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 655), referred to a Committee on 19th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 403].

7 Prevention of Fraud (Registration) Bill,—Ordered, That the Prevention of Fraud (Registration) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

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

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 27th April 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service,—North Wales Ambulance National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1121), dated 18th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

Other Papers:

2 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas,—Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 372] [Mr Secretary Lang].

3 European Communities,—Statement on the 1995 Community Budget and measures to counter fraud and financial mismanagement [by Command] [Cm. 2824] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

4 Government Trading Funds,—(1) Accounts of Her Majesty's Stationery Office Trading Fund, and

(2) Report and accounts of the Buying Agency

for 1994, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 358 and 342] [Clerk of the House].

5 Divorce,—Paper, entitled Looking to the Future: Mediation and the ground for divorce [by Command] [Cm. 2799] [Mr John M. Taylor].

6 Monopolies and Mergers,—Reports by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on—

(1) SB Holdings Limited and Kelvin Central Buses Limited, and

(2) Stagecoach Holdings plc and SB Holdings Limited

[by Command] [Cm. 2829 and 2845] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [14th March] from Mark Richard Franchi for action to release Liu Gang from imprisonment in China [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Legislation.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 26th and 27th April; to be printed [Nos. 239-iii to -v] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

2 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 27th April; to be printed [No. 401-i] [Mr David Howell].

3 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 27th April; to be printed [No. 324-iv] [Mrs Marion Roe].

4 National Heritage.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 27th April; to be printed [No. 383-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

[No. 95.]

Friday 28th April 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

3 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from members of organisations for disabled people for the passing of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

4 Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

5 Road Traffic (New Drivers) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Road Traffic (New Drivers) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Referendum Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Referendum Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question, That the Bill be now read a second time, was put and negatived.

7 Tampons (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Tampons (Safety) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

8 School Transport Safety Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Transport Safety Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

9 Regulation of Diet Industry Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 31st March, That the Regulation of Diet Industry Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 14th July.

10 Breast Cancer (National Plan) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Breast Cancer (National Plan) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

11 Women and Information Technology Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Women and Information Technology Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

12 Sports (Discrimination) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sports (Discrimination) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

13 Merchant Shipping (Inquiries and Investigations) Amendment Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Inquiries and Investigations) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

14 Television Sport (Public Access) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Television Sport (Public Access) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

15 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 17th March, That the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Northern Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 14th July.

16 Pensions (Divorce) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensions (Divorce) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

17 Transport of Animals for Slaughter Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th March, That the Transport of Animals for Slaughter Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 14th July.

18 Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th January, That the Energy-Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 14th July.

19 Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

20 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

21 Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 61 (Comittal of bills), That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr Bernard Jenkin):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 15 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Dr Liam Fox 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 Civil Evidence (Family Mediation) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Civil Evidence (Family Mediation) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, 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 Michael Connarty)—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Dr Liam Fox 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 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Friday 5th May, the Speaker shall adjourn the House, without Question put, immediately after Prayers.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

24 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 1st May.

[Adjourned at 3.6 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 28th April 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out,—Draft Contracting Out (Functions of the Official Receiver) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:

2 Coal,—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 27th April 1995, regarding a contingent liability consequent upon the acquisition of Annesley Bentinck Colliery Limited by Coal Investments plc [by Command] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

3 National Health Service (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 26th April 1995 on borrowing by Monklands and Bellshill National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
Monday 1st May 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—Mr David Porter reported from the Committee on London Local Authorities (No. 2) 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.

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

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Bill to be considered on Friday 14th July; and to be printed [Bill 111].

6 Children (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Children (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (Referral or remission to children's hearing on conviction)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Registration of births by persons who are themselves children)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Welfare of certain children in hospitals and nursing homes etc.)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Inquiries into matters affecting children)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

7 Royal Assent.—The 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:

   Finance Act 1995
   Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Act 1995
   Civil Evidence (Family Mediation) (Scotland) Act 1995
   Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995

8 Children (Scotland) Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Children (Scotland) Bill.

   Another Clause (Co-operation between authorities)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Removal of duty to report on operation of Children Act 1975)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Effect of orders etc. made in different parts of the United Kingdom)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Reasonable chastisement)—(Mr George Robertson)—brought up, and read the first time.

   Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Joe Benton: 193.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Dr Liam Fox: 260.

Another Clause (Award of parental responsibilities and parental rights to father)—(Maria Fyfe)—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 Robert Ainsworth, Mr Stephen Byers: 193.
Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr David Willetts: 258.

Another Clause (Overarching principles)—(Mr James Wallace)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Wallace, Mrs Ray Michie: 80.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 232.

Another Clause (Emergency exclusion orders)—(Mr James Wallace)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Duty to report suspicion of child abuse)—(Mr John McFall)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 112 to 114) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 44, at the end, to insert the words—

'(5A) An arrangement under subsection (5) above as to the exercise of parental responsibilities or parental rights shall be made only with the agreement of any other person who has parental responsibilities or parental rights in relation to the child; and such arrangement may be made—

(a) in the case of a child of twelve years of age or below, only after consulting the child, or

(b) in the case of a child of thirteen years of age or above, only with the agreement of the child'.—(Dr Norman A. Godman.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 112 to 114) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 154) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

'(5) If, for the purpose of protecting members of the public from serious harm (whether or not physical harm)—

(a) a children’s hearing consider it necessary to make a decision under or by virtue of this Part of this Act which (but for this paragraph) would not be consistent with their affording paramountcy to the consideration mentioned in subsection (1) above, they may make that decision; or

(b) a court considers it necessary to make a determination under or by virtue of Chapters 1 to 3 of this Part of this Act which (but for this paragraph) would not be consistent with its affording such paramountcy, it may make that determination'.—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made; Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 115 to 131 and 133) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 154) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

'(5) If, for the purpose of protecting members of the public from serious harm (whether or not physical harm)—

(a) a children’s hearing consider it necessary to make a decision under or by virtue of this Part of this Act which (but for this paragraph) would not be consistent with their affording paramountcy to the consideration mentioned in subsection (1) above, they may make that decision; or

(b) a court considers it necessary to make a determination under or by virtue of Chapters 1 to 3 of this Part of this Act which (but for this paragraph) would not be consistent with its affording such paramountcy, it may make that determination'.—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 208.
Tellers for the Noes, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Michael Connarty: 63.

Other Amendments (Nos. 153, 155 to 159, 9 to 12, 160, 13, 161 and 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 32, line 34, at the end, to insert the words—
'(a) has misused alcohol or has in a public place consumed alcohol of a strength greater than 1 per cent. by volume'.—(Mr Phil Galleie.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 15, 16, 162 and 17) made to the Bill.

It being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), That, at this day's sitting, the Children (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

Children (Scotland) Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Children (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 18 to 30, 36, 31 to 35, 37 to 42 and 163) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 40, line 6, at the end, to insert the words 'or

(f) any person or class of persons affected by the provisions of section 51(1)(c) above'.—(Mr Sam Galbraith.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 43 to 46, 164 to 166, 47 to 49, 167, 50 to 52, 168, 53 to 62, 169, 170, 63, 64, 171, 65, 172, 173, 66 to 75, 174, 175, 76 and 77) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 100) proposed to the Bill, in page 51, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

'(9A) Where a children’s hearing has taken place by virtue of subsection (4)(c) above and a decision has been reached in terms of subsection (7) above, the relevant local authority—

(a) may, within a period of 3 weeks beginning with the date of the decision of the said children’s hearing appeal to the sheriff against that decision; and

(b) where such an appeal is made shall be heard by the sheriff as to the reasons for the appeal.

(9B) Where the relevant local authority appeals under subsection (1) above, subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5) of section 44 of this Act, shall apply to that appeal as they apply to an appeal under that section'.—(Mr James Wallace.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 78) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 54, line 8, after the word ‘permission’ to insert the words ‘of the other occupiers and’.—(Dr Norman A. Godman.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 176, 177, 79 to 82, 178 to 182, 83 to 86 and 183 to 185) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 186) proposed to the Bill, in page 65, line 14, to leave out from ‘(b)’ to the word ‘any’ in line 15.—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment (No. 187) proposed to the Bill, in page 65, line 17, to leave out from the word ‘Act’ to the word ‘any’ in line 19 and insert the word ‘and (c)’.—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 87, 188, 189, 134 to 136, 190 to 195, 88, 197, 198, 196, 199, 137 to 143, 200, 89, 201 to 205, 208, 206, 90, 91, 209, 210, 144, 92, 146, 147, 93, 148 to 151, 211, 152, 212 to 214, 94, 215, 95, 216 to 218 and 96) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Legal Aid and Advice (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 Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 29th March, be approved—(Mr David Lightbown):—It was agreed to.
12 Legal Aid and Advice (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 Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 29th March, be approved—(Mr David Lightbown): It was agreed to.

13 Legal Aid and Advice (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 Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 29th March, be approved—(Mr David Lightbown): It was agreed to.

14 Legal Aid and Advice (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 Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 29th March, be approved—(Mr David Lightbown): It was agreed to.

15 Health.—Ordered, That Mr Robert Key be discharged from the Health Committee and Mr Richard Spring be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Canvey Island for action to give a more severe sentence to Andrew Osborn, convicted of manslaughter by use of a knife, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom for recognition of, and treatment for sufferers from, illnesses attributable to the Gulf War was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

Monday 1st May 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Coal Industry.—Draft Coal Industry (Restructuring Grants) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

2 Social Security.—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Agriculture.—Moorland (Livestock Extensification) (Wales) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1159), dated 24th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

4 Companies.—Companies Act 1989 Part II (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1163), dated 27th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

5 Food.—Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1143), dated 24th April 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].


(2) London Priority Route (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1130), dated 21st April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

Other Papers:

7 Law Commissions.—Statement made by the Lord Chancellor with regard to the pension provisions of a Commissioner of the Law Commission [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].
8 National Insurance Fund.—Account of the National Insurance Fund for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 404] [Clerk of the House].

Paper withdrawn:

9 Social Security.—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 [laid 26th April].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—(1) Fifteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Resource Accounting and Budgeting in Government]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 407];

(2) Sixteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Privatisation of Northern Ireland Electricity]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 24];

(3) Seventeenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland: Science Service: Research and Development]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 25]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 1st May; to be printed [No. 408-i]
[Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 97.]

Tuesday 2nd May 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fiftieth Anniversary of the End of World War II.—Mr Tony Newton reported to the House, That Her Majesty, having been waited upon, pursuant to the Order of 25th April, humbly to know Her Majesty’s Pleasure when she will be attended by this House, has been pleased to appoint to be attended on Friday 5th May at Twelve noon in Westminster Hall.

2 Perth and Kinross Writ,—Ordered. That the Speaker do issue her 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 Perth and Kinross in the room of Sir Nicholas Hardwick Fairbairn Q.C., deceased. (Mr Timothy Wood.)

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Housing Revenue Account General Fund Contribution Limits (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 188), referred to a Committee on 24th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 410].

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

Human Rights Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate Section 1 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms agreed by the Council of Europe at Rome on 4th November 1950 and the First Protocol to that Convention in the law of the United Kingdom and to provide for the interpretation and application of the law; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to the distribution of the estates of deceased persons and to make provision about the effect of the dissolution or annulment of marriages on wills and appointments of guardians; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision about interest on judgment debts and arbitral awards expressed in a currency other than sterling; to make further provision as to marriages entered into by unmarried persons under a law which permits polygamy; to make provision for choice of law rules in tort and delict; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Agricultural Tenancies Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

7 Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 113].

The Bill stood referred to a second reading committee, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

8 Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords].—The Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 114].

The Bill stood referred to a second reading committee, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

9 Forensic Testing (Road Deaths).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the forensic testing of those alleged to be involved in causing death as a result of road traffic incidents: And that Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Stephen Byers, Dr Michael Clark, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Peter Bottomley, Glenda Jackson, Mr Robert Key, Mr Ken Livingstone and Mr Ian Pearson, do prepare and bring it in.

10 Forensic Testing (Road Deaths) Bill,—Mr Andrew Miller accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the forensic testing of those alleged to be involved in causing death as a result of road traffic incidents: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 112].

11 Adjournment (May).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Sessional Order [19th December], That this House, at its rising on Friday 5th May, do adjourn till Tuesday 9th May.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope): It was agreed to.

12 Atomic Energy Authority Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Atomic Energy Authority Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Atomic Energy Authority Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, New Clauses, amendments relating to Clause No. 1, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 2 to 6, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 7 and 8, Schedule No. 3, Clause No. 9, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 10 to 14, and New Schedules.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

A Clause (Access to Police National Computer)—(Mr Harry Cohen)—was brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 2, 24 and 3 to 5) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 9, at the end to insert the words—

'(1A) No direction under subsection (1) above shall be given unless a draft of such a direction has been laid before both Houses of Parliament and approved by members of each House.'.—(Mr Robert Jackson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr Joe Benton: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 266.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 7, at the end to insert the words—

'(7) The Secretary of State shall seek to ensure that any disposal of securities issued to him under sub-paragraph (1) above shall be in such a manner as to prevent more than one half of those securities passing to any person or persons who, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, are wholly based outside the United Kingdom.'.—(Dr Lewis Moone.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Other Amendments (Nos. 6 to 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 22, after the word 'scheme', to insert the words 'or other transfer of an undertaking'.—(Dr Lewis Moonie.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 35, to leave out the words 'taken as a whole'.—(Dr Lewis Moonie.)

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 Simon Burns, Mr David Willetts: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Stephen Byers: 246.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

13 Civil Aviation,—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 Civil Aviation Authority (Borrowing Powers) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 30th March, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell): It was agreed to.

14 Enlargement of the European Union,—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 unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 13th December 1994, relating to the accession of new members to the European Union; and welcomes the fact that agreement was reached on these adjustments enabling Austria, Finland and Sweden to accede to the European Union on 1st January 1995—(Mr Andrew Mitchell): It was agreed to.

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes to Eight o'clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 7.48 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 2nd May 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Health and Safety,—Electrical Equipment for Explosive Atmospheres (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1186), dated 1st May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

2 Highways,—Street Works (Registers, Notices, Directions and Designations) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1154), dated 25th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

3 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Building Societies) (Dividends and Interest) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1184), and

(2) Lloyd's Underwriters (Special Reserve Funds) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1185),

dated 2nd May 1995 [by Act] [Sir George Young].


Other Papers:

6 Common Services Agency,—Scottish Office Minute, dated 2nd May 1995, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the sale of the Building Division of the Common Services Agency for the National Health Service in Scotland to W. S. Atkins Limited [by Command] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7 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 Argentina [by Act] [Mr Anthony Nelson].

8 Isle of Man,—Account of Her Majesty’s Commissioners of Customs and Excise with the Government of the Isle of Man for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

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

(1) Berkshire County Council [31st January] and residents of Berkshire [21st March] against the final recommendation of the Local Government Commission in relation to Berkshire, and

(2) residents of Heywood against planning approval for proposed works at Gort Sandpit and Wilderness Quarry [8th March]

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—First Report from the Deregulation Committee [Consideration of Deregulation Proposals and Draft Orders: The Government’s Reply to the First Special Report from the Committee; and the Committee’s observations on the Deregulation (Greyhound Racing) Order 1995]; to be printed [No. 409] [Mr Barry Field].

2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 2nd May; to be printed [No. 411-i] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Eighteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-xviii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr John Maxton an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill in place of Mr Michael J. Martin.

[No. 98.]

Wednesday 3rd May 1995.

The House met at Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Bowen Wells);

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Private Bills (Standing Order not previously inquired into complied with),—The 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 after the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:

Saint Paul’s Churchyard Bill.

Bill committed.
3 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].—The Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

4 Birmingham Assay Office 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 Assay Office 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.

5 Malvern Hills 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 Malvern Hills 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.

6 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

7 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr Peter Luff reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills to which the Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords] and the Shipping and Trading Interests (Protection) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That it had gone through the Bills, and had made amendments to the first of them; 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 3rd May.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 414–I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 414–II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 414–II].

8 Selection (see Appendix II).

9 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

10 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr John Maxton reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 890).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 412].

11 Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 116].

12 Coercion in Family Planning (Prohibition),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it unlawful for any Minister or Crown servant to assist any programme which involves forced abortion, forced sterilisation or coercive family planning: And that Mr David Amess, Mr Michael Alison, Mr David Alton, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Derek Enright, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Dame Jill Knight, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Lady Olga Maitland, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock and Mrs Ann Winterton do prepare and bring it in.

13 Coercion in Family Planning (Prohibition) Bill.—Mr David Amess accordingly presented a Bill to make it unlawful for any Minister or Crown servant to assist any programme which involves forced abortion, forced sterilisation or coercive family planning: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 115].

14 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr Liam Fox); The Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Bates.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes to Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 9.55 p.m.]
APPENDIX I
Wednesday 3rd May 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Education,—Education (London Residuary Body) (Property Transfer) (Modification and Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1202), dated 1st May 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

   (2) Income Tax (Interest Relief) (Housing Associations) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1212), and
   dated 2nd May 1995 [by Act] [Sir George Young].

4 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1200), dated 1st May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].


Other Papers:

6 Defence,—Statement on the Defence Estimates 1995: Stable Forces in a Strong Britain [by Command] [Cm. 2800] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health on 2nd May 1995 on borrowing by—
   (1) Canterbury and Thanet Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (2) Lifecare National Health Service Trust, and
   (3) North Tees Health National Health Service Trust,
   [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

8 National Health Service (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 1st May 1995 on borrowing by Central Scotland Healthcare National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Department of Trade and Industry (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Matthew Banks, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Simon Burns, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Michael Carttiss, Mrs Judith Church, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Jonathan Evans, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr James Pawsey, Mr Barry Porter, Mr Michael Stephen and Mr Michael Stern.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr William Cash, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr David Faber, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Andrew MacKay, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Robert Parry, Mr John Patten, Mr Peter Thurnham, Mr A. Cecil Walker, Mr David Wilshire and Mr Tony Worthington.
Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Income Support (Amendments) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Rupert Allason, Mr David Amess, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Ann Coffey, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Roger Evans, Mr Harry Greenway, Sir Archibald Hamilton, Sir Peter Hordern, Jane Kennedy, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Paul Marland, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr David Rendel and Mr Terry Rooney.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 3rd May; to be printed [Nos. 246-viii and -ix] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 European Legislation.—Fourteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-xiv] [Mr Robert Hicks].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 3rd May; to be printed [No. 413-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

4 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 3rd May; to be printed [No. 383-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 3rd May; to be printed [No. 395-ii] [Mr Clive Soley].

6 Public Accounts.—(1) Eighteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [National Health Service Day Hospitals for Elderly People in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 95];

(2) Nineteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Department for National Heritage: Appropriation Accounts 1993-94, Class XI, Vote 2: Arts Fraud on the Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme]; 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. 200]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 3rd May; to be printed [No. 415-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

7 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 3rd May; to be printed [No. 293-iv] [Mr William McKelvey].

8 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 3rd May; to be printed [No. 352-iv] [Mr Paul Channon].

9 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 3rd May; to be printed [No. 332-v] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the draft Department of Trade and Industry (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(2) the draft Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(3) the Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Income Support (Amendments) Regulations 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Alan Haselhurst Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Department of Trade and Industry (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995;
(2) Sir David Knox Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;

(3) Sir John Hunt Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Income Support (Amendments) Regulations 1995; and

(4) Mr Roger Sims Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 10589/94 and 4674/95, relating to telecommunications.

3 Public Bills (Scotland).—In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 94E (Scottish Grand Committee (bills in relation to their principle)), the Speaker certified that, in her opinion, the provisions of the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

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

(1) European Community Document Nos. 6155/95, relating to the production of peaches and nectarines, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Documents Nos. 6612/94, relating to environmental impact and assessments, COM(95)73, relating to relations with Japan, and 5928/95, relating to industrial co-operation with Central and Eastern Europe, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 28th April 1995, relating to telecommunications, to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 99.]

Thursday 4th May 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

    Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 11th May.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

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

    Crown Agents Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the vesting of the property, rights and liabilities of the Crown Agents in a company nominated by the Secretary of State, and for the subsequent dissolution of the Crown Agents; and for connected purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

4 Health Authorities Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Health Authorities Bill to be considered tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 117].

5 Crown Agents Bill [Lords].—The Crown Agents Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 118].

6 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr Liam Fox);

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

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

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

    [Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Thursday 4th May 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Building Societies,—(1) Building Societies (Designation of Qualifying Bodies) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1188), dated 2nd May 1995, and
   [by Act] [Mr Anthony Nelson].


5 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1157), dated 27th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].


[No. 100.]

Friday 5th May 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment,—The Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, till Tuesday 9th May pursuant to Order [28th April] and Resolution [2nd May].

[Adjourned at 9.34 a.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1
Fiftieth Anniversary of the End of World War II.—The Speaker reported that the House had on Friday 5th May attended Her Majesty in Westminster Hall with an Address; in reply to which Her Majesty was pleased to make a Most Gracious Speech; and directed that her own words in presenting the Address and Her Majesty's Speech in reply be entered in the Journal.

The Speaker presented the Address to Her Majesty in the following words:

May it please Your Majesty:

In presenting this address from your loyal House of Commons, it is entirely appropriate that this commemoration should take place in Westminster Hall.

For it is here, in this great hall, under its hammer beams, that for nine hundred years the pageant of much of our country's history has taken place.

It was here, fifty-four years ago, on the night the Chamber of the House of Commons was destroyed, that this Hall suffered great damage from enemy bombs.

But the Hall was restored and our Chamber was rebuilt—and they stand today, at this time of commemoration, as symbols of our continuing democracy which did not falter during the years of conflict.

For, as Churchill said when he proclaimed victory in Europe just 50 years ago:

"The strength of our Parliamentary institution has been shown to enable it at the same moment to preserve all the title-deeds of democracy—while waging war in the most stern and protracted form".

What were our thoughts as he spoke those words? You and I, Your Majesty, are almost of the same generation. We knew the hopes and fears of a people at war. We heard the bombs, we saw their results. And I suggest, with respect, that we must both have been suffused with the same feeling of exhilaration on that day in 1945.

Alongside were two other feelings. One was that the war was not yet over. There was still the Far East. Our forces there had called themselves "The Forgotten Army". That description was never correct. It is certainly not true now. We shall never forget them. We shall never forget the joy when that war ended too. Today we celebrate that victory also.

But, secondly there was sadness for all of those who were not alive to celebrate victory with their families and friends. It was they who paid the price for victory. We honour their sacrifice and acknowledge the suffering and the courage of the families they left behind.

Today we remember especially those Members of the House of Commons and of the staff who gave their lives. Our Book of Remembrance will be brought here ceremonially as part of this commemoration.

Today, when some contemporary writers are busy with their versions of history, I am more than ever certain of one thing. It was a war worth fighting. It was a war worth winning.

The price was high. But the consequences of defeat would have been incalculable.

One thing we know. Our democratic institutions would have been destroyed, Parliament as we know it would not have survived. But now we give thanks to all who enabled us to meet here, in this famous Hall, in freedom.

We are in the company of many who fought in our armed forces:

—The men of the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Army and the Royal Air Force.

—The women's forces—the WRNS, the ATS and the WAAF.

—The men and women of the auxiliary forces; and the Home Guard.

All wear their medals with pride today.

But there are others to whom we also owe a debt. We remember the bravery of the Merchant Navy. We salute the non-military veterans who contributed to victory in so many ways at home—the police, the fire services, the air raid wardens, the doctors and nurses, the Women's Voluntary Service, the Land Girls, the Bevin Boys and many, many more. At that time they were described collectively as the Home Front. Never was there a more apt description. We do not forget the debt we owe to them.
We remember the civilians too—those who may have seemed outside the actual war effort. But their resolution, their sacrifices, played their part. This was a war in which anybody could be in the front line at the moment the bombers and missiles arrived. Many who never wore a uniform gave their lives. Truly victory was a national achievement. It was a victory inspired by the example of the monarch. His late Majesty King George VI and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother shared their people’s hardships, their fears and their suffering. We remember their role with gratitude and loyal affection.

So today, Your Majesty, Parliament and people commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the war. We do so in a spirit of pride in our past, with gratitude to those who made victory possible, in memory of those who gave their lives, with confidence in our country’s democratic future, and in its influence for good which we seek to foster throughout the world.

Her Majesty’s most gracious reply was as follows:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the loyal Addresses which, on your behalf, the Lord Chancellor and Madam Speaker have presented to me.

I am delighted to join with both Houses of Parliament in giving heartfelt thanks as we approach the anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe. Together we thank God for the victorious end to that titanic struggle of fifty years ago.

The years of the Second World War formed my youth. I remember my father and mother telling us at home of the courage and unity of purpose they encountered on all sides during their wartime travels, and of the overwhelming sense that we were all united in a common resolve. These memories have remained with me all my life.

In making these national acts of thanksgiving this weekend, and again in August when we commemorate the end of the war in the Far East, we must remember especially those who did not come back. It is to their courage and heroic sacrifice that we owe our celebrations today. Let us therefore offer a prayer, for them and for the countless victims of Nazi persecution, in those ancient words used by Benjamin Britten in his War Requiem:

“Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them.”

praying also for their wives, husbands and families whose vigils ended in heartbreaking loss and loneliness.

We salute with pride the valour of our armed forces who brought us to victory; we remember the dark days of the Battle of Britain, when the pilots of the Royal Air Force fought in our skies to protect us from invasion: we remember when we stood alone in Europe—saved from starvation by the valour of the Royal Navy and of the Merchant Service in the Battle of the Atlantic. And we remember the better and brighter days later in the war when our armies, reinvigorated and rearmed after the retreat from Dunkirk, were able to go on the offensive, first in North Africa, later in the Far East and finally in the triumphant invasion of Europe.

As Head of the Commonwealth, I want to pay special tribute to the countries of the Commonwealth who, from the onset of war, were by our side. No law passed here at Westminster, no command from London, compelled the Dominions to help us from across the oceans—but help us they did. Their staunch and unfailing support with troops, arms and material was vital in the conflicts in Europe and in the Far East. Later, we were joined by the colossal power of the United States of America, and Russia. And so the mighty alliance was formed which brought us inexorably to that day we are commemorating here.

But, as we know, it was not only the armed services who risked their lives; the civilian population as well, in these islands and abroad, played their essential part, and to them, too, we pay tribute. Indeed, we salute all those, especially those in the occupied countries, who, from the very beginning, refused to accept defeat.

Lord Chancellor and Madam Speaker, I was moved by your references to my parents. Despite all their other preoccupations, they took the closest interest when I joined the ATS towards the end of the war. There, I learned a little about driving and the workings of the combustion engine, and much about the strength and happiness of comradeship. I have never forgotten either lesson—even the former still stands me in good stead from time to time!

At the end of the war, my father said:

“Let us think what it was that has upheld us through nearly six years of suffering and peril. The knowledge that everything was at stake; our freedom, our independence, our very existence as a people, the knowledge also that in defending ourselves we were defending the liberties of the whole world”.

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We knew then that we would have failed, that the labour and the wounds would have been in vain, had our victory, won at the cost of so many precious lives, not led to lasting peace.

But we did not fail. Although we have seen armed conflict, we have been blessed by fifty years without the scourge of a world war. We have also witnessed in this last half century a long period of unarmed conflict between the democratic countries of the West and those ruled by totalitarian regimes. It gave rise to the continuing alliance of the Western powers, united in NATO, to preserve together those principles of freedom and democracy which had sustained us during the war. In these last years that cold war has ended, and that too, is surely cause for thanksgiving.

Today, the development of the European Union has rendered the possibility of a major war in Europe even more remote. But, in spite of these mercies, there are in our world troubles and challenges enough to daunt the bravest spirit.

We must not falter, hard though the going may sometimes be. Let us pledge that the sacrifices made in the war which ended fifty years ago should, under the providence of Almighty God, achieve all that they deserved—a lasting peace, founded on justice, freedom and Parliamentary government. In this ancient Hall, scene of so many great events in our history, I join with you in Parliament assembled in saying, in the words of the Psalm:

'The Lord will give strength unto his people; The Lord will give his people the blessing of peace.'
And the Motion having been made at Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for
half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to
the Standing Order, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX 1

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 Canada (No. 1, 1995).—Letters exchanged at Ottawa on 11th and 18th October 1994,
between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of Canada concerning consolidated arrangements on social security
[Cm. 2859] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned date during the
adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Friday 5th May 1995

2 Building Societies,—Building Societies (Aggregation) (Amendment) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995,
No. 1187), dated 3rd May 1995 [Mr Anthony Nelson].

3 Local Government,—Local Government Act 1988 (Defined Activities) (Exemption)
[Mr Secretary Gummer].

1164), dated 1st May 1995 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

5 Road Traffic,—Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995,
No. 1218), dated 4th May 1995 [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 9th May 1995:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Consumer Credit,—Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I.,
1995, No. 1250), dated 4th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

7 Education,—(1) Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995,
No. 1241), dated 3rd May 1995, and
1240), dated 26th April 1995
[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

8 Gas,—The Gas (Meters) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1251), dated 5th
May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

9 National Health Service,—(1) Glan Hafren National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust
Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1232),
(2) Powys Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property)
Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1233), and
(3) South and East Wales Ambulance National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust
Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1234),
dated 4th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

10 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations
1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1201), dated 1st May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

11 Social Security,—Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Amendment
Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1229), dated 4th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
Lilley].

12 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Pipe-lines (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1239),
dated 5th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].
Other Papers:

13 Defence (Royal Air Force),—Amendment List No. 20 to the Major Revision 1985 to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

14 Deregulation,—Proposal by the Treasury under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Building Societies) Order 1995, together with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

15 Development of Tourism,—Statement of determination of salaries on reappointment of the Chairman and a member of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

16 Insolvency,—Report of the Insolvency Service for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

17 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: Management of Capital Works Programme [by Act]; to be printed [No. 417] [Clerk of the House].

18 Nuclear Power,—Paper, entitled the Prospects for Nuclear Power in the UK: Conclusions of the Government's Nuclear Review [by Command] [Cm. 2860] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

19 Public Petitions,—Observations by—
   (1) the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petitions—
      (i) from residents of Rutland against the recommendation of the Local Government Commission that Rutland become a unitary authority [3rd March], and
      (ii) from Panshanger Community Action Group of Welwyn Garden City for refusal of a licence for the proposed chemical machinery process at TKR International Ltd [14th March], and
   (2) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [20th March] from Churches Together in Golders Green in support of intergovernmental peace talks in East Africa
      [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

20 Social Security,—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee and a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Amendment Regulations 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 2858] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 9th May; to be printed [No. 133iii] [Mr Greville Janner].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Nineteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8—xix] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 102.]

Wednesday 10th May 1995.

The House met at Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed. That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope);
   And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
5 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir John Hunt reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Income Support (Amendments) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 625), referred to a Committee on 24th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 427].

6 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Roger Sims reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 10589/94 and 4674/95, relating to the liberalisation of telecommunications infrastructure, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 28th April 1995, relating to a future regulatory framework for telecommunications, and supports the Government's view that competition in the provision of telecoms services and infrastructure is essential to guarantee the widespread availability of affordable high quality telecoms within the European Community.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

7 Prisons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Prison (Amendment) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 983) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates): It was agreed to.

8 War Widows and Pensioners (Equal Treatment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to end discrimination and to review the effect of differential treatment of war disablement and war widows' pensions; to bring forward the means for equal treatment; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Simon Hughes, Mr James Molyneaux, Mr Alfred Morris, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Dafydd Wigley, Mr Churchill, Mr David Alton, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Nicholas Winterton, Mr Andrew Mackinlay and Diana Maddock do prepare and bring it in.

9 War Widows and Pensioners (Equal Treatment) Bill,—Mr Simon Hughes accordingly presented a Bill to end discrimination and to review the effect of differential treatment of war disablement and war widows' pensions; to bring forward the means for equal treatment; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 120].

10 Opposition day [11th allotted day],—It being a 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 in London,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the public's concern over the closure of accident and emergency facilities in London, the reduction in numbers of intensive care, general medical and surgical beds, and the now widely-challenged assumptions that underpin the Tomlinson Report; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health to halt the withdrawal of hospital services and to moderate the pace of change in the NHS across London with particular reference to St. Bartholomew's, Edgware, Guy's and Brook hospitals and to refrain from allowing any further bed losses or service withdrawals, until she has re-examined the case for change and reported her conclusions to this House—(Margaret Beckett);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'noting that the problems of London's health service have been the subject of at least twenty reports in the last eighty years, all of which have come to broadly similar conclusions, believes that a better service for patients lies in implementing decisions and not a further review; commends the Government for its record in investing in modern hospitals, first class specialist centres and primary care and for its determination to take necessary decisions in the long term interest of the capital's health service and the people of London; and calls on the Government to ensure that the decisions are now carefully carried forward taking due account of concerns that they should be properly paced so that patients continue to benefit from new and better services before old ones close', instead thereof. (Mrs Secretary Bottomley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Jim Dowd: 308.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 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 Sydney Chapman, Dr Liam Fox: 319.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Jim Dowd: 302.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House, noting that the problems of London's health service have been the subject of at least twenty reports in the last eighty years, all of which have come to broadly similar conclusions, believes that a better service for patients lies in implementing decisions and not a further review; commends the Government for its record in investing in modern hospitals, first class specialist centres and primary care and for its determination to take necessary decisions in the long term interest of the capital's health service and the people of London; and calls on the Government to ensure that the decisions are now carefully carried forward taking due account of concerns that they should be properly paced so that patients continue to benefit from new and better services before old ones close.

11 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 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 890), dated 23rd March 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 28th March, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.2 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 10th May 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Financial Services,—(1) Draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Investment Advertisements) (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1995, and

(2) draft Public Offers of Securities Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Anthony Nelson].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1210), dated 28th April 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].


7 Sea Fisheries,—(1) Calshot Oyster Fishery (Variation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1258), and

(2) Stanswood Bay Oyster Fishery (Variation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1257), dated 9th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].
8 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the University of Cambridge on 19th January 1995, amending the statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

9 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Cars) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1269), and
(2) Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1268), dated 10th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Other Papers:

10 Census of Production,—Report on the Census of Production, 1992: Summary Volume [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

11 Dangerous Drugs,—Paper, entitled Tackling Drugs Together: a Strategy for England 1995–98 [by Command] [Cm. 2846] [Mr Tony Newton].

12 Deregulation,—List of individuals and organisations who were consulted on the proposals contained in the draft Deregulation (Greyhound Racing) Order [by Command] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

13 Law Reform (Scotland),—Report of the Scottish Legal Services Ombudsman for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 377] [Mr Secretary Lang].

14 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health on 3rd May 1995 on borrowing by—
(1) Aintree Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(2) Darlington Memorial Hospital National Health Service Trust,
(3) Hartlepool Community Care National Health Service Trust,
(4) Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(5) Northallerton Health Services National Health Service Trust,
(6) Phoenix National Health Service Trust,
(7) Pinderfields Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(8) Severn National Health Service Trust, and
(9) St. James’s and Seacroft University Hospital National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

15 Pensions,—Report by the Occupational Pensions Board on the Occupational Pension Schemes (Equal Access to Membership) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1215), preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 2855] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

16 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute, dated 10th May 1995, on the Fifth and Sixth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1994–95 [by Command] [Cm. 2832] [Sir George Young].

17 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on the Petition [23rd January] from residents of Castle Point for the early release from prison of Private Lee Clegg, a change in the law, and a pardon for Private Clegg [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

18 Treaty Series (No. 33, 1995),—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. 2833] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Charities (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr James Clappison, Mr Derek Enright, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Jerry Hayes, Mr John Hutton, Helen Jackson, Mr David Lidington, Sir Peter Lloyd, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Stuart Randall, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Tim Smith, Mr Ray Whitney and Mr Dafydd Wigley.
2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Contracting Out (Functions of the Official Receiver) Order 1995, viz.: Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Jonathan Evans, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Mark Robinson, Sir James Spicer and Mr John Townend.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Prison (Amendment) Rules 1995 viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Hartley Booth, Mr Jamie Cann, Jean Corston, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Michael Forsyth, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr George Howarth, Mr John Hutton, Mr Max Madden, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Gary Streeter, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Gary Waller and Mr John Whittingdale.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 10th May; to be printed [Nos. 391-ii and -iii] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Replies to the Third and Fourth Reports from the Committee, Session 1994-95]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 10th May;
to be printed [Nos. 425 and 426-i] [Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

3 Education,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 10th May; to be printed [No. 421] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 10th May; to be printed [Nos. 366-iv and 246-x] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 European Legislation,—Fifteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-xv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 10th May; to be printed [No. 424-i] [Mr David Howell].

7 Home Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Home Affairs Committee [The Private Security Industry], 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. 17];

(2) Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Murder: the Year and a Day Rule]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 428]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee; some ordered to be printed [No. 214-II]

[Sir Ivan Lawrence].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 10th May; to be printed [No. 395-iii] [Mr Clive Soley].

9 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 10th May; to be printed [No. 423-i] [Mr James Pawsey].

10 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 10th May; to be printed [No. 382-ii] [Mr Frank Field].

11 Trade and Industry,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 10th May; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee;
to be printed [Nos. 374-iii and 249-11] [Mr Richard Caborn].
MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated—
   (1) the draft Contracting Out (Functions of the Official Receiver) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
   (2) the Prison (Amendment) Rules 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—
   (1) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c, in respect of the draft Contracting Out (Functions of the Official Receiver) Order 1995;
   (2) Sir John Hunt Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c, in respect of the Prison (Amendment) Rules 1995;
   (3) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of a substantive Motion for the adjournment (The financial and economic implications of independence for Scotland); and
   (4) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 4523/95, relating to energy policy.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 5489/95, relating to reform of the cotton regime, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

Thursday 11th May 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;
   Ordered. That the Bill be considered on Thursday 18th May.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

   Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, Intituled, An Act to make provision for certain mentally disordered patients in England and Wales to receive after-care under supervision after leaving hospital; to provide for the making of community care orders in the case of certain mentally disordered patients in Scotland; to amend the law relating to mentally disordered patients absent without leave or on leave of absence from hospital; and for connected purposes; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords].—The Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 15th May and to be printed [Bill 122].

6 Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill,—Mr Secretary Howard, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Jonathan Aitken, Mr Attorney General, Mrs Secretary Bottomley, Mr Secretary Lilley, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Secretary Redwood and Mr David Maclean, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a scheme for compensation for criminal injuries; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 15th May and to be printed [Bill 121].
7 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr Liam Fox);

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

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr Simon Burns.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Nine o’clock, adjourned till Monday 15th May, pursuant to Order [13th January].

[Adjourned at 8.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 11th May 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Employment,—Draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Education (Scotland),—Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1271), dated 9th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Pensions,—Superannuation (Admission to the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1293), dated 10th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Hunt].

5 Prisons,—(1) Local Review Committee (Scotland) Revocation Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1272), and

(2) Parole Board (Scotland) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1273),

dated 9th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1280), dated 11th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Other Papers:

7 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 2849] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 Dartford-Thurrock Crossing,—Report and Accounts of Dartford River Crossing Limited for the period 1st October 1993 to 30th September 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

9 Standards in Public Life,—First Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, Volumes I and II [by Command] [Cm. 2850-I and -II] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 11th May; to be printed [Nos. 302-ii and 429-i] [Mrs Marion Roe].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr Michael J. Martin an additional Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of a substantive Motion for the adjournment (The financial and economic implications of independence for Scotland).
PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).
3 Gas Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Gas Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Compensation for damage or loss caused by public gas suppliers)—(Mr Peter Thurnham)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Matters to be taken into account by Director in exercising powers to control gas prices)—(Mr Nigel 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 Joe Benton, Mr Peter Mandelson: 234.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Simon Burns: 271.

Another Clause (Duty of Gas Consumers' Council to monitor effects on consumers of provisions of the Gas Act 1995)—(Mr Martin O'Neill)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Duty of Director to consult on exercise of his functions)—(Mr Martin O'Neill)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Duty of Secretary of State and Director to consult with Health and Safety Executive on safety qualifications of gas contractors)—(Mr Nigel Griffiths)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 45) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 19, at the end, to insert the words

'(2A) The Director, in performing his duty under subsection (2)(c) above shall—

(a) have regard to official estimates of the amount of discovered and recoverable reserves of gas, from onshore and on the United Kingdom Continental Shelf;

(b) have regard to the target reductions in carbon dioxide emissions agreed at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro in June 1992;

(c) in conjunction with the Secretary of State, support an energy savings trust for the promotion and monitoring of energy efficiency'.—(Mr Martin O'Neill.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2A) In the period before the relevant date the Director shall:

(a) monitor the effect of the granting of a licence under subsections (3) to (5) below on such persons as in his opinion are appropriate; and

(b) consult such persons and organisations as appear to him to represent the interests of persons affected by the granting of a licence under those subsections, and such other persons as he considers appropriate, on the effects of granting such a licence.
(2B) No licence shall be granted under section 7A(1)(a) of the 1986 Act (other than by virtue of subsections (3) to (5) below) until the Secretary of State has laid a report before both Houses of Parliament indicating—

(i) the results of the monitoring and responses to the consultation referred to in subsection (2A) above;

(ii) the effect, in his opinion and in the opinion of the Director, of the granting of licences under subsections (3) to (5) below and Schedule 5 to this Act in the period before the relevant date; and

(iii) the reasons why, in his opinion, it is in the interests of all persons affected that licences under section 7A(1)(a) of the 1986 Act should be granted'.—(Mr Martin O'Neill.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Dr Liam Fox: 269.

It being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered to-morrow.

4 Legal Services,—Resolved, That the draft Conditional Fee Agreements Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 20th April, be approved.—(Mr John M. Taylor.)

5 Legal Services,—Resolved, That the draft Conditional Fee Agreements Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 20th April, be approved.—(Mr John M. Taylor.)

6 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Wakefield against the proposed Job Seekers' Allowance was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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 I

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 12th May 1995 pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 32, 1995),—Agreement, done at Hanoi on 9th April 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains with exchange of notes [by Command] [Cm. 2848] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 12th May 1995 pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Employments) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1284), dated 12th May 1995, and


[Sir George Young].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 15th May 1995:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 National Health Service,—(1) BHB Community Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1246),

(2) Dewsbury Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1249),

(3) Haringey Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1247),
(4) Havering Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1245),

(5) Mancunian Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1243),

(6) North East Worcestershire Community Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1242),

(7) South Durham Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1248), and


Other Papers:

4 British Waterways Board,—Statement of determination of the remuneration and allowances of new members of the British Waterways Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5 Crown Agents,—Report and Accounts for Oversea Governments and Administrations for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

6 European Union,—Report, adopted by the EU's Foreign Ministers at their meeting in Luxembourg on 10th April 1995, by the Council of Ministers on the functioning of the Treaty on European Union [by Command] [Cm. 2866] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 5th May 1995 on borrowing by Newham Community Health Services National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—(1) Twentieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [HM Customs and Excise: Account Matters]; 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. 207];

(2) Twenty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Financial Health of Higher Education Institutions in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 139]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 15th May; to be printed [No. 434-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 332-vii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 105.]

Tuesday 16th May 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Medical (Professional Performance) Bill,—Mr Barry Jones reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Medical (Professional Performance) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 438].

4 Employment of Illegal Immigrants,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it unlawful to employ an illegal immigrant; and for connected purposes—(Mr Nigel Waterson);
And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the 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 Nick Hawkins, Mr John Sykes: 74.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 65.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Nigel Waterson, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mrs Angela Knight, Mr John Marshall, Mr John Sykes, Mr Harold Elletson, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr David Shaw, Mr James Clappison, Mr Charles Hendry and Dr Robert Spink do prepare and bring in the Bill.

5 Employment of Illegal Immigrants Bill,—Mr Nigel Waterson accordingly presented a Bill to make it unlawful to employ an illegal immigrant; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 123].

6 Adjournment (Spring).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That this House, at its rising on Thursday 25th May, do adjourn till Tuesday 6th June—(Mr Michael Bates).—It was agreed to.

7 Gas Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Gas Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 41, at the end, to insert the words—

'(3) Standard conditions for gas suppliers shall include a duty on licence holders to take account of the needs of low income customers in laying down methods of payment and procedures regarding debt and disconnection.'—(Mr Nigel Griffiths.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 55, 56, 15, 57 to 64, 16, 65 to 68 and 17 to 23) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 88) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, line 44, at the end, to insert the words—

'Duties of relevant gas shipper or supplier in relation to gas fittings

23.(1) It shall be the duty of any relevant gas shipper or supplier to make arrangements for the supply of spare parts for, or replacements of, any gas fitting or appliance of a type approved under Regulations made under this Act or under any other enactment.

(2) The Secretary of State shall—

(a) make Regulations specifying the nature and extent of the obligations imposed by subsection (1) above upon relevant gas shippers or suppliers; and

(b) monitor the carrying out of those obligations, which may be modified or added to in further Regulations.

(3) Regulations made under subsection (2) above shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a Resolution of either House of Parliament'.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 69, 70, 24 to 28, 71, 4 to 8, 29, 9, 10, 72, 11, 12, 30, 73 to 76, 31, 32 and 77) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 40) proposed to the Bill, in page 68, line 19, to leave out from the word 'register' to the end line 22 and insert the words 'and

(b) subject to that and to the provisions of any contract entered into before the passing of this Act shall be binding on all persons' instead thereof.—(Sir John Hannam.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 13, 78 to 80, 33 to 39, 14 and 81 to 87) 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 Timothy Wood: 297.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Joe Benton: 228.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

8 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 Trade and Industry (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

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 Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

10 Telecommunications Infrastructure,—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. 10589/94 and 4674/95, relating to the liberalisation of telecommunications infrastructure, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 28th April 1995, relating to a future regulatory framework for telecommunications, and supports the Government’s view that competition in the provision of telecoms services and infrastructure is essential to guarantee the widespread availability of affordable high quality telecoms within the European Community—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Nine o’clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 9.24 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 16th May 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Armagh Observatory and Planetarium (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, and
(2) draft Arts Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1995
[by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Other Papers:

2 Development of Tourism,—Statement of determination of salaries of chairmen and members of the British Tourist Board and the English Tourist Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

3 Disclosure,—Paper, entitled Disclosure: a consultation document [by Command] [Cm. 2864] [Mr Secretary Howard].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Government Observations on the First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1994-95, on the monitoring of the European Community aid programme [by Command] [Cm. 2870] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

5 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Report and Accounts of the Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 406] [Mr Secretary Redwood].
6 Public Petitions,—Observations on the Petition [21st March] from governors of Pentrehafod School, Swansea and others for completion of the school’s facilities [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Deregulation Committee on 16th May; to be printed [No. 437-i] [Mr Barry Field].

2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 16th May; to be printed [No. 31-v] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Twentieth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-xx] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 16th May; to be printed [No. 435-i] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 106.]

Wednesday 17th May 1995.

The House met at Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed. That this House do now adjourn—(Mr David Lightbown); And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Death of a Member,—The Speaker made the following communication to the House: I regret to have to report to the House the death of Geoffrey Kenneth Dickens, Esquire, Member for Littleborough and Saddleworth. I am sure that Members on all sides of the House will join me in mourning the loss of a colleague and in extending our sympathy to the honourable Member’s family and friends.

3 Birmingham Assay Office Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Birmingham Assay Office Bill, as amended in the Committee.

    Bill to be read the third time.

4 Malvern Hills Bill [Lords].,—The House proceeded to consider the Malvern Hills Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

    Bill to be read the third time.

5 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

6 Accommodation Level Crossings 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 Accommodation Level Crossings 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.

7 Queen Mary and Westfield College 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 Queen Mary and Westfield College 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.

8 Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr Peter Ainsworth reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills to which the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and had made
Amendments thereunto; and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make
to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on
17th May.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 445-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 445-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 445-II].

9 Selection (see Appendix II).

10 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

11 Town and Country Planning (Costs of Enquiries etc.) Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from
Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Town and Country Planning (Costs
of Enquiries etc.) 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. 449].

12 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Patrick Thompson
reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 447].

13 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir John Hunt reported from the
Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Prison (Amendment)
Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 983), referred to a Committee on 10th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 444].

14 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. 4523/95,
relating to European Union energy policy, and supports the Government's view that,
while welcoming the consultation process, the Community should focus its efforts on
completing the single market.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

15 Commonhold,—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to introduce a system of
commonhold property tenure; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Dudley
Fishburn, Mr Peter Brooke, Mr Michael Jopling, Sir Nicholas Scott, Mr Matthew
Carrington, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Gyles Brandreth and Mr Nick
Raynsford do prepare and bring it in.

16 Commonhold Bill,—Mr Dudley Fishburn accordingly presented a Bill to introduce a system
of commonhold property tenure; and for connected purposes: And the same was read
the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed
[Bill 124].

17 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.

Rail Services under Privatisation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That this House, noting that the threat of rail privatisation is leading to a blight
of investment, lowered reliability and punctuality of services, and higher public subsidies
to private operators, calls on the Government to improve and increase investment in a
publicly owned and publicly accountable rail system which best serves the public interest
and the needs of the British economy—(Mr Michael Meacher);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word
‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘applauds the record levels of
investment in the railways in recent years, including more than £6 billion over the last five
years; notes that since nationalisation, despite investment of more than £54 billion in the
railways, the proportion of travel undertaken by train has steadily decreased; believes that
the railways will be better placed to offer an improved service in the private sector;
welcomes recent announcements by the Franchising Director, which represent significant
milestones on the path to a privatised railway; supports the new rail fares regime, which
will see ticket prices regulated on every line in the country and will produce real fare
reductions; believes that the Franchising Director’s announcement struck a proper
balance between the interests of the passenger and train operators; and condemns the
continued failure of Her Majesty’s Opposition to offer any policy to stem the relative
decline in railway use’, instead thereof.-(Mr Secretary Mawhinney.)
And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 255.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr Michael Bates: 279.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House applauds the record levels of investment in the railways in recent years, including more than £6 billion over the last five years; notes that since nationalisation, despite investment of more than £54 billion in the railways, the proportion of travel undertaken by train has steadily decreased; believes that the railways will be better placed to offer an improved service in the private sector; welcomes recent announcements by the Franchising Director, which represent significant milestones on the path to a privatised railway; supports the new rail fares regime, which will see ticket prices regulated on every line in the country and will produce real fare reductions; believes that the Franchising Director’s announcement struck a proper balance between the interests of the passenger and train operators; and condemns the continued failure of Her Majesty’s Opposition to offer any policy to stem the relative decline in railway use.

Privatisation of the Nuclear Power Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the privatisation of the nuclear power industry is unwanted and unnecessary and is not based on an assessment of Britain’s long-term energy needs or industrial strategy but is a cynical, short-term move designed to raise money for tax cuts before the next General Election; further believes that taxpayers will be left with the bill for the decommissioning of the Magnox stations and for the management of the nuclear waste that accrues, that nuclear privatisation will do nothing to promote the interests of consumers, and that claims of guarantees on distinct identities for Scottish Nuclear and Nuclear Electric are worthless; and calls on Her Majesty’s Government to abandon immediately its plans to privatise the nuclear power industry—(Mr George Robertson);

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 outcome of the Government’s Nuclear Review; applauds the improvements in performance by the nuclear generators since the privatisation of the rest of the electricity supply industry, including the reduction of decommissioning costs achieved so far; welcomes the proposals for more cost-effective management of Magnox liabilities; welcomes the Government’s decision to privatise the industry’s seven AGR stations and one PWR station during the course of 1996; endorses the decision to create a holding company, with its headquarters located in Scotland, with the parts of Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear that are to be privatised as its wholly owned subsidiaries; notes that safety will continue to be of paramount importance when the industry is in the private sector; and applauds the benefits to consumers in terms of lower electricity prices which the early end to the nuclear element of the fossil fuel levy in England and Wales and to the premium price in the Nuclear Energy Agreement in Scotland will bring’, instead thereof.(Mr Secretary Lang.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 252.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Bowen Wells: 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);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Bowen Wells: 272.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 251.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the outcome of the Government’s Nuclear Review; applauds the improvements in performance by the nuclear generators since the privatisation of the rest of the electricity supply industry, including the reduction of decommissioning costs achieved so far; welcomes the proposals for more cost-effective
management of Magnox liabilities; welcomes the Government’s decision to privatise the industry’s seven AGR stations and one PWR station during the course of 1996; endorses the decision to create a holding company, with its headquarters located in Scotland, with the parts of Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear that are to be privatised as its wholly owned subsidiaries; notes that safety will continue to be of paramount importance when the industry is in the private sector; and applauds the benefits to consumers in terms of lower electricity prices which the early end to the nuclear element of the fossil fuel levy in England and Wales and to the premium price in the Nuclear Energy Agreement in Scotland will bring.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 17th May 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 National Health Service,—(1) Bishop Auckland Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1260),

(2) Darlington Memorial Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1261),

(3) Mid Essex Community and Mental Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1263),

(4) New Possibilities National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1264),

(5) Salisbury Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1265),

(6) Westcountry Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1259), and

(7) Worthing and Southlands Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1262), dated 10th May 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

Other Papers:

3 Broadcasting,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Channel Four Television Corporation, and

(2) the Radio Authority

for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

4 Charities,—Report and Accounts of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for 1994, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 380] [Mr Secretary Howard].

5 Commonwealth Development Corporation,—(1) Finance Contract between the European Investment Bank and CDC (Euro) Limited and Commonwealth Development Corporation, and

(2) Statement of Guarantee by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on borrowing by the Commonwealth Development Corporation [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

6 Commonwealth Scholarship Commission,—Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom for the period 1st October 1993 to 30th September 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 Industrial Injuries,—Reports by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council on—

(1) Disorders of the Knee,
Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome (Vascular and Neurological Components Involving the Fingers and Thumb), and

(3) Inflammation or Ulceration of the Mucous Membrane of the Upper Respiratory Passages or Mouth produced by Dust, Liquid, or Vapour

[by Command] [Cm. 2842, 2844 and 2843] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 Legal Aid.—Paper, entitled Legal Aid—Targeting Need: The Future of Publicly Funded Help in Solving Legal Problems and Disputes in England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 2854] [Mr John M. Taylor].

9 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Government Reply to the Third Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1994-95, on the Child Support Agency [by Command] [Cm. 2865] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee on the Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Gerald Berrymingham, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Michael Brown, Mr James Clappison, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mr Timothy Wood.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—(1) First Special Report from the Environment Committee [Department of the Environment Memorandum on Provision for Social Housing]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 17th May;

to be printed [Nos. 442, 366-v and 443-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 European Legislation,—Sixteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-xvi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 17th May; to be printed [No. 401-ii] [Mr David Howell].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 17th May; to be printed [No. 446-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 17th May; to be printed [No. 395-iv].

6 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Government Response to the Second Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1994-95, on the Report of the Health Service Commissioner for 1993-94]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 17th May;

to be printed [Nos. 440 and 394-ii] [Mr James Pawsey].

7 Procedure,—(1) First Report from the Procedure Committee [Procedural Implications of Earlier Release of the Official Report]; together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; and

(2) Second Report from the Procedure Committee [Timing of Divisions]; together with Appendices;

to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports [Nos. 213 and 450] [Sir Peter Emery].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Management of Intellectual Property in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 237];
(2) Twenty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Value for Money at Grant-Maintained Schools in England: A Review of Performance]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 225]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 17th May; to be printed [No. 448-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

9 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 17th May; to be printed [No. 41-x] [Dr Jeremy Bray].

10 Trade and Industry,—(1) Fifth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [UK Policy on Monopolies]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 249-i];

(2) Sixth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Finance for Industry]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 210]; and

(3) Third Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, on the Post Office]; to be printed [No. 441]

[Mr Richard Caborn].

11 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 17th May; to be printed [No. 396-ii] [Mr Paul Channon].

12 Treasury and Civil Service,—Fifth Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [Financial Services Regulation: Self-Regulation at Lloyd's of London], 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. 187] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 5489/95, relating to the reform of the cotton régime; and

(3) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 8693/94 and 8943/94, relating to relations with Central and Eastern Europe, and European Community Document No. 5928/95, relating to industrial co-operation with Central and Eastern Europe.

2 European Standing Committees,—The Select Committee on European Legislation has withdrawn its recommendation [3rd May 1995] that European Community Document No. 6155/95, relating to the production of peaches and nectarines, be further considered; and the document no longer stands referred to European Standing Committee A.

[No. 107.]

Thursday 18th May 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (No.2) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the London Local Authorities (No.2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be considered on Thursday 25th May.

2 City of Westminster Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 25th May.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr Liam Fox);
And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Simon Burns.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Ten o’clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd May, pursuant to Order [13th January].

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 18th May 1995

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 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Vehicles (Type Approval for Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1323), and
(2) Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1322),
dated 16th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].


Other Papers:

4 Fair Trading,—Report of the Director General of Fair Trading for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 419] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

5 Social Security,—Government Reply to the First Report from the Select Committee on Social Security, Session 1994-95, on Low Income Statistics: Low Income Families 1989-92 [by Command] [Cm. 2871] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 18th May; to be printed [No. 302-iii] [Mrs Marion Roe].
Monday 22nd May 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords].—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Law Reform (Succession) 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 Law Reform (Succession) 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. 453].

4 Child Support Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Child Support Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be considered in the following Order, namely, new Clauses, amendments to Clause No. 1, amendments to Schedule No. 1, amendments to Clauses Nos. 2 to 6, amendments to Schedule No. 2, remaining amendments to Clauses, new Schedules and remaining amendments to Schedules.—(Mr Alistair Burt.)

A Clause (Child Maintenance Disregard (No. 2))—(Mr Keith Bradley)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr George Mudie: 211.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 259.

Another Clause (Child Support Advisory Committee (No. 2))—(Mr Donald Dewar)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 38 and 12) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 23, after the word 'State', to insert the words—

(a) shall give the departure direction, if he is satisfied that the case is one which falls within the provisions relating to child care costs as set out in paragraph IA of Part I of Schedule 4B; or

(b).—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 210.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr David Willetts: 261.

Other Amendments (Nos. 13, 14, 37, 28 to 34, 15 to 25, 35 and 36) 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 Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 208.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Rendel, Mr David Chidgey: 46.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

5 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 24th May, the Speaker shall, not later than one and a half hours after their commencement, put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Robert Jackson relating to Regina (SFO) v. Kevin Maxwell and others: Disclosure of Select Committee
Papers, &c.; and the said Motion may be entered upon and proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr James Cran be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Mr Richard Spring be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Monday 22nd May 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Defence,—Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Road Traffic,—Goods Vehicles (International Road Haulage Permits) (Revocation) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1290), dated 11th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

4 Telegraphs,—Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1331), dated 17th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:

5 Competition,—Paper, entitled Competitiveness: Forging Ahead [by Command] [Cm. 2867] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

6 Deregulation,—Paper, entitled Deregulation: The Way Forward [by Command] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

7 Government Procurement,—Paper, entitled Setting New Standards: A Strategy for Government Procurement [by Command] [Cm. 2840] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

8 National Audit,—Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) the Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 1994, and

(2) Protecting and Presenting Scotland’s Heritage Properties

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 436 and 430] [Clerk of the House].

9 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 18th May 1995 on borrowing by East Wiltshire Health Care National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

10 National Health Service (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 17th May 1995 on borrowing by Dumfries and Galloway Acute & Maternity Hospitals National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [22nd March] from residents of South West England for action to restrain increases in domestic water charges [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Severn Bridges,—Account of the Severn Bridges Act 1992 for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 452] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Acquisition, Management and Disposal of Land and Property Purchased for Road Construction]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 43];

(2) Twenty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Administration of the Crown Court]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 173]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 22nd May; to be printed [No. 454-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 22nd May; to be printed [No. 396-iii] [Mr Paul Channon].

Tuesday 23rd May 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 North Down Writ,—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue her 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 North Down, in the room of Sir James Alexander Kilfedder, deceased. (Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

2 Birmingham Assay Office Bill,—The Birmingham Assay Office Bill was read the third time and passed.

3 Malvern Hills Bill [Lords],—The Malvern Hills Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

6 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 5489/95, relating to reform of the cotton régime; and supports the Government in its intention to continue to press for a rigorous reform of the cotton régime and, in particular, to reduce the level of subsidisation and to tackle fraud.

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 Jobseekers Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Malvern Hills Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

8 Jobseekers Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Jobseekers Bill to be considered tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 126].

9 Naming Ceremonies and Parental Responsibilities,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower registrars of births to conduct civil naming ceremonies and to require registrars to make available to certain mothers and fathers parental responsibility agreements: And that Mr Frank Field, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Greg Pope, Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Malcolm Wicks, Mr Hugh Bayley and Diana Maddock do prepare and bring it in.

10 Naming Ceremonies and Parental Responsibilities Bill,—Mr Frank Field accordingly presented a Bill to empower registrars of births to conduct civil naming ceremonies and to require registrars to make available to certain mothers and fathers parental
responsibility agreements: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 125].

11 Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House declines to give a second reading to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill because it is based on cutting the cash available to compensate victims; because the information provided by the Home Secretary is not sufficient to enable the House to judge the Bill’s likely consequences for all classes of victims; because it is being introduced without proper consultation; because its proposals fail adequately to reflect society’s obligations to assist victims to recover from their experience of crime; and because it fails to place victims at the centre of the criminal justice system, since it fails to require greater consideration towards them by the Crown Prosecution Service, better information about the progress of prosecutions, greater attention to the needs of victims in court, protection and help for witnesses, support for the provision of counselling and other services by voluntary organisations, and positive action by the Government to tackle the continued rise in crimes of violence', instead thereof. (Mr Jack Straw.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Dennis Turner: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr David Lightbown: 274.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December] That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums required by the Secretary of State in respect of—

(i) compensation payable in accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme established under the Act;

(ii) payments to or in respect of persons appointed under the Act;

(iii) any other expenditure incurred by him under or by virtue of the Act;

(b) payments into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

13 Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Law Reform (Succession) 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.

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Derbyshire for the release from prison of Stephen Downing was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr Simon Burns.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till tomorrow.
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 23rd May 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Broadcasting.—Draft Broadcasting (Restrictions on the Holding of Licences) (Amendment) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—(1) Middlesbrough College (Government) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1342),
(2) Middlesbrough College (Incorporation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1341),
(3) Teesside Tertiary College (Government) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1344), and
(4) Teesside Tertiary College (Incorporation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1343), dated 22nd May 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

3 Harbours,—Belfast Harbour (Variation of Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R.(N.I.), 1995, No. 185), dated 4th May 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

4 Local Government,—Local Government (General Grant) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R.(N.I.), 1995, No. 177), dated 26th April 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

5 Local Government (Scotland),—Local Authorities (Staff Transfer) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1340), dated 22nd May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 Monopolies and Mergers,—Fair Trading Act (Amendment) (Newspaper mergers) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1351), dated 23rd May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


Other Papers:

8 British Railways Board,—Statement of determination of the salaries of the Chairman and members of the British Railways Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

9 Covent Garden Market,—Statement of determination of remuneration and allowances of the Chairman and members of the Covent Garden Market Authority [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

10 Intelligence Services,—Interim Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee [by Command] [Cm. 2873] [The Prime Minister].

11 Land Registration,—Land Registration (No. 2) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1354), dated 22nd May 1995 [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].

12 Media,—Paper, entitled Media Ownership: the Government's Proposals [by Command] [Cm. 2872] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

13 Monopolies and Mergers,—Reports by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on proposed mergers between—
(1) British Aerospace Public Limited Company and VSEL plc, and
(2) the General Electric Company plc and VSEL plc
[by Command] [Cm. 2851 and 2852] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

14 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the National Portrait Gallery for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 456] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence and Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence and Trade and Industry Committees meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (4)(e) of Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) on 23rd May; to be printed [No. 333-iv] [Mr Michael Colvin].
2 Deregulation.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Deregulation Committee on 23rd May; to be printed [No. 437-ii] [Mr Barry Field].

3 Employment.—(1) Second Special Report from the Employment Committee [Mothers in Employment: Government Reply to the First Report of the Committee Session 1994–95]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 23rd May; to be printed [Nos. 457 and 458-i] [Mr Greville Janner].

4 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 23rd May; to be printed [No. 270-ii] [Mr James Pawsey].

5 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-xxi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 110.]

Wednesday 24th May 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 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, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].—Ordered. That the Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords] be read the third time to-morrow.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 European Standing Committee B.—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution: That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 8693/94 and 8943/94, relating to a strategy to prepare the countries of Central and Eastern Europe for accession to the European Union, and 5928/95, relating to industrial co-operation with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe; and welcomes the agreement of the European Council at Essen to the strategy set out in Annex IV of the Council conclusions.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

6 Adjournment (Notice having been taken of the death this day of the Right Honourable the Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, K.G., O.B.E., F.R.S.).—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.36 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 24th May 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Income Tax.—(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Belarus) Order 1995, and (2) draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Bolivia) Order 1995 [by Act] [Sir George Young].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Income Tax,—Deposit-takers (Interest Payments) (Discretionary or Accumulation Trusts) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1370), dated 23rd May 1995 [by Act] [Sir George Young].

3 Local Government,—Local Government (Direct Service Organisations) (Competition) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1336), dated 18th May 1995 [by Act][Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

4 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Health and Personal Social Services: Transport Services [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 416] [Clerk of the House].

5 Bank of England,—(1) Report and accounts of the Bank of England for the period 1st March 1994 to 28th February 1995 [by Command]; and
   [Mr Anthony Nelson].


7 Identity Cards,—Paper, entitled Identity Cards: a consultation document [by Command] [Cm. 2879] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 Police (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary for 1994 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

9 Transport,—Department of Transport minutes, dated 24th May 1995 concerning proposed undertakings in respect of—
   (1) leases of rolling stock by Angel Train Contracts Limited, Eversholt Leasing Limited and Porterbrook Leasing Company Limited, and
   (2) the cost of mandatory modifications to rolling stock to be undertaken by Angel Train Contracts Limited, Eversholt Leasing Limited and Porterbrook Leasing Company Limited
   [by Command] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 24th May; to be printed [No. 61-viii] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence and Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence and Trade and Industry Committees meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (4)(e) of Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) on 24th May; to be printed [No. 333-v] [Mr Richard Caborn].

3 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 24th May; to be printed [No. 366-vi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 National Heritage,—Fourth Report from the National Heritage Committee [The Net Book Agreement], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 383] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

5 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 24th May; to be printed [No. 394-iii] [Mr James Pawsey].

6 Social Security,—(1) Third Report from the Social Security Committee [Review of Expenditure on Social Security]; together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 24th May;
   to be printed [Nos. 132 and 382-iii] [Mr Frank Field].
7 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 24th May; to be printed [No. 393-ii] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill to Standing Committee A;
(2) the Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee E;
(3) the draft Arts Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(4) the Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1995 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
(5) the draft Armagh Observatory and Planetarium (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Sir David Knox and Mr Michael J. Martin Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill;
(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords];
(3) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Arts Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;
(4) Mr Roger Sims Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1995;
(5) Mr Michael Shersby Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Armagh Observatory and Planetarium (Northern Ireland) Order 1995; and
(6) Mr Robert Hicks Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 4069/95, relating to consumer protection: unit pricing.

[No. 111.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 8th June.

2 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 8th June.

3 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 8th June.

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Selection (see Appendix II).

6 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
7 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
The Lords have agreed to the Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill, without Amendment.

8 Coal Industry.—Resolved, That the draft Coal Industry (Restructuring Grants) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 1st May, be approved.—(Mr Richard Page.)

9 Social Security.—Resolved, That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 1st May, be approved.—(Ann Widdecombe.)

10 Contracting Out.—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 Contracting Out (Functions of the Official Receiver) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox): It was agreed to.

11 Energy Policy.—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. 4523/95, relating to European Union energy policy, and supports the Government's view that, while welcoming the consultation process, the Community should focus its efforts on completing the single market—(Dr Liam Fox): It was agreed to.

12 Reform of the Cotton Regime.—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. 5489/95, relating to reform of the cotton regime; and supports the Government in its intention to continue to press for a rigorous reform of the cotton regime and, in particular, to reduce the level of subsidisation and to tackle fraud—(Dr Liam Fox): It was agreed to.

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr Liam Fox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Seven o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 6th June, pursuant to Order [16th May].

[Adjourned at 7.28 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 25th May 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Dangerous Drugs.—Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Fees and Charges.—Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1376), dated 22nd May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

3 Food.—Dairy Products (Hygiene) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1372), dated 24th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Road Traffic.—(1) Motor Vehicles (Off Road Events) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1371), dated 24th May 1995,
(2) Road Traffic (Special Parking Area) (Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1333), dated 16th May 1995,
(3) Road Traffic (Special Parking Area) (London Borough of Redbridge) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1335), dated 16th May 1995, and
(4) Road Traffic (Special Parking Area) (London Borough of Sutton) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1334), dated 16th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

5 Sea Fisheries.—Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing for Cockles) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1373), dated 25th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 Social Security.—Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1339), dated 22nd May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

8 Cabinet Office,—Cabinet Office Minute, dated 25th May 1995, concerning the gift of state papers in the Churchill Archive to Churchill College, Cambridge [by Command] [Mr John Horam].

9 Gas,—Report of the Director General of Gas Supply for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 418] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

10 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Horticultural Development Council for the period 1st October 1993 to 30th September 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

11 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger between Service Corporation International and Plantbrook Group Plc [by Command] [Cm. 2880] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

12 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 23rd May 1995 on borrowing by Crawley Horsham National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

13 Police,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2856] [Mr Secretary Lang].

14 Sea Fisheries,—Reports by—
   (1) the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the proceedings under sections 1 to 5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967, for 1994 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave]; and
   (2) the Secretary of State for Scotland on the proceedings under sections 1 to 5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967, for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

15 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 to Mercury Personal Communications Limited [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill, viz: Mr Donald Anderson, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Hartley Booth, Mr James Clappison, Mr Jim Cunningham, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Edward Garnier, Cheryl Gillan, Mr David Maclean, Mr Alun Michael, Bridget Prentice, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Michael Stephen, Mr George Stevenson and Mr Gary Streeter.

2 Standing Committee E,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords], viz: Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Michael Brown, Mr James Clappison, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Timothy Wood.

3 Second Reading Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee on the Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], viz: Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Michael Brown, Mr James Clappison, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Timothy Wood.

4 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Arts Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz: Mr Michael Ancram, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Julian Brazer, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Iain Duncan-Smith, Mr George Galloway, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr Andrew MacKay, Sir
Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr Max Madden, Sir Michael Marshall, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Emma Nicholson, Mr Robert Parry, Mr Tim Renton and Mr Tony Worthington.

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1995, viz: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Richard Alexander, Mr John Austin-Walker, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Clive Betts, Mr John Biffen, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr John Butcher, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr John Carlisle, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Derek Conway, Sir John Cope, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Michael Trend, Mr Neville Trotter and Mr Charles Wardle.

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Armagh Observatory and Planetarium (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz: Mr Michael Ancram, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Andrew Mackay, Mr Tony Marlow, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Bridget Prentice, Mr Graham Riddick, Sir Timothy Sainsbury, Sir Nicholas Scott, Mr Michael Spicer, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr John D. Taylor, Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Mr Tony Worthington.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Legislation.—Seventeenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-xvii] [Mr Robert Hicks].

2 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 25th May; to be printed [No. 302-iv] [Mrs Marion Roe].

3 Trade and Industry.—Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 461] [Mr Richard Caborn].

4 Social Security.—Memoranda laid before the Social Security Committee, to lie upon the Table [Mr Frank Field].

MEMORANDUM

1 Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Sir David Knox Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1995 in place of Mr Roger Sims.
Notice given by the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 12 (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances):

Whereas Her Majesty's Government have represented to me, Betty Boothroyd, Speaker of the House of Commons, that the public interest requires the House to meet at an earlier time than the 6th day of June 1995 and I am satisfied that the public interest does so require:

Now, therefore, I hereby give notice pursuant to the Standing Order (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances) that the House shall meet on Wednesday the 31st day of May 1995 at half-past Two of the clock.

Given under my hand this 30th day of May 1995.

[No. 112.]

Wednesday 31st May 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Sittings of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday 6th June—(Mr Timothy Wood)—It was agreed to.

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Ten o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 6th June, pursuant to Resolution [this day].

[Adjourned at 10 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 Treaty Series (No. 26, 1995),—Agreement, done at Oporto on 2nd May 1992, on the European Economic Area with Final Act and Declarations and Protocol, done at Brussels on 17th March 1993, adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area with Final Act and Declarations [Cm. 2847] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

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

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

26th May 1995

3 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute made by the governing body of Christ's College, Cambridge, on 3rd February 1995, amending the statutes of the College [Mr Tony Newton].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Wednesday 31st May 1995:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Building and Buildings.—Building Regulations (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1356), dated 23rd May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


Other Papers:

8 Census (Scotland).—Inhabited Islands, Scotland Monitor of the General Register Office Scotland for the 1991 Census [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

9 Dentists.—Account of the General Dental Council for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

10 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [28th April] from members of organisations for disabled people for the passing of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 Treaty Series (No. 34, 1995).—Agreement, done at Tegucigalpa on 7th December 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Honduras for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 2861] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

12 Treaty Series (No. 35, 1995).—Notes exchanged at Oslo on 14th December 1994 and 9th January 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway concerning the export of uranium to Norway [by Command] [Cm. 2862] [Mr Secretary Hurd].
TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1. Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2. Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3. New Member makes Affirmation.—Roseanna Cunningham, Member for Perth and Kinross, made the Affirmation required by law.

4. Corporal Punishment (Re-introduction).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to re-introduce corporal punishment for crimes of violence by youngsters—(Mr Warren Hawksley);

   And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the 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, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr John Carlisle: 58.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Terry Lewis: 153.

   So the Question was negatived.

5. Crown Agents Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Agents 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 Sydney Chapman: 302.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 259.

   So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

   A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Crown Agents 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 in consequence of the Act, and

   (b) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund—(Mr Simon Burns)—It was agreed to.

7. Standards in Public Life.—Ordered, That a Select Committee of eleven Members be appointed to consider the First Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life (Cm. 2850) so far as it relates to the rules and procedures of the House; to advise on how its recommendations relating thereto might be clarified and implemented; and to recommend specific Resolutions for decision by the House;

   That the Committee shall report as soon as possible and shall in any event make an interim Report not later than Friday 7th July;

   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; 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.—(Mr Simon Burns.)
8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Speaker shall—

(1) at the sitting on Thursday 8th June

(a) not later than one and a half hours after their commencement, put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Robert Jackson relating to Disclosure of Select Committee Papers, &c.;

(b) not later than one and a half hours after the first such Motion has been made, put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Hurd relating to the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Russian Federation) and (Ukraine) Orders 1995; and

(2) at the sitting on Monday 12th June, not later than three hours after it has been made, put the Question on the Motion in the name of Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew relating to the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1995;

and the said Motions may be entered upon and proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o’clock. (Mr Simon Burns.)

9 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Julian Corlett of Scunthorpe for a change in immigration law with regard to homosexual partners was presented; and laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed.

10 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr Simon Burns);

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

[Adjourned at 10.47 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. 3, 1995).—Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 28th November 1994, between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Moldova including exchanges of letters with declarations and final act [Cm. 2863] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

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

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5th June 1995


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1st June 1995

3 Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1395), dated 31st May 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].

2nd June 1995

4 Children and Young Persons.—Children (Secure Accommodation) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1398), dated 1st June 1995 [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

5th June 1995


6 Horse Racing and Betting.—Horse Racing (Charges on Bookmakers) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R.(N.I.), 1995, No. 198), dated 17th May 1995 [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 6th June 1995:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

9 Companies.—Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1423), dated 27th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

10 Fees and Charges.—Draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

11 Representation of the People.—Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

12 Building and Buildings.—Building (Approved Inspectors etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1387), dated 31st May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

13 Customs and Excise.—(1) Counterfeit and Pirated Goods (Customs) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1450), dated 6th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory]; and
   (2) Dual-Use and Related Goods (Export Control) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1424), dated 5th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


   (2) Petroleum (Production) (Landward Areas) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1436), and
   (3) Petroleum (Production) (Seaward Areas) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1435),

dated 25th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:

17 Community Service by Offenders (Scotland).—Report on the working of Community Service Schemes and Supervised Attendance Order Schemes for 1993 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

18 Deregulation.—Proposals by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for—
   (1) the Deregulation (Fair Trading Act 1973) (Amendment) (Merger Reference Time Limits) Order 1995,
   (2) the Deregulation (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Amendment) (Time Limits) Order 1995, and
   (3) the Deregulation (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Amendment) (Variation of Exempt Agreements) Order 1995,

together with explanatory memoranda [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

19 Electricity.—Report of the Office of the Electricity Regulator for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 432] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

20 House of Commons Members’ Fund.—Accounts of the House of Commons Members’ Fund for the period 1st October 1993 to 30th September 1994, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 467] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence and Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence and Trade and Industry Committees meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (4)(e) of Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) on 6th June; to be printed [No. 333-vi] [Mr Richard Caborn].

2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 6th June; to be printed [No. 411-ii] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Members’ Interests,—First Report from the Select Committee on Members’ Interests, together with Appendices and Minutes of Evidence to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 460] [Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith].

[No. 114.]

Wednesday 7th June 1995.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Bowen Wells);

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill,—Ordered. That the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr Hartley Booth reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills to which the Employment Rights Bill [Lords] and the Industrial Tribunals Bill [Lords], now pending in
the House of Lords, were referred, That it had gone through the Bills, and had agreed to a Report, which it directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 7th June.

Report to to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 488-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 488-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 488-II].

5 Selection (see Appendix II).

6 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

7 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 129].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 480].

8 Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 482].

9 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr John Maxton reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Arts Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 484].

10 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir David Knox reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1267).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 485].

11 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Robert Hicks reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 4069/95, relating to price indications, and supports the Government's view that the draft Directive should be adopted.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

12 Merchant Shipping,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1210) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood)—It was agreed to.

13 Education (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 Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1271) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood)—It was agreed to.

14 Leaseholders' Protection,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the annual maintenance charge which may be levied on leaseholders and a leaseholder's liability for certain works, where the freeholder is a local authority or housing association: And that Mr Piers Merchant do prepare and bring it in.

15 Leaseholders' Protection Bill,—Mr Piers Merchant accordingly presented a Bill to limit the annual maintenance charge which may be levied on leaseholders and a leaseholder's liability for certain works, where the freeholder is a local authority or housing association: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 127].

16 Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.
A Clause (Order to make material available)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Authority for search)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Disclosure of information held by government departments)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Verdict of not proven no longer competent)—(Mr John Home Robertson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, that the Clause be read a second time;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr John Home Robertson: 117.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Andrew Mitchell: 325.

Another Clause (Lodging of appeals)—(Mr John McFall)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Victim liaison)—(Mr John McFall)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Estelle Morris, Mr Geoffrey Hoon: 219.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Dr Liam Fox: 258.

Amendment (No. 166) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 40, to leave out the word 'and'.—(Mr John McFall.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 51 to 60) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 169) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2) The prosecutor shall only be permitted to comment on the failure of the accused to give evidence in any proceedings against him if—

(a) the accused has intimated a special defence of alibi or incrimination; or

(b) the court has upon application being made agreed that it is appropriate in the circumstances of the case that the prosecutor should be entitled so to comment'.—(Mr John McFall.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Joe Benton: 211.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Simon Burns: 246.

Other Amendments (Nos. 109 to 111, 61 and 112) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 170) proposed to the Bill, in page 33, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) In section 228(1) of the 1975 Act there shall be inserted at the end "or any allegation that the conviction was otherwise unsafe"'.—(Mr John McFall.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 1, 2, 62, 4, 63, 113 to 116, 6 to 17, 64 to 68, 146 to 158, 117, 159, 18, 118, 119, 69 to 72, 120 to 122, 19, 123, 124, 160 to 162, 125 to 127, 20, 128 to 131, 21, 22, 132, 73, 133, 23, 134, 24, 25, 74, 75, 26, 76, 27, 77, 135, 136, 78 to 81, 30, 137, 82, 31 to 33, 83 to 85, 34, 86, 87, 138, 88 to 92, 35, 163, 164, 94 to 96 and 38) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 172) proposed to the Bill, in page 145, line 37, to leave out the words 'subsections (4) and (5)' and insert the word 'subsection (4)' instead thereof.—(Mr John McFall.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Other Amendments (Nos. 39, 139, 97, 140, 40 to 42, 99 to 101, 141, 142, 43, 44, 143, 102, 103, 45, 104, 46, 165, 47, 105, 106, 48 to 50, 107, 108, 144 and 145) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

17 Relations with Eastern and Central Europe.—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. 8693/94 and 8943/94, relating to a strategy to prepare the countries of Central and Eastern Europe for accession to the European Union, and 5928/95, relating to industrial co-operation with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe; and welcomes the agreement of the European Council at Essen to the strategy set out in Annex IV of the Council conclusions—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

18 Employment.—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 Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers 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.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 8.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 7th June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,—Special Grant Report (No. 14) (Grants to Surrey Police Authority and Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 474] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Pensions,—Pensions for Dependants of the Prime Minister or Speaker (Designated Provisions) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1443), dated 7th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

4 Prices,—Price Marking (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1441), dated 6th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

Other Papers:

5 Children,—Report by the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary of State for Wales on the Children Act 1989 for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2878] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

6 Duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster,—Financial Statements of the Duchy of Cornwall for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 464] [Sir George Young].

7 General Medical Council,—Accounts of the General Medical Council for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

8 Industrial Training,—Report and Accounts of the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board for the period 1st April to 31st December 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

9 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on a Review of the Financial Controls over Indirectly Funded Operations of the Metropolitan Police Service [by Act]; to be printed [No. 462] [Clerk of the House].

10 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Seventh Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1994-95, on selected cases 1995—Volume 2 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 475] [Clerk of the House].
11 Reserve Forces,—Statement by the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call out of territorial army personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

12 Treaty Series (No. 36, 1995),—Letters exchanged at Paris on 10th June 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning the use of files and the protection of personal information and computerised data in the control zones of the Channel Fixed Link [by Command] [Cm. 2868] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

13 Treaty Series (No. 37, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Paris on 16th August 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic regarding activities by the local coastal fishermen in the vicinity of Guernsey and the French coasts of the Cotentin Peninsula and of Brittany [by Command] [Cm. 2869] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee F,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Crown Agents Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Derek Enright, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr David Faber, Mr George Foukles, Mr George Galloway, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Jim Lester, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Gordon McMaster, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Mark Robinson, Mr William Ross, Mr Michael Trend, Mr Mike Watson and Mr Timothy Wood.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Financial Services Act 1986 (Investment Advertisements) (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1995 and the draft Public Offers of Securities Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Peter Butler, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Alistair Darling, Mr Quentin Davies, Sir Peter Emery, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr John MacGregor, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Anthony Nelson, Mr Ian Pearson, Sir Wyn Roberts, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Alan Simpson, and Mr Don Touhig.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1995, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Michael Alison, Mr Rupert Allason, Mr Graham Bright, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Churchill, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr David Jamieson, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Barry Legg, Sir David Madel, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Nicholas Soames and Mr David Young.

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers, viz.: Mr Robert Banks, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Richard Burden, Mr David Chidvey, Judith Church, Mr Christopher Gill, Jane Kennedy, Mr Edward Leigh, Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Mr William Powell, Mr Tim Rathbone, Mr John Townend and Mr Mike Watson.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 7th June; to be printed [No. 478-i] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—(1) Sixth Report from the Defence Committee [Defence Use of Civilian Transport Assets and Personnel]; 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. 86]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 7th June; to be printed [No. 197-ii]
   [Mr Bruce George].
3 Education,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 7th June; to be printed [No. 473-i] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 Environment,—(1) Second Report from the Environment Committee [Burning of Secondary Liquid Fuel in Cement Kilns], together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 7th June and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 479]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Committee
[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 7th June; to be printed [No. 477-i] [Mr David Howell].

6 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 7th June; to be printed [No. 446-ii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 7th June; to be printed [No. 395-v] [Mr Clive Soley].

8 Procedure,—(1) Third Report from the Procedure Committee [Formal Evidence by Video Conferencing]; together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 489];

(2) Fourth Report from the Procedure Committee [Voting by Sick Members]; together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 490]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee on 7th June; to be printed [No. 491-i]
[Sir Peter Emery].

9 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Management of the Trident Works 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. 486];

(2) Twenty-seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [General Practitioner Fundholding in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 264]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 7th June; to be printed [No. 487-i]
[Mr Robert Sheldon].

10 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 7th June; to be printed [No. 41-xi] [Sir Giles Shaw].

11 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 7th June; to be printed [No. 293-v] [Mr William McKelvey].

12 Trade and Industry,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 7th June; to be printed [No. 481-i]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Trade and Industry Committee
[Mr Richard Caborn].


(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 7th June;
to be printed [Nos. 483 and 300-ii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

14 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 7th June; to be printed [No. 393-iii] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Crown Agents Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee F;
(2) the draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Investment Advertisements) (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1995 and the draft Public Offers of Securities Regulations 1995 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(3) the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1995 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(4) the draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill;

(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords];

(3) Mrs Ann Winterton and Mr John Maxton Chairmen of Standing Committee F in respect of the Crown Agents Bill [Lords];


(5) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1995; and

(6) Mr Robert Hicks Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers.

[No. 115.]

Thursday 8th June 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 15th June.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 15th June.

3 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 15th June.

4 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 15th June.

5 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

6 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

7 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr Michael Shersby reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Armagh Observatory and Planetarium (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 494].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Home Energy Conservation Bill, without Amendment.
9 Disclosure of Select Committee Papers.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House orders that certain evidence and related material of the Social Security Committee in the present and in the previous Parliament which has not been reported to the House and not been published shall be produced to the honourable Mr Justice Phillips at the Central Criminal Court in connection with the proceedings against Mr Kevin Francis Herbert Maxwell and others on charges relating to conspiracy to defraud: viz. (1) records and transcripts of any evidence given and recorded orally in private session of those Committees in the course of their investigations into the operation of pension fund law, and into the affairs of pension funds connected with companies associated with the late Robert Maxwell MC, (2) any documents produced in such private session of those Committees, (3) correspondence between the Serious Fraud Office and those Committees or the Chairman or any person acting on behalf of those Committees and (4) such notes of any meetings including telephone calls between the Serious Fraud Office and those Committees arising from, or connected with, Committee investigations into the operation of the pension funds referred to in 1992 and 1993 that may have been taken; so that he may decide if all or part of the evidence should under normal common law principles be disclosed to the parties in the trial and, if he so decides, the Court shall be permitted to make such reference as if that evidence and related material or any part thereof were included within the terms of the Resolution of this House of 31st October 1980 (References in Court to Official Report of Debates and Reports of Committees)—(Mr Robert Jackson);

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

10 The Speaker's Absence.—Ordered, That the Speaker have leave of absence on Wednesday 21st June to receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law from the University of Oxford.—(Mr Tony Newton.)

11 European Communities,—Resolved, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Russian Federation) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 20th March, be approved.—(Mr David Davis.)

12 European Communities,—Resolved, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and Ukraine) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 20th March, be approved.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 8.23 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 8th June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds,—Draft Buying Agency Trading Fund (Extension) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

2 Local Government,—Draft Local Government Act 1988 (Competition) (Defined Activities) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 Northern Ireland,—Draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

4 Rating and Valuation,—Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1438), dated 6th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

6 Coal Industry,—Coal Industry (Coal Mining Successor Companies Target Investment Limit) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1477), dated 6th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].
7 Consumer Protection,—Cosmetic Products (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1478), dated 7th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

8 Copyright,—(1) Copyright (EC Measures Relating to Pirated Goods and Abolition of Restrictions on the Import of Goods) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1445), and


dated 7th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


(2) Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1461), and

(3) Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1459),

dated 7th June 1995 [by Act] [Sir George Young].


(2) Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1457), dated 8th June 1995, 

(3) Road Traffic Act 1991 (Amendment of Section 76(3)) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1437), dated 6th June 1995, 

(4) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1458), dated 8th June 1995, 

(5) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1470), dated 7th June 1995, 

(6) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1471), dated 7th June 1995, 

(7) Vehicle Excise (Design Weight Certificate) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1455), dated 8th June 1995, and 


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].


Other Papers:

13 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on the Community Economic Regeneration Scheme and Community Regeneration and Improvement Special Programme [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 439] [Clerk of the House].

14 Welsh Affairs,—Government Response to the First Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 1994-95, on Treatment Centres [by Command] [Cm. 2877] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Legislation,—(1) Eighteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee, and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 8th June;

to be printed [Nos. 70-xviii and 239-vi] [Mr Robert Hicks].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 8th June; to be printed [No. 424-ii] [Mr David Howell].
MEMORANDA

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

(1) Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 6th June 1995, relating to Fisheries: integration of Spain and Portugal into the Common Fisheries Policy; and

(2) Sir John Hunt Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 6th June 1995, relating to broad economic guidelines.

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

(1) The unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 6th June 1995, relating to the setting of maximum levels of fishing effort for certain western water fisheries, to European Standing Committee A; and


[No. 116.]

Friday 9th June 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

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

And it being Eleven o’clock, the 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.

3 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Sessional Order [19th December], the Speaker shall—

(1) at the sitting on Wednesday 14th June put the Question on the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Howard relating to the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) Order 1995 not later than Ten o’clock; and
(2) at the sitting on Thursday 15th June put the Question on the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Gummer relating to the draft Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 1995 not later than Seven o’clock.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

4 Liaison.—Ordered, That Mr Clive Soley be added to the Liaison Committee.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

5 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 12th June.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 9th June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—(1) Feeding Stuffs Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1412), dated 26th May 1995,

(2) Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1439), dated 22nd May 1995,

(3) Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1483), dated 18th May 1995, and


[by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].


3 Roads and Bridges (Scotland),—Roads (Transitional Powers) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1476), dated 8th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Road Traffic,—Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences, Qualifications and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1488), dated 8th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].


6 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 8th February 1995, made by the University of Oxford amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

7 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Tour Operators) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1495), dated 9th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

8 Welsh Language,—Draft Guidelines as to the Form and Content of Schemes [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

Other Papers:

9 Public Libraries and Museums,—Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on public libraries in Wales for 1993–94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Petition [15th February] from residents of Inverness for action to support the Regional Council's decision to replace the road bridge at Kirkhill [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).
3 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Proceeds of Crime Bill, without Amendment.
4 Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Jeff Rooker, supported by Mr Harry
   Barnes, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Don Foster, Sir David Knox, Mr Seamus Mallon, Mr
   Richard Shepherd, Mr David Trimble, Mr Keith Vaz, Mr Mike Watson, Mr Dafydd
   Wigley and Mr George Walden, presented a Bill to amend the Representation of
   the People Acts 1983 and 1985 so as to prevent certain potential abuses of electoral
   registration, proxy voting and overseas electors’ declarations; and for connected
   purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on
   Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 130].
5 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft
   Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance)
   Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 18th May, be approved—(Secretary Sir
   Patrick Mayhew); And it being three hours after the Motion was made, the Deputy Speaker put
   the Question, pursuant to Order [9th June].
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Dr Liam Fox: 286.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Cummings, Mrs Barbara Roche: 190.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism
   Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 18th May,
   be approved.
6 Medical (Professional Performance) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to
   consider the Medical (Professional Performance) Bill, not amended in the Standing
   Committee.
   Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.
   Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 15, at the end, to insert the
   words—
   "6A—(1) Section 42 (Preliminary proceedings as to professional misconduct and
   unfitness to practise) shall be amended as follows—
   (2) In subsection (3)(c) for the words “two months” there shall be substituted the
   words “six months”.
   (3) After subsection (3) there shall be inserted—
   “(3A) The Preliminary Proceedings Committee may, subject to subsection (4)
   below, if satisfied that to do so is necessary for the protection of members of
   the public or is in the interests of the registered person referred to inquiry, at
   any time renew, for a further period not exceeding six months, an order for
   interim suspension or for conditional registration.”
   (4) After subsection (4) there shall be inserted—
   “(4A) An appeal shall lie to the court (within the meaning of section 38(7) of this
   Act) from any direction of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee given by
   virtue of subparagraphs (3)(b) and (c) above.”
   (5) In subsection (6), for the words “two months” there shall be substituted the
   words “six months”.
   (Mr Nicholas Brown.)
   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
7 Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day
   being read, for the Second Reading of the Private International Law (Miscellaneous
   Provisions) 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.

8 Scottish Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 94H (Scottish Grand Committee (sittings)), That the Order of the House [30th March] relating to the Scottish Grand Committee (sittings) shall have effect with the following modification, namely, that for paragraph (4) there shall be substituted—

'(4) in the Aberdeen Town and County Hall on Monday 23rd October at half-past Ten o'clock to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee'—(Dr Liam Fox): It was agreed to.

9 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 (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1267), dated 10th May 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th May, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox): 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 Armagh Observatory and Planetarium (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox): 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 Arts Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox): It was agreed to.

12 Consumer Protection: Unit Pricing.—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. 4069/95, relating to price indications, and supports the Government's view that the draft Directive should be adopted—(Dr Liam Fox): It was agreed to.

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Monday 12th June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Council Tax,—Draft Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Attendance Centres,—Draft Attendance Centre Rules 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

4 Coal Industry,—British Coal Corporation (Change of Quorum) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1506), dated 8th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

5 Companies,—Companies (Disqualification Orders) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1509), dated 8th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


Other Papers:

7 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the Independent Television Commission for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].
8 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the London Docklands Development Corporation: the Limehouse Link [by Act]; to be printed [No. 468] [Clerk of the House].

9 Reserve Forces,—Statement by the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call out of Territorial Army personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Second Report from the Health Committee [London’s Ambulance 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. 20] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 12th June; to be printed [No. 502-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

3 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 332-viii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 118.]

Tuesday 13th June 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 504].

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 507].

5 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 6th June 1995, relating to the setting of maximum levels of fishing effort for certain Western waters fisheries; welcomes the contribution this will make towards fisheries conservation, while permitting existing levels of fishing activity to continue, including by United Kingdom fishermen; and supports the Government’s intention to secure appropriate enforcement arrangements in further negotiations.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

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

Human Tissues (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to require a person lawfully in possession of the body of a deceased person to authorise the donation of the body or any specified part of the body for therapeutic or medical purposes if the deceased person had requested such a donation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill,—The Order for considering this day the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, was read and discharged.

Bill to be considered on Friday 14th July.
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 Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No.1241) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Derek Conway): It was agreed to.

Electoral Reform, A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to control parliamentary election expenses within limits set nationally and in each constituency; to establish a national registration system for political parties; to require companies who donate to parties to establish accountable political funds; and for connected purposes—(Mr Paul Flynn);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 19 (Motion for leave to bring in bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business): It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Paddy Tipping, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Dennis Turner and Mr David Winnick do prepare and bring it in.

Electoral Reform Bill, Mr Paul Flynn accordingly presented a Bill to control parliamentary election expenses within limits set nationally and in each constituency; to establish a national registration system for political parties; to require companies who donate to parties to establish accountable political funds; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 132].

Opposition day [13th allotted day], It being a 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 Market, A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, concerned by the continuing depressed state of the housing market, the reduction in the building of houses for rent, and the impact this has on the construction industry, and recognising the plight of owner-occupiers trapped by negative equity and hard hit by rising housing costs, calls on the Government to abandon policies such as the proposals to limit the help available from income support with mortgage interest payments which can only reinforce insecurity and delay recovery (Mr Donald Dewar);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'reaffirms its commitment to enabling people to buy their own homes, which four out of five people aspire to do; welcomes the fact that the cost of home ownership relative to incomes is at an historically low level; recognises that the existing system of income support mortgage interest leaves seven out of ten households without cover for their housing costs when unable to work; welcomes the Government's proposed reforms which will help ensure that new home buyers protect their homes against the risk of unemployment; welcomes the innovation taking place in the lending and insurance markets to provide good quality and affordable cover; rejects proposals to spend even more taxpayers' money by introducing a mortgage benefit scheme that will effectively underwrite private borrowing; and is confident that proper management of this major household expense by comprehensive insurance schemes, backed by lenders and insurers, will contribute significantly to a return of market stability', 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 John Cummings, Mr Eric Clarke: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 302.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House reaffirms its commitment to enabling people to buy their own homes, which four out of five people aspire to do; welcomes the fact that the cost of home ownership relative to incomes is at an historically low level; recognises that the existing system of income support mortgage interest leaves seven out of ten households without cover for their housing costs when unable to work; welcomes the Government's proposed reforms which will help ensure that new home buyers protect their homes against the risk of unemployment; welcomes the innovation taking place in the lending and insurance
markets to provide good quality and affordable cover; rejects proposals to spend even more taxpayers' money by introducing a mortgage benefit scheme that will effectively underwrite private borrowing; and is confident that proper management of this major household expense by comprehensive insurance schemes, backed by lenders and insurers, will contribute significantly to a return of market stability.

12 Standards in Public Life,—Ordered, That Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr John Evans, Sir Archibald Hamilton, Sir Terence Higgins, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mr John Morris, Mr Tony Newton, Mr Stanley Orme and Mrs Ann Taylor be members of the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life.—(Mr Derek Conway.)

13 Environment,—Ordered, That Mr Robert Ainsworth be discharged from the Environment Committee and Jane Kennedy be added to the Committee.—(Mr Don Dixon, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Derek Conway.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 13th June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Compliance Cost Assessments,—List of Compliance Cost Assessments produced in the period 1st July 1994 to 31st December 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2881] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

3 Courts and Legal Services,—Report of the Legal Services Ombudsman for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 459] [Mr John M. Taylor].

4 Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission on the sixth programme of law reform [by Act]; to be printed [No. 455] [Mr John M. Taylor].

5 Post Office,—Report and Accounts of the Post Office for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

6 Race Relations,—Report of the Commission for Racial Equality for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Deregulation Committee on 13th June; to be printed [No. 508-i] [Mr Barry Field].

2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 13th June; to be printed [No. 133-iv] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 293-vi] [Mr William McKelvey].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-xxii] [Mr William Ross].

5 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 13th June; to be printed [No. 481-ii] [Mr Richard Caborn].
Wednesday 14th June 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 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, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords].—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Law Reform (Succession) 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. 520].

6 European Standing Committee B.—Sir John Hunt reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 6th June 1995, relating to the Commission's recommendation for the broad guidelines of the economic policies of the Member States and the Community; and agrees with the Government that the emphasis on permanently low inflation and sound public finances, combined with structural measures to tackle the problem of unemployment, is to be welcomed.

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 Sheffield Assay Office Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Human Rights Bill [Lords].—The Human Rights Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 135].

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 rural affairs in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

10 Employers' Organisations,.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to set up a Royal Commission to examine the role and purpose of federations and other organisations representing employers with a view to making recommendations as to the desirability of a more united and representative network of employers' organisations able to discharge more effectively their obligations in economic and labour market policy fields nationally, regionally and in the community: And that Mr Denis MacShane, Judith Church, Mr Ken Purchase, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Stanley Orme, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Greville Janner, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Jeff Rooker and Mr Paul Flynn do prepare and bring it in.

11 Employers' Organisations Bill.—Mr Denis MacShane accordingly presented a Bill to set up a Royal Commission to examine the role and purpose of federations and other organisations representing employers with a view to making recommendations as to the desirability of a more united and representative network of employers' organisations able to discharge more effectively their obligations in economic and labour market policy fields nationally, regionally and in the community: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 133].

12 Representation of the People.—Resolved, That the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Howard.)
13 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 (Investment Advertisements) (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 10th May, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—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 draft Public Offers of Securities Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 10th May, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

15 Defence,—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 Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

16 Fisheries,—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 unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 6th June 1995, relating to the setting of maximum levels of fishing effort for certain Western waters fisheries; welcomes the contribution this will make towards fisheries conservation, while permitting existing levels of fishing activity to continue, including by United Kingdom fishermen; and supports the Government's intention to secure appropriate enforcement arrangements in further negotiations—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.37 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 14th June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,—Special Grant Report (No. 15) (Metropolitan Railway Grant 1995-96) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 470] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

2 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—Local Government Finance (Scotland) Special Grant Report No. 1 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 517] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Local Government,—Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Consequential Amendments No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1510), dated 12th June 1995 [by Act][Mr Secretary Redwood].

5 National Health Service,—(1) Alexandra Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1467),

(2) Derbyshire Ambulance Service National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1468),

(3) Leicestershire Ambulance and Paramedic Service National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1466),

(4) Norfolk and Norwich Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1465),

(5) Northampton Community Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1462),

(6) Northampton General Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1463), and
(7) Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1464),
dated 7th June 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

Other Papers:

6 Scottish Land Court,—Report as to proceedings of the Scottish Land Court for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2857] [Mr Secretary Lang].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee E,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Gerald Bemingham, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Michael Brown, Mr James Clappison, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Roger Knappman, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Timothy Wood.

2 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) Order 1995 and the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 2) Order 1995, viz.: Mr David Ashby, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Michael Lord, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr John McFall, Mr Tony Marlow, Mr Austin Mitchell, Sir David Mitchell, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Stuart Randall, Dame Angela Rumbold, Mr David Sumberg, Mr James Wallace and Mr Alan W. Williams.

3 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1995, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Gerald Bemingham, Mr Michael Carttiss, Mr Anthony Coombs, Jean Corston, Mr David Evennett, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Michael Forsyth, Sir Norman Fowler, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Roger Gale, Sir George Gardiner, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr George Howarth and Mr Paddy Tipping.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 and the Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Tim Boswell, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Bill Etherington, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr John Heppell, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Eddie Loyden, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Steve Norris, Dr Robert Spink, Mr James Wallace, Joan Walley and Mr Bowen Wells.

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Vivian Bendall, Mr Ian Bruce, Dr Michael Clark, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Bill Etherington, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr John Heppell, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Eddie Loyden, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Steve Norris, Dr Robert Spink, Mr James Wallace, Joan Walley and Mr Bowen Wells.

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Robert Banks, Mr John Butterfill, Mr James Couchman, Mr James Cran, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Hugh Dykes, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Nick Hawkins, Lynne Jones, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Paul Tyler, Joan Walley and Mr Bowen Wells.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) First Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95 (Identification and Registration of Farm Livestock)]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 14th July;
   to be printed [Nos. 515 and 512-i and--ii] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 14th June;
   to be printed [Nos. 366-vii and 518-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 14th June; to be printed [No. 446-iii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Severance Payments to Senior Staff in the Publicly Funded Education Sector]; 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. 242]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 14th June;
   to be printed [No. 521-i]
   [Mr Robert Sheldon].

5 Social Security,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 14th June; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Social Security Committee;
   to be printed [Nos. 382-iv and 519] [Mr Clifford Forsythe].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 14th June; to be printed [No. 481-iii] [Mr Richard Caborn].

7 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 14th June; to be printed [No. 396-iv] [Mr Paul Channon].

8 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 14th June; to be printed [No. 300-iii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDA

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

   (1) the Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee E;
   (2) the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) Order 1995 and the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 2) Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
   (3) the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
   (4) the Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 and the Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
   (5) the Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 1995 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
   (6) the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

   (1) Mr John Maxton an additional Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of a substantive Motion for the adjournment (community care in Scotland);
   (2) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic

(3) Mr Michael Shersby Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1995;

(4) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 and the Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995;

(5) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 1995;

(6) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995; and

(7) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 10911/94, relating to economic growth and the environment.

[No. 120.]

Thursday 15th June 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 22nd June.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 22nd June.

3 City of Westminster Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 22nd June.

4 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 22nd June.

5 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

6 Selection (see Appendix II).

7 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

8 Crown Agents Bill [Lords],—Mrs Ann Winterton reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Crown Agents Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 136].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 525].

9 Environment Bill [Lords],—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Environment Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 131].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 527].

10 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Robert Hicks reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers, referred to a Committee on 7th June.
11 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to Amend the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

12 Environmental Claims Bill.—Mr Alan Keen, supported by Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Cynog Dafis, Diana Maddock, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Matthew Taylor and Mr Malcolm Wicks, presented a Bill to prevent the making of false or unsupported environmental claims and similar claims related to animal welfare in relation to goods or services, and for purposes connected with these matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 134].

13 Council Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Secretary Gummer);

And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [9th June].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 270.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Stephen Byers: 242.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.

14 Broad Guidelines of Economic Policy.—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 unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 6th June 1995, relating to the Commission’s recommendation for the broad guidelines of the economic policies of the Member States and the Community; and agrees with the Government that the emphasis on permanently low inflation and sound public finances, combined with structural measures to tackle the problem of unemployment, is to be welcomed—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes past Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 19th June, pursuant to Order [13th January].

[Adjourned at 8.6 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 15th June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—(1) Draft Bedfordshire (Borough of Luton) (Structural Change) Order 1995,

(2) draft Derbyshire (City of Derby) (Structural Change) Order 1995,

(3) draft Durham (Borough of Darlington) (Structural Change) Order 1995,

(4) draft Staffordshire (City of Stoke-on-Trent) (Structural and Boundary Changes) Order 1995, and

(5) draft Wiltshire (Borough of Thamesdown) (Structural Change) Order 1995

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Income Tax,—Personal Equity Plan (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1539), dated 14th June 1995 [by Act] [Sir George Young].

3 National Health Service,—(1) Bury Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1492),
(2) Cumbria Ambulance Service National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1493),

(3) Leicestershire Mental Health Service National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1491),

(4) Norfolk Mental Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1490),

(5) North Lakeland Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1494), and

(6) Norwich Community Health Partnership National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1489),
dated 8th June 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

4 Pensions,—Local Government Superannuation (Gratuities) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1497), dated 8th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5 Police,—Police (Discipline) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1475), dated 7th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

6 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 15th June 1995, 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 1995–96 [by Act] [Sir George Young].

7 Science and Technology,—Government response to the Fourth Report of the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1993–94 on international investment in UK science [by Command] [Cm. 2892] [Mr David Hunt].

8 Supply Estimates, 1995–96,—Revised Estimates, Summer Supplementary Estimates and New Estimates for 1995–96 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 465] [Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr James Wallace (nominated in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1388) and the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1422)); and had appointed in substitution Mrs Ray Michie.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Dr Robert Spink and Mr Ian Bruce (nominated in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 1995); and had appointed in substitution Sir Rhodes Boyson and Sir Peter Fry.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 15th June; to be printed [No. 302-vi] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 15th June; to be printed [No. 552-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

MEMORANDUM
Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) Order 1995 and the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 2) Order 1995, in place of Mr Barry Jones.
Monday 19th June 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Road Traffic (New Drivers) Bill, without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill to be considered on Friday 14th July; and to be printed [Bill 139].

5 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.

   BMARC.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls for an independent inquiry into the BMARC affair—(Dr John Cunningham);
   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 'recognises the independence of the all-party Select Committee on Trade and Industry, welcomes the Government's assurance that if that Committee decides to examine the issues raised by the allegation that Singapore was used as a conduit for arms to Iran then it will co-operate fully; and recognises that as far as intelligence is concerned the Government will establish procedures with the Select Committee in the light of the Intelligence Services Act 1994', 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 Jon Owen Jones, Mr Stephen Byers: 267.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Wood: 291.
   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.
   The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
   Resolved, That this House recognises the independence of the all-party Select Committee on Trade and Industry; welcomes the Government's assurance that if that Committee decides to examine the issues raised by the allegation that Singapore was used as a conduit for arms to Iran then it will co-operate fully; and recognises that as far as intelligence is concerned the Government will establish procedures with the Select Committee in the light of the Intelligence Services Act 1994.

   Overseas Aid.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, concerned by reports that one billion people throughout the world live in abject poverty, condemns Her Majesty's Government's failure to place genuine poverty alleviation at the heart of overseas development policy, an aim which has been repeatedly sacrificed to the pursuit of political dogma, confusion over Britain's relationship with its partners in the European Union and unlawful linkages between aid and trade; condemns the Government for a decline in real terms in development spending; urges the Government to improve the quality of British aid by reallocation of resources so that more is spent on meeting basic needs such as primary education and health care and less on tied aid; calls on the Government to explain how it will achieve the UN aid target of 0.7% of GNP; and calls on the Government to take a lead in multilateral programmes which address the needs of the poorest in the world, particularly women and children—(Joan Lestor);
   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 'concerned by reports that one billion people throughout the world live in abject poverty, commends Her Majesty's Government's support for sustainable development and poverty alleviation through its
support for economic reform, good government, and investment in people and productive capacity, as well as through direct action to provide the poor with opportunities to improve their lives; and urges the Government to pursue these policies with their development partners and multilateral agencies', instead thereof. (Mr Alastair Goodlad.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mrs Barbara Roche: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Wood: 287.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House, concerned by reports that one billion people throughout the world live in abject poverty, commends Her Majesty's Government's support for sustainable development and poverty alleviation through its support for economic reform, good government, and investment in people and productive capacity, as well as through direct action to provide the poor with opportunities to improve their lives; and urges the Government to pursue these policies with their development partners and multilateral agencies.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.41 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 16th June 1995 pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 36, 1994).—Third Supplementary List of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc., for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2889] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 19th June 1995:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


3 Rating and Valuation,—Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

4 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Employment Protection (Increase of Limits) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Education,—Education (Grant-maintained and Grant-maintained Special Schools) (Finance) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1554), dated 15th June 1995, and

(2) Further Education (Attribution and Surpluses and Deficits) (Margaret Danyers College) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1453), dated 7th June 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

6 Food,—Eggs (Marketing Standards) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1544), dated 14th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

7 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Capital Finance) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1526), dated 14th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

8 Road Traffic,—Motor Cycle (EC Type Approval) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1513), dated 10th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].
Other Papers:

9 Commonwealth Development Corporation,—Report and Accounts of the Commonwealth Development Corporation for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

10 Deregulation,—Proposal by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Sunday Dancing) Order 1995, together with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

11 Employment Protection,—Report of the Secretary of State for Employment on limits on guarantee payments for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 516] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

12 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance,—Report of the Law Society and of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on legal aid in Northern Ireland for 1993-94 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 463] [Mr John M. Taylor].

13 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Wales—

(1) on 30th March 1995 on borrowing by Glan Clwyd National Health Service Trust,

(2) on 27th April 1995 on borrowing by Bridgend & District National Health Service Trust, and

(3) on 28th April 1995 on borrowing by Gwynedd Community National Health Service Trust

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Redwood].

14 National Health Service (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given the Secretary of State for Scotland on 13th June 1995 on borrowing by Falkirk & District Royal Infirmary National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

15 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [15th May] from residents of Wakefield against the proposed Jobseekers' Allowance [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

16 Reserve Forces,—Statement by the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under Section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call-out of territorial army personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Paper withdrawn:

17 Rating and Valuation,—Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995 [laid 8th June].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 19th June; to be printed [No. 534-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 533] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 3) Order 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr Edward O'Hara Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 3) Order 1995; and

(2) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 and Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995, in place of Mr Michael J. Martin.
Tuesday 20th June 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Liaison.—Sir Terence 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 1995-96:

1. Class XIII, Votes 1 to 4, Department of Social Security, in so far as they relate to expenditure on social security;

2. Class III, Votes 3 and 4, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: operational expenditure, and departmental administration and agencies, in so far as they relate to the prevention and control of animal diseases and import health controls on animals;

and that debate on the first Estimate be interrupted not later than three hours after its commencement.

Report to lie upon the Table.

4 Deregulation.—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolution:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Greyhound Racing) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 5th April, the proposals should be amended before a draft order is laid before the House.


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 538].

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

Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision, in relation to cases where a dwelling-house is, has been, or was intended to be, the home of two or more persons, as to their respective rights of occupation; to make provision for preventing the molestation of one person by another; to enable a court to include in certain orders under the Children Act 1989 provision relating to the occupation of a dwelling-house; to make provision for the transfer of tenancies between spouses and persons who have lived together as husband and wife; to apply section 17 of the Married Women’s Property Act 1882 to persons who live together as husband and wife; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Registers (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Bill, without Amendment.

7 Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill [Lords].—The Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 141]

The Bill stood referred to a second reading committee, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].
8 New Member Sworn,—Robert Law McCartney, Esquire, Member for North Down, was sworn.

9 Determinate Sentences for Murder,—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the mandatory life sentence in respect of convictions for murder and to confer on courts the power to impose determinate sentences while retaining the power to impose sentences of imprisonment for life: And that Mr Gary Waller, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Max Madden and Sir Keith Speed do prepare and bring it in.

10 Determinate Sentences for Murder Bill,—Mr Gary Waller accordingly presented a Bill to abolish the mandatory life sentence in respect of convictions for murder and to confer on courts the power to impose determinate sentences while retaining the power to impose sentences of imprisonment for life: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 140].

11 Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) 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, acknowledging the widespread public concern about the plight of people with serious mental illness discharged into the community, and noting with concern the growing shortages in the availability of acute psychiatric beds and the considerable strain put on community care services for the mentally ill, declines to give the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords] a Second Reading because the Bill will inevitably result in a reduction in the funds available for existing mental health services, because the Bill will not improve co-ordination between government departments in administering effective community care strategies or between professionals in devising individual care plans and because, as a consequence, the Bill fails to address the present shortcomings of community-focused care for people with mental illness', instead thereof.—(Mr Nicholas Brown.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Dennis Turner: 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr David Willetts: 236.

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 Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords] [Money]:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December] That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords], 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 such money under any other Act.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope)—It was agreed to.

13 Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, at the end to insert the words—

'(5A) Any regulations made by the Secretary of State under the provisions of subsection (5) above shall provide for the application of a service level agreement governing the administration of a qualifying inquiry and the performance of any person appointed to hold it'.—(Mr Keith Vaz.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Joe Benton: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr David Willetts: 197.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, at the end to insert the words—

'(5A) The prescribed standard amount referred to in subsection 5(b) above shall not be changed more than once in each calendar year; and any change shall be subject to consultation with such organisations as the Secretary of State considers to be representative of local authorities'.—(Mr Keith Vaz.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr David Willetts: 194.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 20, at the end to insert the words—

'(1A) This Act, except for sections 2 and 4, shall come into force at the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which it is passed, or on such earlier day as the Secretary of State may by order specify.

(1B) Sections 2 and 4 of this Act shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order specify.

(1C) Any power to make an order under this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument; and no order shall be made under subsection (1B) above unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament'.—(Mr Keith Vaz.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Estelle Morris: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 190.

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 Willetts, Mr Simon Burns: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr George Mudie, Mr Jim Dowd: 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

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

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 20th June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Education,—Draft Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

2 Legal Aid and Advice,—Draft Legal Advice and Assistance (Scope) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].
3 Local Government.—Draft Buckinghamshire (Borough of Milton Keynes) (Structural Change) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

4 Northern Ireland.—Draft Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

6 British Council.—Indemnity given by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on 20th June 1995 concerning works of art lent to the British Council for five exhibitions [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

7 Judicature (Northern Ireland).—Statement of Accounts of the Funds in Court in Northern Ireland for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 537] [Clerk of the House].

8 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [1st May] from citizens of the United Kingdom for recognition of, and treatment for sufferers from illnesses attributable to the Gulf War [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Reserve Forces.—Statement by the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under section 11 of the Reserved Forces Act 1980 on the callout of air force reserve personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:


   [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation.—Second Report from the Deregulation Committee, The Deregulation (Greyhound Racing) Order 1995; The Proposal; to be printed, together with appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [No. 535] [Mr Barry Field].

2 Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 20th June; to be printed [No. 159-x] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Procedure.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 20th June; to be printed [No. 491-ii] [Sir Peter Emery].

4 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-xxiii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 20th June; to be printed [No. 481-iv] [Mr Richard Caborn].
Wednesday 21st June 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

1 The Speaker's Absence.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the Speaker's absence from this day's sitting, pursuant to leave given [8th June].

Whereupon Mr Michael Morris, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

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2 The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr Peter Ainsworth reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills to which the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords], the Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Bill [Lords], the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the Criminal Proceedings (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That it had gone through the Bills, and had made amendments to each of them; and had agreed to a Report which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st June.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 552-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 552-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 552-II].

6 Selection (see Appendix II).

7 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

8 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Michael Shersby reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 547].

9 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr John Maxton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1241) and the Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1271), referred to a Committee on 13th and 7th June respectively.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 551].

10 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1210), referred to a Committee on 7th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 548].

11 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution;

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 10911/94, relating to economic growth and the environment; and supports the Government's view that environmental considerations should continue to be taken into account in determining economic policy, as well as other policy areas, as part of its overall commitment to furthering sustainable development.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
12 Prosecution Privatisation,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to allow the police to use private solicitors instead of the Crown Prosecution Service to prosecute in the magistrates’ court: And that Mr Julian Brazier, Sir Archibald Hamilton, Sir George Gardiner, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Graham Riddick, Mr John Sykes, Mr David Shaw, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Bernard Jenkin and Mr Nigel Waterson do prepare and bring it in.

13 Prosecution Privatisation Bill,—Mr Julian Brazier accordingly presented a Bill to allow the police to use private solicitors instead of the Crown Prosecution Service to prosecute in the magistrates’ court: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 142].

14 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Andrew Mitchell), And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

15 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 Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers, which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

16 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) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1388), dated 25th May 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st May, be approved—(Mr Timothy Wood): 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. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1422), dated 1st June 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mr Timothy Wood): 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. 3) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1560), dated 19th June 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

19 Local Government Finance and Local Government (Scotland),—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 Special Grant Report (No. 14) (Grants to Surrey Police Authority and Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District) (HC 474) and the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Special Grant Report No. 1 (HC 517) as if they were statutory instruments; and that the said Special Grant Reports be referred to Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood).

20 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) members of the Japanese Labour Camp Survivors Association and others for action to prevent Japan acquiring a permanent seat on the UN Security Council until her government apologises to and compensates former prisoners of war and civilian internees; and

(2) citizens of York for a moratorium on imports of mahogany

were presented and read; 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 Wood);

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

[Adjourned at 10.33 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 21st June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Education.—(1) Ridge Danyers College (Government) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1569), and
   (2) Ridge Danyers College (Incorporation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1568), dated 20th June 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


3. Transport,—Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority (Increase in Number of Members) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1522), dated 13th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

Other Papers:


5. Water Industry,—Report of the Director General of Water Services for 1994–95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 431] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1. Standing Committee F,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated twenty-three Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr David Atkinson, Mr John Bowis, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Peter Butler, Ann Coffey, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr David Faber, Dr Liam Fox, Mr John Gummer, Mr David Hinchcliffe, Mr Kevin Hughes, Tessa Jowell, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Jim Lester, Mr John McAllion, Mr Keith Mans, Mr John Marshall, Mr David Martin, Mr Rhodri Morgan, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Dennis Turner and Mr Mark Wolfson.

2. Second Reading Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee on the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr James Clappison, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr David Jameson, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Diana Maddock, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mr Timothy Wood.

3. First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Special Grant Report (No. 14) (Grants to Surrey Police Authority and Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District) (HC 474). viz.: Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr William Cash, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Sir Peter Emery, Mr Bill Etherington, Sir John Gorst, Mr John Greenway, Mr John Heppell, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Robert Key, Mr Jim Lester, Alice Mahon, Joan Walley, Mr John Watts and Mr Bowen Wells.

4. Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Buying Agency Trading Fund (Extension) Order 1995, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mrs Judith Church, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Robert B. Jones, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Colin Shepherd, Mr Michael Stern, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Cyril D. Townsend, Mr Bill Walker, Mr John Wilkinson, Mr David Willetts and Mr Tim Yeo.

5. Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Simon Burns, Ann Coffey, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Jonathan Evans, Dr Charles
Goodson-Wickes, Ms Margaret Hodge, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Bill Olner, Mr David Porter, Mr Mark Robinson, Mr Michael Spicer, Dr Robert Spink, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Sir Donald Thompson and Mr Ray Whitney.

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Clive Betts, Mr Ian Bruce, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr David Evans, Mr Douglas French, Dr John Gilbert, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mr Warren Hawksley, Sir Ralph Howell, Mr Eric Illsley, Helen Jackson, Mr Robert B. Jones, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr David Rendel, Mr Alan Simpson and Mr Stephen Timms.

7 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Local Government Act 1988 (Competition) (Defined Activities) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Clive Betts, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mr John Denham, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Robert B. Jones, Jane Kennedy, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr John Marshall, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr David Rendel, Mr Paddy Tipping and Mr David Willetts.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 21st June; to be printed [Nos. 391iv and−v] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—(1) Seventh Report from the Defence Committee [Reconnaissance, Intelligence, Surveillance and Target Acquisition]; 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. 319]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 21st June; to be printed [No. 373−ii]

   [Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

3 Education,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 21st June; to be printed [No. 473−ii] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 21st June; to be printed [No. 518−ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 European Legislation,—(1) Nineteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 70−xix];

   (2) Twentieth Report from the European Legislation Committee [The United Kingdom and the Community: Who makes the law on road safety?]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 323]; and

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 21st June; to be printed [No. 550−i]

   [Mr Jimmy Hood]

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 21st June; to be printed [No. 64−ii] [Mr David Howell].

7 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 21st June; to be printed [No. 446−iv] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 21st June; to be printed [No. 395−vii] [Mr Clive Soley].

9 Procedure,—(1) Fifth Report from the Procedure Committee [Private Members' Bills], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee;

   (2) Sixth Report from the Procedure Committee [Suspension of Members]; and

   (3) Seventh Report from the Procedure Committee [Prime Ministers' Questions], 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. 554, 555 and 38] [Sir Peter Emery].
10 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Welsh Development Agency]; 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. 376];

(2) Thirtieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Entry into the United Kingdom]; 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. 355]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 21st June; to be printed [No. 553–i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

11 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 21st June; to be printed [No. 541] [Mr William McKelvey].

12 Social Security,—(1) Fourth Report from the Social Security Committee [Compensation Recovery], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 21st June; to be printed [Nos. 196 and 382–v] [Mr Frank Field].

13 Trade and Industry,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 21st June; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [Nos. 481–v and 333–II] [Mr Richard Caborn].

14 Treasury and Civil Service,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 21st June; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 26th January, 6th March, 13th March and 26th April; to be printed [Nos. 332–ix and 549] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

15 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 21st June; to be printed [No. 393–iv] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee F;

(2) the Special Grant Report (No. 14) (Grants to Surrey Police Authority and Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District) (HC 474) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(3) the draft Buying Agency Trading Fund (Extension) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(4) the Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(5) the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(6) the draft Local Government Act 1988 (Competition) (Defined Activities) Order 1995 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) the Deputy Speaker appointed—

(1) Sir Michael Shersby Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr Nicholas Winterton and Mr John Maxton Chairmen of Standing Committee F in respect of the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords];

(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill [Lords];
(4) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Special Grant Report (No. 14) (Grants to Surrey Police Authority and Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District) (HC 474);

(5) Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Buying Agency Trading Fund (Extension) Order 1995;

(6) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995;

(7) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995; and

(8) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Local Government Act 1988 (Competition) (Defined Activities) Order 1995.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees) European Community Documents Nos. COM (94) 523, relating to films policy, 6871/95, relating to tourism, and COM (95) 300, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for 1996, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 124.]

Thursday 22nd June 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Bell's 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 Bell's Bridge: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered on Wednesday 28th June and to be printed [Bill 143].

2 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 29th June.

3 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 29th June.

4 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Monday 26th June at Seven o'clock.

5 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

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

6 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

7 Selection (see Appendix II).

8 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

9 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 556].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill, without Amendment.

Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate Part V of the Transport Act 1968 and related provisions
concerning the licensing of operators of certain goods vehicles; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to promote the reform of the statute law by the repeal, in accordance with recommendations of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission, of certain enactments which (except in so far as their effect is preserved) are no longer of practical utility, and to make other provision in connection with the repeal of those enactments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

11 Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Bill [Lords].—The Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 26th June and to be printed [Bill 146].

12 Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords].—The Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 26th June and to be printed [Bill 145].

13 Crown Agents Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Crown Agents Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (The Crown Agents Foundation)—(Joan Lestor)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Notice having been taken that strangers were present, the Deputy 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 Harry Barnes, Mr Peter L. Pike: 10.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 216.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr Nigel Spearing);

Mr Greg Knight 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 Timothy Wood, Mr Andrew Mitchell: 149.

Tellers for the Noes, Estelle Morris, Mr John Austin-Walker: 51.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Debate be now adjourned:—It was negatived.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Dr Liam Fox: 151.

Tellers for Noes, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr John Austin-Walker: 21.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of North Worcester against the siting of Braley House Bail and Probation Hostel in a residential district of Worcester 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 Michael Bates.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes past Eight o'clock, adjourned till Monday 26th June.

[Adjourned at 8.5 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 22nd June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—(1) Draft Dorset (Boroughs of Poole and Bournemouth) (Structural Change) Order 1995,
(2) draft East Sussex (Boroughs of Brighton and Hove) (Structural Change) Order 1995, and
(3) draft Hampshire (Cities of Portsmouth and Southampton) (Structural Change) Order 1995
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 National Health Service,—West Yorkshire Metropolitan Ambulance Service National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1534), dated 14th June 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

5 Public Passenger Transport,—Section 19 Minibus (Designated Bodies) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1540), dated 14th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

6 Rating and Valuation,—Local Government (Qualifications of Assessors) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1515), dated 8th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Robert B. Jones (nominated in respect of the draft Buying Agency Trading Fund (Extension) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Sir Paul Beresford.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 22nd June; to be printed [No. 561-i] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 22nd June; to be printed [No. 493-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Sir David Knox Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Local Government Act 1988 (Competition) (Defined Activities) Order 1995, in place of Mr Barry Jones.
Monday 26th June 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).
3 Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill [Lords].—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Family Homes and Domestic Violence 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 Family Homes and Domestic Violence 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. 573].
4 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
   Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Merchant Shipping Acts 1894 to 1994 and other enactments relating to merchant shipping; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
   Shipping and Trading Interests (Protection) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments for the protection of shipping and trading interests; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
5 National Health Service (Amendment) Bill,—Lords Amendment to the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill to be considered on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 147].
6 Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 148].
7 Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords].—The Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 149].
8 Shipping and Trading Interests (Protection) Bill [Lords].—The Shipping and Trading Interests (Protection) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 150].
9 Health Authorities Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Health Authorities Bill.
   Lords Amendment No. 3.
   Question put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment.
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Bates, Dr Liam Fox: 220.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Jim Dowd: 170.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.
   Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 7 were agreed to.
10 Jobseekers Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Jobseekers Bill.
   Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 5 were agreed to.
   Lords Amendment No. 6.
   An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 9, after the word 'prescribed', to insert the words—
   '(aa) may restrict his availability for employment in any week by refusing employment which may reasonably be expected to impair his future career prospects;'.—(Mr Ian McCartney.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mrs Barbara Roche: 226.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Simon Burns: 254.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7 to 53 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 48.

11 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in the preamble, page 2, line 10, at the end, to insert the words 'but not of their duty to use the land for educational purposes'.—(Mr Harry Cohen.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;
And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday.

12 Procedure,—Ordered, That Lady Olga Maitland be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure and Mr Patrick McLoughlin be added to the Committee.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

13 Catering,—Ordered, That Mrs Irene Adams be discharged from the Catering Committee and Mr Bill Etherington be added to the Committee.—(Mr Archy Kirkwood, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.32 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 Canada (No. 2, 1995),—Notes exchanged at London on 7th November 1994 and 17th February 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Canada, amending the Convention providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil and commercial matters, signed at Ottawa on 24th April 1984 (the “1984 Convention”) [Cm. 2894] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

2 Treaty Series (No. 38, 1995),—Amendments, done at Geneva on 12th May 1986, to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization adopted by the thirty-ninth session of the World Health Assembly [Cm. 2874] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

3 Treaty Series (No. 41, 1995),—Agreement, done at London on 15th February 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Georgia for the promotion and protection of investments [Cm. 2882] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

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

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

23rd June 1995

4 Customs and Excise,—Betting and Gaming Duties (Payment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1555), dated 16th June 1995 [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on 26th June 1995:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5 Education,—Draft Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].
6 Representation of the People,—Draft Local Government Elections (Changes to the Franchise and Qualification of Members) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

7 Prisons,—Prison (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1598), dated 24th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 Young Offender Institutions,—Young Offender Institution (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1599), dated 24th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

9 Deregulation,—Proposal by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Corn Returns Act 1882) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

10 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment of a new member to the English Tourist Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

11 Foreign Affairs,—Government Observations on the Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1994–95, on UK Policy on Weapons Proliferation and Arms Control in the Post-Cold War Era [by Command] [Cm. 2895] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

12 Legal Aid,—Report of the Legal Aid Board to the Lord Chancellor on the operation and finance of the Legal Aid Act 1988 for 1994–95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 526] [Mr John M. Taylor].

13 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the banking service provided by the Office of HM Paymaster General [by Act]; to be printed [No. 513] [Clerk of the House].

14 National Health Service,—Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 571] [Clerk of the House].

15 Social Fund,—Account of the Social Fund for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 567] [Clerk of the House].

Paper withdrawn:

16 Education,—Draft Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1995 [laid 20th June].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 26th June; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Defence Committee;

to be printed [Nos. 572-i and 333-II] [Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

2 Environment,—Second Special Report from the Environment Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee (Session 1994–95) on Volatile Organic Compounds]; to be printed [No. 563] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Crown Office and the Procurator Fiscal Service: Scottish Courts Administration, Resources in Sheriff Courts]; 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. 301];

(2) Thirty-second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Overseas Development Administration: Management of Programme Aid]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 337]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 26th June;

to be printed [No. 574-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

4 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 26th June; to be printed [No. 332-x] [Sir Thomas Arnold].
MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Local Government Act 1988 (Competition) (Defined Activities) Order 1995, in place of Sir David Knox.

[No. 126.]

Tuesday 27th June 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).
3 Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill,—Sir David Knox reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 144].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 580].
4 Pensions Bill [Lords,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Pensions 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. 584].
5 Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords,—Sir Michael Shersby reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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. 577].
6 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Special Grant Report (No. 14) (Grants to Surrey Police Authority and Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District) (House of Commons Paper No. 474), referred to a Committee on 21st June.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 576].
7 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Buying Agency Trading Fund (Extension) Order 1995.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 575].
8 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1423).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 583].
9 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   Sale of Goods (Amendment) Bill [Lords,—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to the sale of unascertained goods forming part of an identified bulk and the sale of undivided shares in goods; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
10 Media (Diversity) Bill,—The Order for reading the Media (Diversity) Bill a second time on Friday 14th July was read and discharged.
   Bill withdrawn.
11 Welfare of Calves (Export) Bill.—The Order for reading the Welfare of Calves (Export) Bill a second time on Friday 14th July was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

12 Environmental Investment (Accelerated Depreciation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to increase the amount of depreciation allowable against tax for investments on certain innovative environmental technologies; to require the Secretary of State to compile a definitive list of such innovative environmental technologies, and for related purposes: And that Mrs Anne Campbell, Sir Gerard Vaughan, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Cynog Dafis, Helen Jackson, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Nick Harvey and Mr Paddy Tipping do prepare and bring it in.

13 Environmental Investment (Accelerated Depreciation) Bill.—Mrs Anne Campbell accordingly presented a Bill to increase the amount of depreciation allowable against tax for investments on certain innovative environmental technologies; to require the Secretary of State to compile a definitive list of such innovative environmental technologies; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 151].

14 Environment Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Environment Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Power of SEPA to obtain information about land)—(Mr Robert Atkins)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Disclosure of information)—(Mr Robert Atkins)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Relevant authorities to define requirements of environmental protection)—(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, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Joe Benton: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Michael Bates: 262.

Another Clause (Guidance on costs and benefits)—(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, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Eric Clarke: 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Willetts, Dr Liam Fox: 263.

Another Clause (Greater London Regional Advisory Committee)—(Joan Ruddock)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Emissions from furnaces)—(Joan Ruddock)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Coal authority responsibility in relation to water from abandoned mines)—(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, Mr Stephen Byers, Estelle Morris: 241.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Willetts, Dr Liam Fox: 268.

Another Clause (Council Directive on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora)—(Mr Elliot Morley)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Footpaths in national parks)—(Mr Andrew F. Bennett)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Clause (Extension of National Parks to Scotland (No. 1))—(Maria Fyfe)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Guidance on old mineral planning permissions)—(Joan Ruddock)—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 sood adjourned.

15 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), That, at this day's sitting, the Environment Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

16 Environment Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Environment Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Guidance on old mineral planning permissions) be read a second time.

Question put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr George Mudie: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr David Willetts: 269.

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

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

17 Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Family Homes and Domestic Violence 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.

18 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 [20th June] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.

19 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 1995, which was laid before this House on 25th May, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.

20 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 1995, which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved—(Mr Andrew Mitchell):—It was agreed to.

21 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) staff and supporters of the Food Science Laboratory, Torry, Aberdeen for the retention of the Food Science Laboratory in its current location;

(2) staff and supporters of the Food Science Laboratory, Torry, Aberdeen for the retention of the Food Science Laboratory in its current location; and

(3) Paisley South End Flood Committee and residents of Paisley South End for statutory requirements for flood prevention measures

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

22 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.02 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 27th June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Highway Functions) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

2 Local Government Finance.—Updated Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales, dated 23rd June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 Public Health.—Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 4) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1611), dated 26th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Consumer Protection.—Gas Appliances (Safety) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1629), dated 23rd June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

5 Education.—Education (National Curriculum) (Exceptions) (Wales) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1574), dated 12th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hunt].

6 Social Security.—Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1570), dated 20th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

7 Crown Prosecution Service.—Report of the Crown Prosecution Service for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 472] [Mr Attorney General].

8 Education.—Account of the Education Assets Board for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 581] [Clerk of the House].

9 Electricity.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th June 1995 on borrowing by Nuclear Electric plc [by Act] [Sir George Young].

10 Housing.—Paper, entitled Our Future Homes: Opportunity, Choice, Responsibility: The Government’s Housing Policies for England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 2901] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

11 Police Complaints Authority.—Report of the Police Complaints Authority for the period 1st January 1994 to 31st March 1995 and Account for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 530] [Mr Secretary Howard].


13 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:

   Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 4) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1611)

   [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

Paper withdrawn:

14 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft Employment Protection (Increase of Limits) Order 1995 [laid 19th June].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment.—(1) Third Report from the Employment Committee [The Remuneration of Directors and Chief Executives of Privatised Utilities], together with the 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. 159]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 27th June; to be printed [No. 582-i]

[Mr Greville Janner].

2 Information.—(1) First Report from the Information Committee [The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology], together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 22nd May and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 578]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Information Committee

[Mr Gary Waller].

3 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-xxiv] [Mr William Ross].

4 Treasury and Civil Service.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 27th June; to be printed [No. 435-ii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

5 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 27th June; to be printed [No. 393-v] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

[No. 127.]

Wednesday 28th June 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Sheffield Assay Office Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Sheffield Assay Office Bill; and the same were agreed to.

3 Bell’s Bridge Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Bell’s Bridge Order Confirmation Bill;

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Selection (see Appendix II).

6 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

7 Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill.—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 14th July; and to be printed [Bill 153].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 599].

8 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 608].
9 Royal Assent.—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses, and to the following Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England (Powers) Act 1919:

Commonwealth Development Corporation Act 1995
Proceeds of Crime Act 1995
Carers (Recognition and Services) Act 1995
Road Traffic (New Drivers) Act 1995
Land Registers (Scotland) Act 1995
Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Act 1995
Prisoners (Return to Custody) Act 1995
Health Authorities Act 1995
Jobseekers Act 1995
Malvern Hills Act 1995

Team and Group Ministries Measure 1995.

10 Sale of Goods (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Sale of Goods (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 154].

11 Liaison.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee on 27th April and 20th June be printed [No. 605].

12 Whistleblower Protection.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect individuals who make certain disclosures of information in the public interest; to allow such individuals to bring action in respect of victimisation; to invalidate any insurance taken out against such action; and for connected purposes: And that Dr Tony Wright, Mr Derek Fatchett, Mr Giles Radice, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Frank Field, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Jeff Rooker and Tessa Jowell do prepare and bring it in.

13 Whistleblower Protection Bill,—Dr Tony Wright accordingly presented a Bill to protect individuals who make certain disclosures of information in the public interest; to allow such individuals to bring action in respect of victimisation; to invalidate any insurance taken out against such action; and for connected purposes; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 152].

14 Environment Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Environment Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Environmental targets for SEPA)—(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 (Water abstraction licences)—(Mr Matthew Taylor)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 40) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 8, after the first word 'Agency', to insert the words 'or, in Welsh, Asiantaeth yr Amgylchedd'.—(Sir Paul Beresford.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bowen Wells, Dr Liam Fox: 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Dennis Turner: 230.

Another Amendment (No. 255) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, to leave out lines 19 to 28.—(Mr Cynog Dafis.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Other Amendments (Nos. 41, 204, 42 and 43) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 257) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

'(6A) It shall be the duty of the Agency to provide and publish advice to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the President of the Board of Trade, and the Secretary of State for Scotland, concerning the discharge of pollutants at sea.'—(Mr Cynog Dafis.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 257) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

'(6A) It shall be the duty of the Agency to provide and publish advice to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the President of the Board of Trade, and the Secretary of State for Scotland, concerning the discharge of pollutants at sea.'—(Mr Cynog Dafis.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 257) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 10, after the first word 'the', to insert the word 'relevant'.—(Maria Fyfe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr George Mudie: 216.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr David Willetts: 261.

Another Amendment (No. 44) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 264) proposed to the Bill, in page 48, line 19, at the end, to insert the words 'and any small-scale land-fill site, the size of which should be designated by regulation, will be exempt from the Part'.—(Mr Archy Kirkwood.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 264) proposed to the Bill, in page 48, line 19, at the end, to insert the words 'and any small-scale land-fill site, the size of which should be designated by regulation, will be exempt from the Part'.—(Mr Archy Kirkwood.)

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

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

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

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Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
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Other Amendments (Nos. 196, 48 to 53, 110 to 115, 54, 205, 55 to 57, 220, 206, 197 to 200 and 58) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 59) proposed to the Bill, in page 146, line 24, after '77', to insert the words 'paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 7'.—(Mr Robert Atkins.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Wood: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Harry Barnes: 56.

Another Amendment (No. 201) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 149, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2A) The Agency may, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1995—

(a) pay such pensions to or in respect of any person who are or have been its officers or employees, and

(b) make such payments towards provision for the payment of such pensions, as it may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, determine.'—(Joan Ruddock.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 60, 61, 221, 62 to 68, 202, 69 to 79, 222, 223, 80, 81, 24 to 26, 82 to 85, 224 to 232, 86 to 94, 179 and 203) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 95) proposed to the Bill, in page 303, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

'. After section 93 of that Act (interpretation of Part III) there shall be inserted—

"PART IIIA

PROMOTION OF THE EFFICIENT USE OF WATER

Duty to promote the efficient use of water.

93A.—(1) It shall be the duty of every water undertaker to promote the efficient use of water by its customers.

(2) The duty of a water undertaker under this section shall be enforceable under section 18 above—

(a) by the Secretary of State; or

(b) with the consent of or in accordance with a general authorisation given by the Secretary of State, by the Director.

(3) Nothing in this Part shall have effect to authorise or require a water undertaker to impose any requirement on any of its customers or potential customers.

Power of Director to impose requirements on water undertakers.

93B.—(1) The Director may require a water undertaker, in its performance of its duty under section 93A above, to—

(a) take any such action; or

(b) achieve any such overall standards of performance, as he may specify in the document imposing the requirement.

(2) Where the Director, in the document imposing a requirement on a water undertaker under subsection (1) above, stipulates that any contravention of the requirement by the undertaker will be a breach of its duty under section 93A above, any contravention of that requirement by the undertaker shall be a breach of that duty.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above, a requirement under that subsection may—

(a) require a water undertaker to make available to its customers or potential customers such facilities as may be specified in the document imposing the requirement;

(b) require a water undertaker to provide or make available to its customers or potential customers such information as may be specified in the document imposing the requirement, and may specify the form in which, the times at which or the frequency with which any such information is to be provided or made available.
(4) In exercising his powers under this section in relation to any water undertaker the Director shall have regard to the extent to which water resources are available to that undertaker.

(5) Before imposing any requirement on a water undertaker under subsection (1) above the Director shall consult that undertaker.

(6) Nothing in this section authorises the Director to impose any requirement on a water undertaker which has or may have the effect of authorising or requiring that undertaker to impose any requirement on any of its customers or potential customers.

Publicity of requirements imposed under section 93B.

93C.—(1) Where, under section 93B(1) above, the Director imposes any requirement on a water undertaker, the Director may arrange for that requirement to be publicised in any such manner as he may consider appropriate for the purpose of bringing it to the attention of that undertaker's customers.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above, the Director may arrange for such publicising of the requirement as is mentioned in that subsection by—

(a) himself publicising the requirement or causing it to be publicised; or

(b) directing the undertaker to inform or arrange to inform its customers of the requirement.

93D.—(1) Where a water undertaker is subject to any requirement imposed under section 93B(1) above, the Director may arrange for there to be given to the customers of that undertaker at any such times or with such frequency, and in any such manner, as he may consider appropriate, such information about the level of performance achieved by the undertaker in relation to that requirement as appears to the Director to be expedient to be given to those customers.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above, the Director may arrange for such giving of information as is mentioned in that subsection by—

(a) himself disseminating the information or causing it to be disseminated; or

(b) directing the undertaker to give or arrange to give the information to its customers.

(3) At such times and in such form or manner as the Director may direct, a water undertaker shall provide the Director with such information as may be specified in the direction in connection with the undertaker's performance in relation to any requirement imposed upon the undertaker under section 93B(1) above.

(4) A water undertaker who fails without reasonable excuse to do anything required of him by virtue of subsection (3) above shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale."

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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Question put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 96 to 98, 207, 208, 192, 209 to 211, 99, 100, 212, 101 to 104, 27, 28, 105, 106, 213 and 107 to 109) made to the Bill.

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

Mr Secretary Gummer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having being 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 Gummer, 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 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.), That the Special Grant Report (No. 14) (Grants to Surrey Police Authority and Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District) (House of Commons Paper No. 474), which was laid before this House on 7th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

18 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 Buying Agency Trading Fund (Extension) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 8th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

19 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) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1423), dated 27th May 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

20 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Cirencester against planning consent for a non-food retail development was presented and read; 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 Simon Burns);

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

[Adjourned at 12.48 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 28th June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Export and Investment Guarantees,—Draft Export and Investment Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

2 Sea Fisheries, Fishing Vessels (Safety Improvements) (Grants) Scheme 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1609), dated 28th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

3 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Employment Protection (Increase of Limits) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Consumer Protection, Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1648), dated 23rd June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].


Other Papers:

7 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the Welsh Fourth Channel for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

8 Data Protection,—Account of the Data Protection Registrar for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 600] [Clerk of the House].

9 Pensions,—Report by the Occupational Pensions Board on the Personal Pension Schemes (Appropriate Schemes) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1612), preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 2913] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
10 Police Complaints Authority, — Account of the Police Complaints Authority for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 604] [Clerk of the House].

11 Sex Discrimination, — Report of Equal Opportunities Commission for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

12 Statutory Instruments (Notification), — Communications declaring that the aforementioned 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:

- Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1630); and
- Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1648)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

13 Treaty Series (No. 39, 1995), — Notes exchanged at New Delhi on 14th December 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of India further amending the Air Services Agreement, done at New Delhi on 1st December 1951 [by Command] [Cm. 2875] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

14 Treaty Series (No. 40, 1995), — Agreement, done at London on 19th August 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam concerning air services [by Command] [Cm. 2876] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

15 Treaty Series (No. 44, 1995), — Notes exchanged at Peking on 11th November 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the arrangements of the future use of the military sites in Hong Kong [by Command] [Cm. 2888] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee B, — Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr James Clappison, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Diana Maddock, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mr Timothy Wood.

2 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., — Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Michael Ancram, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Dennis Canavan, Sir Peter Fry, Mr Mike Gapes, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Andrew MacKay, Bridget Prentice, Mr John Spellar, Mr David Trimble, Mr Ray Whitney, Mr John Whittingdale, Mr Malcolm Wicks, Mr David Wilshire and Mr Mark Wolfson.

3 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., — Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Local Government Finance (Scotland) Special Grant Report No. 1 (HC 517), viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Michael Bates, Sir Rhodes Boyson, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Ian Davidson, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Harold Elletson, Mr George Galloway, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr John McAllion, Mrs Ray Michie, Rachel Squire, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Richard Tracey, Dr Ian Twinn, Sir Gerard Vaughan and Mr George Walden.

4 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., — Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Belarus) Order 1995 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Bolivia) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Clive Betts, Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Michael Carttiss, Mrs Judith Church, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Derek Conway, Dame Peggy Fenner, Sir Norman Fowler, Mr Mike Hall, Sir John Hannam, Mr Jerry Hayes, Sir Cranley Onslow, Mr Richard Ottaway, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Alan Simpson and Sir George Young.
5 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Employment Protection (Increase of Limits) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Michael Bates, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr David Chidgey, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Nigel Forman, Sir George Gardiner, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Mr Barry Porter, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Michael Stephen, Mr Peter Thurnham, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Gary Waller.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education,—Third Report from the Education Committee [Performance in City 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. 247] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 28th June; to be printed [No. 585-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 European Legislation,—Twenty-first Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-xxi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 28th June; to be printed [Nos. 609-i and 610-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

5 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 28th June; to be printed [No. 293-vii] [Mr William McKelvey].

6 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 28th June; to be printed [No. 382-vii] [Mr Frank Field].

7 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 28th June; to be printed [No. 607] [Mr Richard Caborn].

8 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 28th June; to be printed [No. 611-i] [Mr Paul Channon].

9 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 28th June; to be printed [No. 332-xi] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

10 Welsh Affairs,—Third Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Severe Head Injuries: Rehabilitation], 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. 103] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B;

(2) the draft Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ;

(3) the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Special Grant Report No. 1 (HC 517) to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(4) the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Belarus) Order 1995 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Bolivia) Order 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(5) the draft Employment Protection (Increase of Limits) Order 1995 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) the Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Charities (Amendment) Bill;
(3) Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;

(4) Mr Roger Sims Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Special Grant Report No. 1 (HC 517);

(5) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Belarus) Order 1995 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Bolivia) Order 1995;

(6) Mr Robert Hicks Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Employment Protection (Increase of Limits) Order 1995; and

(7) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of European Standing Committee B, in respect of European Community Document No. 6398/94, relating to cinema and television films, and COM(94) 523, relating to films policy.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees) European Community Document No. 7514/95, relating to financial assistance for the environment, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 19th June 1995, relating to financial provision for fisheries enforcement, and on 23rd June 1995, relating to the common fisheries policy control system, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

[No. 128.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 6th July.

2 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday 3rd July at Seven o'clock.

3 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the London Local Authorities (No.2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

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

4 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 26th June, on consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Which Question was, That an Amendment (No. 1) be made, in the preamble, in page 2, line 10, at the end, to insert the words 'but not of their duty to use the land for educational purposes.';

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 6th July.

5 Bell’s Bridge Order Confirmation Bill.—The Bell’s Bridge Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

6 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

7 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

8 Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Advice to the Secretary of State) (Mr Alun Michael) — brought up, and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Jurisdiction of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration)—(Mr Alun Michael)—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 Robert Ainsworth, Mr Joe Benton: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Simon Burns: 248.

Another Clause (Principles)—(Mr Alun Michael)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Estelle Morris, Mr Eric Clarke: 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Dr Liam Fox: 257.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, to leave out lines 7 and 8 and insert the words—

'(b) for the appointment by the Lord Chancellor of a legally-qualified chairman of that body.'—(Mr Alun Michael.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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 Third Reading to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill because it provides for a tariff of amounts of compensation in respect of criminal injuries without flexibility in special cases, gives extensive powers to the Secretary of State to frame a Scheme for criminal injuries compensation with insufficient parliamentary scrutiny, includes provision for the contracting-out of what should be a public service function, and includes provisions to exonerate the Secretary of State of responsibility for the conduct of the Scheme', instead thereof.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr George Mudie, Mr Eric Clarke: 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Dr Liam Fox: 260.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order 60 (Amendment on second or third reading):—It was agreed to.

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

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 Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom against the disposal of waste from the nuclear industry on landfill sites was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.4 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 29th June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Broadcasting.—Draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3. Housing.—Rent Officers (Additional Functions) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1642), dated 28th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

4. Housing (Scotland).—Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1643), dated 28th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

   (2) Tavistock and Portman National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1590), and
   (3) Walsgrave Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1588),
   dated 22nd June 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

   (2) Social Security (Income Support and Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1613), dated 26th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

7. Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute made by the University of Oxford on 25th April 1995, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

8. Criminal Justice.—Report of the Parole Board for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 531] [Mr Secretary Howard].


10. Museums and Galleries.—Accounts of—
   (1) the British Museum, and
   (2) the National Gallery
   for 1993–94, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 591 and 590] [Clerk of the House].

11. Northern Ireland.—Report of the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights for 1994–95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 506] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

12. Prisons.—Prison Statistics for England and Wales for 1993 [by Command] [Cm. 2893] [Mr Secretary Howard].

13. Social Security.—Reports by the Social Security Advisory Committee on—
   (1) the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1995, and
   (2) the Social Security (Income Support and Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1995
   preceded by statements by the Secretary of State for Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 2902 and 2905] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 29th June; to be printed [No. 561-ii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

MEMORANDUM

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

(1) Mr James Hill and Mr Roy Hughes Chairmen of Standing Committee C in respect of the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill; and

(2) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Employment Protection (Increase of Limits) Order 1995, in place of Mr Robert Hicks.

Friday 30th June 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

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

Notice having been taken that strangers were present, the Deputy 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 Robert G. Hughes, Mr Alan Duncan: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Simon Burns: 74.

So the Question was negatived.

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.

3 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 6th July, the Speaker shall, notwithstanding the Sessional Order [19th December], not later than Ten o'clock put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Gummer relating to the draft Staffordshire (City of Stoke-on-Trent) (Structural and Boundary Changes) and the draft Wiltshire (Borough of Thamestown), Durham (Borough of Darlington), Derbyshire (City of Derby), Bedfordshire (Borough of Luton), Buckinghamshire (Borough of Milton Keynes), Dorset (Boroughs of Poole and Bournemouth), East Sussex (Boroughs of Brighton and Hove) and Hampshire (Cities of Portsmouth and Southampton) (Structural Change) Orders 1995.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

4 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Friday 30th June 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1666), and

(2) Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1668),
dated 29th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (Fund-Holding Practices) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1571), dated 19th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages,—Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R.(N.I.), 1995, No. 208), dated 17th May 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mayhew].

5 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Cars) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1667), dated 29th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Other Papers


7 Reserve Forces,—Statement by the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call out of air force reserve personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

8 Treaty Series (No. 42, 1995),—Agreement, done at Kuala Lumpur on 17th October 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Malaysia on mutual assistance in relation to drug trafficking [by Command] [Cm. 2883] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

9 Treaty Series (No. 43, 1995),—Treaty, done at Corfu on 24th June 1995, between the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Portuguese Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Member states of the European Union) and the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden concerning the accession of the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union including the protocols and Final Act with declarations [by Command] [Cm. 2887] [Mr Secretary Hurd].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

Sports Discrimination Bill [Lords]. — The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make it unlawful for any administrative or rule-making body for a sport, of any affiliated club, to discriminate against persons who have participated, are participating or are expected to participate in any other lawful sport; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Commonwealth Development Corporation (No. 2) Bill [Lords]. — The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend section 2 of the Commonwealth Development Corporation Act 1978 to confer further powers on the Commonwealth Development Corporation; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Opposition Day [15th 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 Provision of Healthcare, — A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House shares with the public, with patients and with health care professionals, growing alarm at the incremental erosion of the public service ethos upon which the National Health Service was founded; rejects the drive to replace the cherished principles of public ownership, co-operation and fairness with private markets, excessive bureaucracy and inequity; calls for a slowing down of the passion for reorganisation; and urges that change in the NHS be based on health arguments, not financial considerations — (Margaret Beckett);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes that, since the introduction of the Government’s health reforms, over one million more patients are treated in hospital every year and waiting times have fallen to the lowest on record; welcomes the Government’s commitment to a strong and stable publicly-funded NHS where trusts and general practitioner fundholders are free to build further on these achievements; and condemns the inadequate, inconsistent and incoherent policies of Her Majesty’s Opposition, which would destroy the key features of the new NHS, would undermine patients’ interests and would throw into reverse the progress of recent years’, instead thereof. (Mrs Secretary Bottomley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mrs Barbara Roche: 218.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Sydney Chapman: 288.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House notes that, since the introduction of the Government’s health reforms, over one million more patients are treated in hospital every year and waiting times have fallen to the lowest on record; welcomes the Government’s commitment to a strong and stable publicly-funded NHS where trusts and general practitioner fundholders are free to build further on these achievements; and condemns the inadequate, inconsistent and incoherent policies of Her Majesty’s Opposition, which would destroy the key features of the new NHS, would undermine patients’ interests and would throw into reverse the progress of recent years.

5 Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill;
A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Peter Brooke, 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 Peter Brooke, Mr Michael Lord: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours: 56.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

6 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Robin Squire);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr David Willetts: 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 169.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 26th June, be approved.

7 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr Liam Fox);

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

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.12 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 3rd July 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service,—(1) East Wiltshire Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1602),

(2) Rockingham Forest National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1603), and

(3) Swindon and Marlborough National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1604),

dated 26th June 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

Other Papers:

2 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrel].

3 Deregulation,—Proposal by the Secretaries of State for Education and Wales under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Length of School Day) Order 1995, together with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

4 Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland),—(1) Accounts of Scottish Enterprise for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 620] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Report and Accounts of Scottish Enterprise: Towards Jobs and Prosperity for the
People of Scotland for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 National Audit.—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on Evaluating the Applications to run the National Lottery [by Act]; to be printed [No. 569] [Clerk of the House].

6 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Eighth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1994-95, on Selected Cases, volume 3—Access to Official Information [by Act]; to be printed [No. 606] [Clerk of the House].

7 Prisons.—Home Department Minute concerning a contingent liability in respect of contracts proposed whereby the Crown acts as an insurer of last resort for four contracted prisons [by Command] [Mr Secretary Howard].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 585-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 332-xii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 131.]

Tuesday 4th July 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Deregulation.—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolution:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Building Societies) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 9th May, the proposal should be amended before a draft order is laid before the House.

4 Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill [Lords].—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 627].

5 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 634].

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

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

7 Criminal Appeal Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Criminal Appeal Bill to be considered tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 155].

8 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 Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 6) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3061) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.
9 Pensions Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Pensions Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Pensions Bill [Lords], as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clause No. 22, new Clause No. 3, new Clause No. 23, new Clause No. 1, new Clause No. 2, new Clause No. 15, Amendments relating to Clause No. 164, Clause No. 7 and Clauses Nos. 16 to 21, new Clause No. 21, new Clauses Nos. 11 to 14, new Clause No. 7, new Clause No. 9, new Clause No. 10, new Clause No. 17, new Clause No. 19, new Clause No. 20, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 125 to 133 and Schedule No. 4, new Clause No. 6, new Clause No. 4, new Clause No. 5, new Clause No. 24, other new Clauses, other Amendments.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

A Clause (Hybrid occupational pension schemes)—(Mr James Arbuthnot)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Central discontinuance funds)(Mr Donald Dewar)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 Robert Ainsworth, Mrs Barbara Roche: 230.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Timothy Wood: 271.

Another Clause (Pensions on divorce, etc.: Scotland)—(Mr James Arbuthnot)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Pensions on divorce, etc.)—(Mr Donald Dewar)—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 Jon Owen Jones, Mr Eric Clarke: 247.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Dr Liam Fox: 292.

Amendments (Nos. 69 to 81) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 7, at the end to insert the words—

'(1A) Where an application is received from the member nominated trustees of a scheme and where those member nominated trustees including any pensioner trustees selected by the members of the scheme comprise less than 50 per cent. of the total number of trustees the Authority may direct the trustees of the scheme to appoint an independent trustee to be drawn from a register of approved trustees to be compiled by the Authority.

(1B) The Authority shall establish and maintain a register of approved independent trustees.

(1C) Where a direction under Clause 7(1)(a) is not complied with, sections 3 and 10 apply to any trustee who has failed to take all such steps as are reasonable to secure compliance.'—(Mr Adam Ingram.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 39, at the end to insert the words—

'(6A) The arrangements must provide that when a scheme has more than 850 members, and pensioner members comprise a majority, one additional trustee shall be nominated, who shall be a pensioner member of that scheme.'(Mr Adam Ingram.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Wood: 282.

And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

10 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), That, at this day's sitting, the Pensions Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope) It was agreed to.
11 Pensions Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Pensions Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Extension of Pensions Appeal Tribunals Act 1943)—(Sir James Spicer)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (One third rate service widows' pension)—(Mrs Margaret Ewing)—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 Welsh, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones: 41.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sydney Chapman, Mr Timothy Wood: 199.

Another Clause (Consultation on pensions uprating (residence outside Great Britain))—(Mr Alfred Morris)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Paul Tyler: 39.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Timothy Wood: 179.

Another Clause (Entitlement to pension uprating (residence outside Great Britain) (phased introduction) (No. 2))—(Mr Churchill)—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 Mackinlay, Dr John Marek: 35.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Andrew Mitchell: 167.

Another Clause (Home responsibility protection)—(Mr Archy Kirkwood)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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

Bill to be further considered this day.

12 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 Updated Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales as if it were a draft statutory instrument; and that the said Code be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.20 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 4th July 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


   (2) Pensions Increase (Civil Service Supplementary (Earnings Cap) Pension Scheme 1994) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1683),
   (3) Pensions Increase (Pension Scheme for Mr Allan David Green) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1682), and
   dated 3rd July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Jonathan Aitken].

Other Papers:

6. Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances, — Paper, entitled Review of Radioactive Waste Management Policy: Final Conclusions [by Command] [Cm. 2919] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

7. Coal Industry, — Report and Accounts of the British Coal Corporation for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

8. Health Executive Agencies, — Report and Accounts of the Medicines Control Agency for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 523] [Clerk of the House].

9. Railways, — Report and Accounts of the British Railways Board for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

10. Road Traffic, — Report and Accounts of the Traffic Director for London for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mawhinney].

11. Statutory Instruments (Notification), — Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:
   Price Marketing (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1441)
   [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1. Deregulation, — Third Report from the Deregulation Committee [The Deregulation (Building Societies) Order 1995: The Proposal]; to be printed [No. 628] [Mr Barry Field].

2. Employment, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 4th July; to be printed [No. 582-ii] [Mr Greville Janner].
MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No.85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Employment Protection (Increase of Limits) Order 1995, in place of Mr Barry Jones.

[No. 132.]

Wednesday 5th July 1995.

The House met at Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Derek Conway);

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr Roger Sims reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Special Grant Report No. 1 (HC 517), referred to a Committee on 21st June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 648].

6 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. 6398/94, the Commission’s Green Paper on strategy options to strengthen the European programme industry in the context of the audiovisual policy of the European Union, and supports the Government’s overall approach towards fostering a competitive and healthy audiovisual sector; and of European Community Document No. COM (94) 522, relating to two draft Council decisions on the implementation of the MEDIA II programme on training for audiovisual professionals and on the development and distribution of audiovisual works; takes note of the outcome of the negotiations in the Culture/Audiovisual Council of 21st June, at which a common position was reached on both decisions; and supports the Government’s approach to these and subsequent negotiations.

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 Amendments made by this House to the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

8 Commonwealth Development Corporation (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Commonwealth Development Corporation (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 156].

9 Peace and Freedom Day,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the discontinuation of the May Day Bank Holiday and to establish a Peace and Freedom Day Bank Holiday on the Monday nearest to Victory in Europe Day, 8th May—(Mr David Atkinson);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the 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, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Michael Fabricant: 79.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony Banks, Mr David Winnick: 155.

So the Question was negatived.

10 Pensions Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Pensions Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Protective costs orders)—(Mr Adam Ingram)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Investment powers: duties of trustees)—(Mr Donald Dewar)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Michael Bates: 275.

Another Clause (Employment protection for trustees)—(Mr Adam Ingram)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Right not to suffer detriment in employment or to be unfairly dismissed)—(Mr Michael Stern)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Improved state pension rights when spouse enters residential care)—(Sir Andrew Bowden)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) It shall be the duty of the Authority, when it is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for doing so, to cause an investigation to take place into any breach of trust law or any other misconduct alleged to have occurred in relation to an occupational pension scheme.'—(Sir Andrew Bowden.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 27 to 58) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 41, to leave out lines 38 to 47.—(Mr Archy Kirkwood.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 59 to 61, 102, 103, 26, 62, 109, 63 to 68, 82 to 85, 104 to 107, 110 to 113, 108 and 86 to 101) made to the Bill.

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 being 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.

11 Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords].—The Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the sessional Order [19th December], That the Bill be not committed—(Mr Solicitor General).—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, without Amendment.

12 Shipping and Trading Interests (Protection) Bill [Lords].—The Shipping and Trading Interests (Protection) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That the Bill be not committed—(Mr Solicitor General):—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, without Amendment.

13 Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Bill [Lords].—The Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That the Bill be not committed—(Mr Solicitor General):—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, without Amendment.

14 Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords];

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

15 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew);

And it being one and a half hours after the Motion was made, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December]:—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 Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope):—It was agreed to.

17 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Brentwood and Ongar against planning consent for a secure unit at Boyles Court, Warley, Brentwood, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mr Ray Cutler for amendment of the law to provide for a register of licensed tail-docking practitioners was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 5th July 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education.—(1) Education (Funding for Teacher Training) Designation Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1704), and


dated 4th July 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].
2 Prison and Young Offenders Centres.—Prison and Young Offenders Centre (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R.(N.I.), 1995, No. 264), dated 22nd June 1995 [by Statutory Instrument] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

3 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events.—Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1706), dated 4th July 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

Other Papers:

4 Appropriation Accounts, 1994-95,—Appropriation Account of the sums granted by Parliament for Class XIXB (National Audit Office) for 1994-95 [by Act]: to be printed [No. 476] [Sir Peter Hordern].

5 European Communities (No. 4, 1995),—Second Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 30th December 1994 to the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part, and to the Interim Agreement on Trade and Trade-Related Matters between the European Economic Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part [by Command] [Cm. 2900] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

6 Honours, Decorations and Medals,—Paper, entitled The Ambulance Service (Emergency Duties) Long Service and Good Conduct Medal: Royal Warrant [by Command] [Cm. 2904] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

7 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Seed Potato Development Council for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

8 Investors Compensation,—Treasury Minute, dated 5th July 1995, on a contingent liability consequent on borrowing by the Investors Compensation Scheme [by Command] [Mr Anthony Nelson].

9 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Property Holdings: Acquisition of Freehold Property [by Act], to be printed [No. 570] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Ninth to Twelfth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1994-95 [by Command] [Cm. 2906] [Sir George Young].

11 Treaty Series (No. 48, 1995),—Amendment, done at Copenhagen on 23rd to 25th November 1995, to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer, done at Montreal on 16th September 1987, adopted at the fourth meeting of the parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer [by Command] [Cm. 2899] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

12 Treaty Series (No. 49, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Madrid on 13th December 1993 and 17th June 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain, amending the Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at London on 21st October 1975 [by Command] [Cm. 2909] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 6) Regulations 1994, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Matthew Banks, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Ann Coffey, Mr David Congdon, Mr Roger Evans, Mr Thomas Graham, Jane Kennedy, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Bill Michie, Mr Andrew Mitchell and Mr John Sykes.

2 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Broadcasting (Restrictions on the Holding of Licences) (Amendment) Order 1995 and the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Joe Benton, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Edward Garnier, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr David Hanson, Glenda Jackson, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Norman Lamont, Mr Robert Maclean, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Andrew
Robathan, Mr David Shaw, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Richard Spring, Mr Iain Sproat and Mr Stephen Timms.

3 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir George Young (nominated in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Belarus) Order 1995 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Bolivia) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr Michael Jack.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Contracting Out (Highway Functions) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Barry Field, Sir Marcus Fox, Mr John Heppell, Mr Keith Hill, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Paul Tyler, Joan Walley, Mr John Watts and Mr Bowen Wells.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it has discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Phillip Oppenheim (nominated in respect of the draft Employment Protection (Increase of Limits) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr Ian Taylor.

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Updated Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr John Austin-Walker, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Eric Illsley, Helen Jackson, Mr Robert B. Jones, Mr Tom King, Mrs Angela Knight, Mr Barry Legg, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Paul Marland, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr David Rendel, Mr Graham Riddick, Sir Wyn Roberts and Sir John Stanley.

7 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Export and Investment Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Simon Burns, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr Bob Dunn, Cheryl Gillan, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Michael Jopling, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Mr Richard Needham, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Roy Thomason and Mr Peter Viggers.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 5th July; to be printed [No. 391-vi] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—(1) Eighth Report from the Defence Committee [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. 350];

(2) Sixth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Reply to the Fifth Report from the Defence Committee, Session 1994–95]; to be printed [No. 641]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 5th July; to be printed [No. 373-iii]

[Sir Nicholas Bonsor].

3 Education,—(1) Fourth Report from the Education Committee [Science and Technology 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. 28]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Education Committee

[Sir Malcolm Thornton].
4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 5th July; to be printed [No. 585-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 European Legislation,—Twenty-second Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-xxii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) First Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Government Observations on the First Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, Session 1994–95, ‘Employment Creation in Northern Ireland’]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [Nos. 642 and 395-viii] [Mr Clive Soley].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—(1) Fourth Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Report of the Parliamentary Ombudsman for 1994], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; and
(2) Fifth Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Report of the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Ombudsman for 1994], 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 Reports [Nos. 394 and 423] [Mr James Pawsey].

8 Trade and Industry,—(1) Seventh Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The Small Business Sector], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 194]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 5th July; to be printed [No. 646] [Mr Richard Caborn].

9 Transport,—Fourth Report from the Transport Committee [Railway Finances], 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. 206] [Mr Paul Channon].

10 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 5th July; to be printed [No. 650-i and -ii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated—
(1) the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill to Standing Committee A (transferred from Standing Committee C);
(2) the Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 6) Regulations 1994 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(3) the draft Broadcasting (Restriction on the Holding of Licences) (Amendment) Order 1995 and the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(4) the draft Contracting Out (Highway Functions) Order 1995 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
(5) the Updated Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
(6) the draft Export and Investment Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments) Order 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—
(1) Sir David Knox Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 6) Regulations 1994;
(2) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Broadcasting (Restriction on the Holding of Licences) (Amendment) Order 1995 and the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 1995;

(3) Sir Alan Haselhurst Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Contracting Out (Highway Functions) Order 1995,

(4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Updated Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales;

(5) Mr Iain Mills Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Export and Investment Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments) Order 1995; and

(6) Sir John Hunt Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. COM (95) 300, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for 1996.


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

PRAYERS.

1 Littleborough and Saddleworth Writ,—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue her 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 Littleborough and Saddleworth, in the room of Geoffrey Kenneth Dickens, Esquire, deceased.-(Mr Alastair Goodlad.)

2 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 13th July.

3 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 13th July.

4 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 26th June, on consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Which Question was, That an Amendment (No.1) be made, in the preamble, in page 2, line 10, at the end, to insert the words 'but not of their duty to use the land for educational purposes.';

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 13th July.

5 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

6 Selection (see Appendix II).

7 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

8 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Belarus) Order 1995 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Bolivia) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 653].

9 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Employment Protection (Increase of Limits) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No.652].
10 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Civil Evidence Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to provide for the admissibility of hearsay evidence, the proof of certain documentary evidence and the admissibility and proof of official actuarial tables in civil proceedings; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

11 Civil Evidence Bill [Lords].—The Civil Evidence Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 10th July and to be printed [Bill 157].

The Bill stood referred to a second reading committee, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

12 Local Government.—Resolved. That the draft Wiltshire (Borough of Thamesdown) (Structural Change) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th June, be approved.—(Mr David Curry.)

13 Local Government.—Resolved. That the draft Staffordshire (City of Stoke-on-Trent) (Structural and Boundary Changes) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th June, be approved.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

14 Local Government.—Resolved. That the draft Durham (Borough of Darlington) (Structural Change) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th June, be approved.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

15 Local Government.—Resolved. That the draft Derbyshire (City of Derby) (Structural Change) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th June, be approved.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

16 Local Government.—Resolved. That the draft Bedfordshire (Borough of Luton) (Structural Change) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th June, be approved.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

17 Local Government.—Resolved. That the draft Buckinghamshire (Borough of Milton Keynes) (Structural Change) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

18 Local Government.—Resolved. That the draft Dorset (Boroughs of Poole and Bournemouth) (Structural Change) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

19 Local Government.—Resolved. That the draft East Sussex (Boroughs of Brighton and Hove) (Structural Change) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

20 Local Government.—Resolved. That the draft Hampshire (Cities of Portsmouth and Southampton) (Structural Change) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

21 Cinema and Television Films.—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. 6398/94, the Commission's Green Paper on strategy options to strengthen the European programme industry in the context of the audiovisual policy of the European Union, and supports the Government's overall approach towards fostering a competitive and healthy audiovisual sector; and of European Community Document No. COM (94) 523, relating to two draft Council decisions on the implementation of the MEDIA II programme on training for audiovisual professionals and on the development and distribution of audiovisual works; takes note of the outcome of the negotiations in the Culture/Audiovisual Council of 21st June, at which a common position was reached on both decisions; and supports the Government's approach to these and subsequent negotiations—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

22 Adjournment.—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned till Monday 10th July.

[Adjourned at 9.24 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 6th July 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 644] [Clerk of the House].

2 Public Health.—Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 5) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1714), dated 4th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Education.—(1) Acklam Sixth Form College, Middlesbrough, and Kirby College of Further Education, Middlesbrough (Dissolution) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1710), and
   (2) Longlands College of Further Education, Middlesbrough, and Marton Sixth Form College, Middlesbrough (Dissolution) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1711), dated 5th July 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

5 National Health Service.—Dudley Priority Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1657), dated 29th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

6 Rating and Valuation.—Non-Domestic Rating (Police Authorities) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1679), dated 3rd July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

7 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of ADAS: Food, Farming, Land & Leisure for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 601] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

8 Atomic Weapons Establishment.—Ministry of Defence Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent on the contractorisation of the Atomic Weapons Establishment [by Command] [Cm. 2920] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

9 Coal Industry.—Report of the Office of the Subsidence Adviser for the period 31st October 1994 to 31st March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee on the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 645] [Clerk of the House].

11 Crown Agents.—(1) Accounts of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 1994, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 657] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Report of the Chairman of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

12 Crown Estate.—(1) Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 658]; and

13 Development of Tourism.—Accounts of the English Tourist Board for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 655] [Clerk of the House].

14 National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 3rd July 1995 on borrowing by South Kent Hospitals National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Andrew Mitchell (nominated in respect of the Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 6) Regulations 1994); and had appointed in substitution Mr Michael Bates.

2 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Timothy Kirkhope (nominated in respect of the draft Broadcasting (Restrictions on the Holding of Licences) (Amendment) Order 1995 and the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Dr Liam Fox.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Robert B. Jones and Mr Andrew Mitchell (nominated in respect of the Updated Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales); and had appointed in substitution Sir Paul Beresford and Mr Timothy Kirkhope.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Legislation,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 6th July; to be printed [No. 239-vii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

2 Health,—(1) Third Report from the Health Committee [Breast Cancer 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; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 6th July;

to be printed [Nos. 324 and 561-iii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

3 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 6th July; to be printed [No. 654-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

4 Science and Technology Committee.—(1) Third Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Human Genetics: The Science and its Consequences]; to be printed, with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 41-I]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 41-III] [Sir Giles Shaw].

5 Standards in Public Life,—First Report from the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life; together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 637] [Mr Tony Newton].

6 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 6th July; to be printed [No. 650-iii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDUM

1 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody an additional Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Updated Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales.
Monday 10th July 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Selection (see Appendix II).
3 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
4 Message from the Lords, A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Geneva Conventions (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the amendment of the Geneva Conventions Act 1957 to enable effect to be given to the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 done at Geneva on 10th June 1977; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Geneva Conventions (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Geneva Conventions (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 159].

6 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.

Government Social and Economic Policy, A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns Government policies that have widened social division, led to damaging inequality and brought insecurity to millions of people; believes that the abolition of the Department of Employment signals the complete lack of Government concern about unemployment, insecurity at work and skill shortages; and believes that the Government must take action which promotes employment opportunities, particularly for the long-term unemployed, increases the skills and adaptability of the workforce and protects the low paid through a national minimum wage—(Mr Donald Dewar);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the increase of 38 per cent. in average incomes and the rise in spending of all income groups since 1979; welcomes the fact that the United Kingdom has fewer people claiming unemployment benefits and more jobs than any other major European country; welcomes the creation of a new Department for Education and Employment to improve further Britain's skill base and competitive position; applauds the £700 million package of measures to improve incentives to work for those on benefits and increase the rewards of work for lower-paid families; welcomes further initiatives, such as the Jobseeker's Allowance, the Back to Work Bonus, and the pilot study of an Earnings Top-up for childless people on low earnings; believes that supplementing low pay to help people into work is preferable to destroying jobs through a statutory national minimum wage and the social chapter; and recognises that improving opportunity and the reward for effort is less socially divisive than encouraging dependency and the politics of envy', instead thereof. (Mr Secretary Lilley.)

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

Mr Gordon McMaster 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 Barbara Roche, Mr John Cummings: 230.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Timothy Kirkhope: 299.

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.

The Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House welcomes the increase of 38 per cent. in average incomes and the rise in spending of all income groups since 1979; welcomes the fact that the United Kingdom has fewer people claiming unemployment benefits and more jobs than any other major European country; welcomes the creation of a new Department for Education and Employment to improve further Britain's skill base and competitive position; applauds the £700 million package of measures to improve incentives to work for those on benefits and increase the rewards of work for lower-paid families; welcomes further initiatives, such as the Jobseeker's Allowance, the Back to Work Bonus, and the pilot study of an Earnings Top-up for childless people on low earnings; believes that supplementing low pay to help people into work is preferable to destroying jobs through a statutory national minimum wage and the social chapter; and recognises that improving opportunity and the reward for effort is less socially divisive than encouraging dependency and the politics of envy.

7 Local Government,—Resolved, That the draft Local Government Act 1988 (Competition) (Defined Activities) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 8th June, be approved.—(Sir Paul Beresford.)

8 Legal Aid and Advice,—Resolved, That the draft Legal Advice and Assistance (Scope) (Amendment) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 20th June, be approved.—(Mr John M. Taylor.)

9 Health,—Ordered, That Mr Iain Duncan Smith be discharged from the Health Committee and Mr John Marshall be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 7th July 1995 pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Miscellaneous (No. 4, 1995),—Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, held in Rio de Janeiro, from 2nd to 14th May 1966, on the conservation of Atlantic tuna [by Command] [Cm. 2911] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

2 Treaty Series (No. 45, 1995),—Agreement, done at Canberra on 23rd August 1990, with notes exchanged at London on 1st September 1994, 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 judgements in civil and commercial matters [by Command] [Cm. 2896] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 Treaty Series (No. 46, 1995),—Supplementary Provisions, done at Berne on 22nd to 26th November 1993, interpreting the uniform rules concerning the Contract for International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Rail (CIV), Appendix A to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF), where the management of the railway infrastructure is separate from the provision of the transport services by the railway undertakings [by Command] [Cm. 2897] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Treaty Series (No. 47, 1995),—Supplementary Provisions, done at Berne on 22nd to 26th November 1993, interpreting the uniform rules concerning the Contract for International Carriage of Goods by Rail (CIM), Appendix B to Cotif, where the management of the railway infrastructure is separate from the provision of the transport services by the railway undertakings [by Command] [Cm. 2898] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 7th July 1995, during the adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming (Small Charges) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1669), dated 30th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

6 Companies,—Foreign Companies (Execution of Documents) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1729), dated 6th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

**Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 10th July 1995:**

**Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:**

8 Northern Ireland,—Draft Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].


**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**


12 Education,—Education (Inspectors of Schools in Wales) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1628), dated 28th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

13 Education (Scotland),—(1) Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1739), dated 7th July 1995, and

   (2) Teachers’ Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1670), dated 28th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


**Other Papers:**

16 Broadcasting,—(1) Account of additional payments to the Independent Television Commission by television programme contractors for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command]; and

   (2) Report and Accounts of the Broadcasting Standards Council for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

17 Crofters (Scotland),—Report of the Crofters Commission for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

18 Extradition,—Extradition (Drug Trafficking) (Falkland Islands and Gibraltar) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1620), dated 28th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

19 Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minute, dated 10th July 1995, indicating a further financial objective desirable of achievement for Chessington Computer Centre [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

20 Housing,—Report and Accounts of Castle Vale Housing Action Trust for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

21 National Heritage (Scotland),—Review, Report and Accounts of the National Galleries of Scotland for 1991–93, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

22 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [3rd April] from residents of Southampton for steps to enable local authorities to use capital receipts for housebuilding [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

23 Public Works Loans,—Report of the Public Works Loan Board for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].
24 South Atlantic Territories,—South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1621), dated 28th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

25 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:


[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee C,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C, Mr Nicholas Baker (nominated in respect of the Charities (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Ann Widdecombe.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mrs Angela Knight (nominated in respect of the Updated Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales); and had appointed in substitution Mr Jerry Hayes.

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Cheryl Gillan and Mr Richard Needham (nominated in respect of the draft Export and Investment Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr David Lidington and Mr Anthony Nelson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—(1) Thirty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Overseas Representation: Irregularities at the Sana'a Embassy];

(2) Thirty-fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Lord Chancellor's Department; Qualification of Audit Opinion and Alleged Frauds on the Green Form Scheme];

(3) Thirty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Administration of Retirement Pensions];

(4) Thirty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Managing to be Independent: Management and Financial Control at College in the Further Education Sector];

(5) Thirty-seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [National Audit Office Estimate, 1995-96];

(6) Thirty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Northern Ireland Audit Office Estimate, 1995-96];

(7) Thirty-ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Sale of Forward Catering Services Limited]; and

(8) Fortieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Suspension of Dr O'Connell];

to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports [Nos. 330, 282, 415, 309, 53, 52, 344 and 322] [Mr Robert Sheldon].
Tuesday 11th July 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Selection (see Appendix II).
3 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
4 Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords].—Mr John Maxton reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 162].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 665].
5 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir David Knox reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Income-Related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 6) Regulations 1994 (S.I., 1994, No. 3061), referred to a Committee on 4th July.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No.671].
6 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 Crown Agents Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Environment Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
7 Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill,—Mr Andrew Mackinlay, supported by Mr Peter Bottomley, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Don Dixon, Mr John Hume, Mr Ken Maginnis, The Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr Allan Rogers, Mr Alex Salmond, Sir David Steel, Mr Dafydd Wigley and Mr Paul Flynn presented a Bill to provide for the granting of pardons to soldiers of the British Empire Forces executed during the Great War of 1914 to 1919 following conviction for offences of cowardice, desertion or attempted desertion, disobedience, quitting post, violence, sleeping at post, throwing away arms or striking a superior officer; and for connected purposes: And the same was read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 161].
8 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 Roads (Transitional Powers) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1476) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.
9 Merchant Shipping.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Fishing Vessels (Certification of Deck Officers and Engineer Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1428) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.
10 Merchant Shipping.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Merchant Shipping (Certification of Deck and Marine Engineer Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1429) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.
11 Railway Communities (Job Creation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the creation of alternative job opportunities in communities that have lost a substantial number of railway industry jobs since the passage of the Railways Act 1993; to empower Ministers to provide direct assistance to former railway industry employees seeking alternative employment; to encourage inward investment; to promote new business start-ups in railway communities and to provide new infrastructure for business premises in these communities; and for connected purposes: And That Mr Hugh Bayley, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Alan Williams, Mr Alan
Howarth, Mr Malcolm Wicks, Mr Alex Carlile and Mr Keith Hill do prepare and bring it in.

12 Railway Communities (Job Creation) Bill,—Mr Hugh Bayley accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the creation of alternative job opportunities in communities that have lost a substantial number of railway industry jobs since the passage of the Railways Act 1993; to empower Ministers to provide direct assistance to former railway industry employees seeking alternative employment; to encourage inward investment; to promote new business start-ups in railway communities and to provide new infrastructure for business premises in these communities; and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 160].

13 Opposition Day [17th allotted day],—It being a 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.

Rail Network,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the impact of the privatisation threat on investment in the rail network and on deteriorating staff morale; and reiterates the need to retain Railtrack as a crucial public service in order to maintain and develop a co-ordinated national transport policy—(Mr Paul Tyler);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘believes that privatisation offers the best opportunity for reversing the historic decline suffered by the railway system under nationalisation; and further believes that the privatisation of Railtrack offers the best future for Railtrack, and for passengers and freight users, by making greater use of private sector skills in managing the network and in providing greater scope for private capital investment in the upgrading of the railway system’, instead thereof. (Mr John Watts.)

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 Simon Hughes: 49.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr David Willetts: 262.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House believes that privatisation offers the best opportunity for reversing the historic decline suffered by the railway system under nationalisation; and further believes that the privatisation of Railtrack offers the best future for Railtrack, and for passengers and freight users, by making greater use of private sector skills in managing the network and in providing greater scope for private capital investment in the upgrading of the railway system.

Out of Hours Patient Care,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House shares general practitioners’ concerns as to the continuing provision of a high quality service by night as well as day, given increasing demands; seeks to facilitate improved methods of work so that general practitioners can provide a more flexible clinically appropriate and more modern way of providing emergency care outside normal hours which is right for patients, fair on the taxpayer and manageable by family doctors; believes there should be a right for general practitioners to transfer responsibility for out of hours care to another doctor without unnecessary interference by the Family Health Service Authority; supports the need for substantial, ongoing patient education campaigns on the appropriate use of the out of hours emergency service; and calls on the Government to take all reasonable steps to avoid industrial action by general practitioners—(Mr Alex Carlile);

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 Government has continued to meet the recommendations of the independent pay review body for general practitioners’ pay, which is for a 24 hours commitment to their patients; welcomes the Government’s constructive approach to addressing the profession’s concerns, which includes an extra £45 million to support general practitioners’ out of hours services, makes it possible for general practitioners to transfer responsibility for providing out of hours cover to another doctor and restructures payments so that the average general practitioner will receive an extra £800 per year for night visits; supports the approach of the Patient’s Charter, which stresses to patients that with rights come responsibilities; and
believes there is absolutely no case for general practitioners to take industrial action which would inevitably harm patient care', instead thereof. (Mr Gerald Malone.)

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 Don Foster: 35.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Derek Conway: 229.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House notes that the Government has continued to meet the recommendations of the independent pay review body for general practitioners' pay, which is for a 24 hour commitment to their patients; welcomes the Government's constructive approach to addressing the profession's concerns, which includes an extra £45 million to support general practitioners' out of hours services, makes it possible for general practitioners to transfer responsibility for providing out of hours cover to another doctor and restructures payments so that the average general practitioner will receive an extra £800 per year for night visits; supports the approach of the Patient's Charter, which stresses to patients that with rights come responsibilities; and believes there is absolutely no case for general practitioners to take industrial action which would inevitably harm patient care.

14 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 Local Government Finance (Scotland) Special Grant Report No. 1 (House of Commons Paper No. 517), which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved. (Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

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 an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Belarus) Order 1955 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 24th May. (Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

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

16 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 an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Bolivia) Order 1995 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 24th May. (Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

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

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 Employment Protection (Increase of Limits) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved. (Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

18 Economic Growth and the Environment.—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. 10911/94, relating to economic growth and the environment; and supports the Government's view that environmental considerations should continue to be taken into account in determining economic policy, as well as other policy areas, as part of its overall commitment to furthering sustainable development. (Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

19 Public Health.—Resolved, That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 4) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1611), dated 26th June 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved. (Mr Raymond S. Robertson.)
20 Merchant Shipping.—**Ordered,** That the Merchant Shipping Act 1970 (Commencement No. 12) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995. No. 1426) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

21 Business of the House.—**Ordered,** That the Speaker shall put the Questions on the Motions in the names of:

(1) Mr Tony Blair relating to the Social Security (Income Support and Claims and Payments) and Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1995 not later than one and a half hours after the first such Motion has been made;

(2) Mr Douglas Hogg relating to the Fishing Vessels (Safety Improvements) (Grants) and (Decommissioning) Schemes 1995 not later than one and a half hours after the first such Motion has been made; and

(3) Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew relating to the draft Appropriation (No. 2) Northern Ireland Order 1995 not later than three hours after it has been made;

and the above Motions may be entered upon and proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

22 Members' Interests,—**Ordered,** That Mr James Clappison be discharged from the Select Committee on Members' Interests and Mr Quentin Davies be added to the Committee.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

23 Broadcasting,—**Ordered,** That Mr Greg Knight be discharged from the Select Committee on Broadcasting and Mr Timothy Wood be added to the Committee.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

24 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—**Resolved,** That the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Mr Michael Alison.)

25 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mrs Glynis Waikes for a register of licensed tail-docking practitioners was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

26 Adjournment,—**Resolved,** That the House do now adjourn.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 11.14 p.m.]

**APPENDIX I**

**Tuesday 11th July 1995**

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

**Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:**

1 Town and Country Planning,—Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming, (Small Charges) (Scotland) Variation Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1750), dated 5th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

3 Criminal Law (Scotland),—Transcripts of Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1751), dated 10th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

4 Education,—Education (School Teachers' Pay and Conditions) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1743), dated 10th July 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

5 Education (Scotland),—(1) Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1713), and


6 Highways,—Severn Bridge (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1677), dated 28th June 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].
7 Industrial Tribunals,—Industrial Tribunals (Enforcement of Orders under the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1717), dated 6th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

8 Local Government,—(1) Cleveland (Further Provision) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1747), dated 10th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

9 Social Security,—(1) Social Security Benefits (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1742), dated 10th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley]; and

(2) Training for Work (Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise Programmes) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1752), dated 7th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:

10 Aliens’ Employment,—Cabinet Office Minute, dated 3rd July 1995, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity under the Crown during 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

11 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Defence Accounts Agency for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 542] [Mr Secretary Portillo]; and

(2) the Defence Research Agency for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 625] [Clerk of the House].

12 Deregulation,—Proposal by the Treasury under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Credit Unions) Order 1995, together with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

13 Development of Tourism,—Accounts of the Scottish Tourist Board for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 668] [Clerk of the House].

14 Gaming,—Report and Accounts of the Gaming Board for Great Britain for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 587] [Mr Secretary Howard].

15 House of Commons Commission,—(1) Accounts of the House of Commons Refreshment Department for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and

(2) Report of the House of Commons Commission for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 602 and 603] [The Speaker].

16 Housing,—Report and Accounts of the Tower Hamlets Housing Action Trust for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

17 Local Government,—Report and Accounts of the London Residuary Body for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

18 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the Victoria and Albert Museum for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 669] [Clerk of the House].

19 National Lottery,—Account of the Arts Council of England Lottery Distribution for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 670] [Clerk of the House].

20 Nursing, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Account of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 498] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

21 Prisons (Scotland),—Report of the Parole Board for Scotland for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 557] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].
22 Social Fund,—Report by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Social Fund for 1994-95 [by Command] [Cm. 2885] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

23 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Mint Trading Fund for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 536] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Welsh Grand Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Welsh Grand Committee, Mr John Redwood, Mr David Evennett and Sir David Lightbown and had appointed in substitution Mr William Hague, Mrs Jacqui Lait and Mr Roger Knapman.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Deregulation Committee on 11th July; to be printed [No. 663-i] [Mr Barry Field].


   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 11th July; to be printed [Nos. 667 and 458-ii] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Procedure,—Eighth Report from the Procedure Committee [Sitting Hours Reform], 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. 491] [Sir Peter Emery].

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

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

   to be printed [Nos. 8-xxvi and 16-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 11th July; to be printed [No. 332-xiii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 136.]

Wednesday 12th July 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

   And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Charities (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Charities (Amendment) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
44th July 1995

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 672].

6 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Broadcasting (Restrictions on the Holding of Licences) (Amendment) Order 1995 and the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 679].

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Alan Haselhurst reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Contracting Out (Highway Functions) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 678].

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. COM (95) 300, the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for 1996; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the European Community. — (Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

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 Pensions Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Birmingham Assay Office Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

10 Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Bill to be considered on Friday and to be printed [Bill 165].

11 Fair Employment (Duty on Northern Ireland Departments) Bill,—Mr Michael Connarty presented a Bill to make it a duty of every Northern Ireland Department to promote equality of opportunity: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 163].

12 Youth Service,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish the Youth Service on a statutory basis: And that Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Alun Michael, Jane Kennedy, Mr John Heppell, Mr David Jamieson, Ann Coffey, Mr Keith Vaz, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr David Hanson, Mr Tony Lloyd and Mr Mike Hall do prepare and bring it in.

13 Youth Service Bill,—Mr Peter Kilfoyle accordingly presented a Bill to establish the Youth Service on a statutory basis: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 164].

14 The Economy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the publication of the Government’s latest forecast, which shows growth continuing at a steady and sustainable rate, inflation remaining low, exports rising and Government borrowing falling; and recognises that this favourable outlook for the economy is a result of the Government’s firm commitment to the healthy and sustainable recovery of a modern and competitive industrial economy—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes not only the Government’s forecasts but the recent White Paper on competitiveness showing Britain lagging behind its major competitors in its preparations for the challenges of the future; regrets that living standards are still falling for millions of people as a result of the biggest tax rises in Britain’s history and the recent rise in the costs of being a homeowner; deplores the levels of long-term unemployment and youth unemployment still prevalent in Britain today; calls for an end to complacency over the levels of investment in technology, employment, training and skills and a recognition of the importance of higher levels of investment in new employment opportunities and in long-term sustainable growth consistent with low inflation; and calls for a fairer Britain, including immediate Government action to tackle
the excesses in the boardrooms of the privatised utilities', instead thereof.\(^\textit{(Mr Gordon Brown.)}\)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Jim Dowd: 233.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr David Willetts: 300.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr David Willetts: 300.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Jim Dowd: 251.

So the Question was agreed to.

\textit{Resolved}, That this House welcomes the publication of the Government's latest forecast, which shows growth continuing at a steady and sustainable rate, inflation remaining low, exports rising and Government borrowing falling; and recognises that this favourable outlook for the economy is a result of the Government's firm commitment to the healthy and sustainable recovery of a modern and competitive industrial economy.

15 Adjournment.\(^\textit{Resolved},\) That this House do now adjourn.\(^\textit{(Mr Bowen Wells.)}\)

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

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.]

\textbf{APPENDIX I}

\textit{Wednesday 12th July 1995}

\textit{Papers presented or laid upon the Table:}

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,\(^\textit{Draft Police (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].}\)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Food,\(^\textit{Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1763), dated 12th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].}\)


Other Papers:

4 Atomic Energy Authority,\(^\textit{Account of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 674] [Clerk of the House].}\)

5 British Library,\(^\textit{Accounts of the British Library Board for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 677] [Clerk of the House].}\)

6 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies,\(^\textit{Report and Accounts of Chessington Computer Centre for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 528] [Clerk of the House].}\)

7 Church Commissioners,\(^\textit{Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for England for 1994, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Measure] [Mr Secretary Howard].}\)

8 European Communities,\(^\textit{Financial Accounts of the United Kingdom Ecolabelling Board for 1994–95 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Gummer].}\)
9 Foreign and Commonweath Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of Wilton Park Executive Agency for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 505] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Health Service Commissioner,—(1) Second Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1994–95, Selected Investigations completed October 1994 to March 1995, and (2) Third Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1994–95, being the Annual Report for 1994–95 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 545 and 544] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

11 London Regional Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 10th July 1995 on borrowing by London Regional Transport [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

12 National Heritage Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Historic Royal Palaces for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 469] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].


14 New Towns (Scotland),—Reports and Accounts of— (1) the Cumbernauld Development Corporation (2) the East Kilbride Development Corporation (3) the Glenrothes Development Corporation, (4) the Irvine Development Corporation, and (5) the Livingston Development Corporation for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

15 Northern Ireland,—Draft Code of Practice in connection with the exercise by authorised investigators of the powers conferred by Schedule 5 to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1991 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

16 Public Expenditure,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure 1994–95: Provisional Outturn [by Command] [Cm. 2903] [Mr William Waldegrave].

17 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [20th April] from constituents of Bristol East for legislation on the civil rights of disabled people [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

18 St. Paul's Churchyard Bill,—Report by the Attorney General on the St. Paul's Churchyard Bill [by Standing Order] [Mr Attorney General].

19 Treaty Series (No. 50, 1995),—Agreement, done at London on 30th January 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Cuba for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 2912] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

20 Welsh Affairs,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 1994–95, on the Export of Live Animals [by Command] [Cm. 2925] [Mr Secretary Hague].

21 Welsh Language,—Accounts of the Welsh Language Board for the period 21st December 1993 to 31st March 1995, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 675] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Second Reading Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee on the Civil Evidence Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr James Clappison, Dr Liam Fox, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Nigel Waterson.
2 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 (Input Tax) (Amendment) Order 1995 and the Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Hartley Booth, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Michael Carttiss, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr David Lidington, Mr David Martin, Mr Iain Pearson, Mr Gordon Prentice, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Terry Rooney, Sir Tim Sainsbury, Mr Alan Simpson, Sir Dudley Smith, Mr Tim Smith, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Mr Don Touhig and Mr David Willetts.

3 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Roads (Transitional Powers) (Scotland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Michael Bates, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Phil Galle, Sir Archibald Hamilton, Mr David Harris, Mr John Heppell, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Peter Luff, Mr John McAllion, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Sir Michael Marshall, Mr Michael Mates, Mrs Ray Michie, Sir Keith Speed and Mr Charles Wardle.

4 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Merchant Shipping Act 1970 (Commencement No. 12) Order 1995, the Fishing Vessels (Certification of Deck Officers and Engineer Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 and the Merchant Shipping (Certification of Deck and Marine Engineer Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Peter Brooke, Mr John Butterfill, Mr John Denham, Mr Ian Duncan Smith, Mr David Faber, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Tony Marlow, Mrs Ray Michie, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Stuart Randall, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Stephen Timms and Joan Walley.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Second Report from the Agriculture Committee [MAFF/Intervention Board Departmental Report 1995]; together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; and

(2) Third Report from the Agriculture Committee [Trading of Milk Quota], 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. 478 and 512] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Education,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 12th July; to be printed [No. 649-i] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

3 Environment,—(1) Third Report from the Environment Committee [Pollution in Eastern Europe], 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. 366];

(2) Fourth Report from the Environment Committee [The Environmental Impact of Leisure Activities], 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. 246];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 12th July; to be printed [No. 585-iv]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Environment Committee [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 European Legislation,—Twenty-third Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-xxiii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 12th July; to be printed [No. 477-ii] [Mr David Howell].

6 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 12th July; to be printed [No. 446-v] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].
7 Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 12th July; to be printed [No. 382-vii] [Mr Frank Field].

8 Trade and Industry.—(1) Eighth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Trade with Brazil and Argentina], 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. 374];

(2) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 481-II]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee

[Mr Richard Caborn].

9 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 12th July; to be printed [No. 676-i] [Mr Paul Channon].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1995 and the Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(2) the Roads (Transitional Powers) (Scotland) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(3) the Merchant Shipping Act 1970 (Commencement No. 12) Order 1995, the Fishing Vessels (Certification of Deck Officers and Engineer Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 and the Merchant Shipping (Certification of Deck and Marine Engineer Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Civil Evidence Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1995 and the Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 1995;

(3) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Roads (Transitional Powers) (Scotland) Order 1995;

(4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Merchant Shipping Act 1970 (Commencement No. 12) Order 1995, the Fishing Vessels (Certification of Deck Officers and Engineer Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 and the Merchant Shipping (Certification of Deck and Marine Engineer Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995;

(5) Sir John Hunt Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 7514/95, relating to financial assistance for the environment; and

(6) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 4966/95, relating to relations with Mexico.

[No. 137.]

Thursday 13th July 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday 19th July.

2 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 18th July.

3 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 26th June, on consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Which Question was, That an Amendment (No.1) be made, in the Preamble, in page 2, line 10, at the end, to insert the words 'but not of their duty to use the land for educational purposes.';

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday 19th July.

4 Saint Paul's Churchyard 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 Saint Paul’s Churchyard 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.

5 River Calder (Welbeck Site) 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 River Calder (Welbeck Site) Bill [Lords] and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

6 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

7 Selection (see Appendix II).

8 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

9 Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to make provision for the protection of wild mammals from certain cruel acts; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 167].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 682].

10 Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Updated Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service, referred to a Committee on 4th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 681].

11 Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Iain Mills reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Export and Investment Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 680].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Bell's Bridge Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

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

13 Child Support Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Child Support Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 168].

14 Right to Work Bill,—Sir Ralph Howell, supported by Mr Frank Field, presented a Bill to establish the right to work and to impose a duty on the Secretary of State to offer work instead of income support or unemployment benefit to persons who would otherwise be
without work in the United Kingdom; to establish a system of grants to certain parents; 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 158].

15 Fair Employment (Duty on Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board) Bill.—Mr Michael Connarty presented a Bill to make it a duty of the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board to promote equality of opportunity. And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 166].

16 Estimates [3rd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [27th June], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates).

Estimates, 1995-96 (Class XIII, Vote 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £18,829,738,000, 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 1996 for expenditure by the Department of Social Security on non-contributory retirement pensions, Christmas bonus payments to pensioners, pensions etc., for disablement or death arising out of war or service in the armed forces after 2nd September 1939 and on sundry other services, on attendance allowances, invalid care allowance, severe disablement allowance, disability living allowance; disability working allowance; on pensions, gratuities and sundry allowances for disablement and specified deaths arising from industrial causes; on income support, payments of spousal and child maintenance, child benefit, one parent benefit, family credit, and on the vaccine damage payment scheme.—(Dr Liam Fox);

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, 1995-96 (Class III, Vote 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £263,921,000, 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 1996 for cash limited and demand led operational expenditure by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to: promote food safety, take action against diseases with implications for human health, safeguard essential supplies in an emergency, and promote action to alleviate flooding and coastal erosion; to encourage action to reduce water and other pollution and by other measures to safeguard the aquatic environment including its fauna and flora, to improve the attractiveness and bio-diversity of the rural environment and protect the rural economy; implement MAFF’s CAP obligations efficiently and seek a more economically rational CAP while avoiding discrimination against UK businesses (including expenditure on existing CAP measures and schemes), to create the conditions in which efficient and sustainable agriculture, fishing and food industries can flourish, take action against animal and plant diseases and pests, encourage high animal welfare standards; provide specialist support services and allocate resources where they are most needed; provide for some inter-agency payments and undertake research and development.—(Mrs Angela Browning);

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Class III, Vote 3, be reduced by £1,000 in respect of subheads B2 and D2 (Taking action against diseases with implications for human health (PP2): current costs);—(Mr Paul Tyler);

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

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, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), put the deferred Questions on Estimates, 1995–96 (Class XIII, Vote 1 and Class III, Vote 3) and the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the other estimates appointed for consideration this day.

Class XIII, Vote 1

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £18,829,738,000, 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 1996 for expenditure by the Department of Social Security on non-contributory retirement pensions, Christmas bonus payments to pensioners, pensions etc., for disablement or death arising out of war or service in the armed forces after 2nd September 1939 and on sundry other services, on attendance allowances, invalid care allowance, severe disablement allowance, disability living allowance; disability working allowance; on pensions, gratuities and sundry allowances
for disablement and specified deaths arising from industrial causes; on income support, payments of spousal and child maintenance, child benefit, one parent benefit, family credit, and on the vaccine damage payment scheme.

Class XIII, Vote 2

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £6,104,207,000, 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 1996 for expenditure by the Department of Social Security on rent rebate, rent allowance, council tax benefit, community charge benefit, community charge rebate and rate rebate subsidies and on sums payable in respect of anti-fraud measures to housing, charging, levying and local authorities; on transitional payments to help certain housing benefit claimants significantly affected by the changes to the housing benefit scheme and certain supplementary benefit claimants not entitled to benefit under the income support scheme; on sums payable into the National Insurance Fund to increase its income and as compensation payments in respect of statutory sick pay and statutory maternity pay and on sums payable into the Social Fund for expenditure on maternity expenses, funeral expenses and heating expenses in exceptionally cold weather.

Class XIII, Vote 3

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £211,869,000, 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 1996 for expenditure by the Department of Social Security on sums payable as grants to Independent Living; on subsidies to housing and local authorities towards the cost of administering the housing benefit scheme and to charging and levying authorities towards the cost of administering the council tax benefit scheme, as grants to Motability towards their administrative costs and to enable them to assist invalid vehicle users and others to have adapted and/or to purchase or lease cars from them, as grants to the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen’s Association to enable them to assist certain other disabled vehicle users to have cars adapted, and on sums payable to the Social Fund to finance budgeting loans, crisis loans and community care grants.

Class XIII, Vote 4

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £1,450,436,000, 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 1996 for expenditure by the Department of Social Security on administration, for agency payments, the promotion of Government policy on disability issues, and for certain other services including grants to local authorities and voluntary organisations.

Class III, Vote 3

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £263,921,000, 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 1996 for cash limited and demand led operational expenditure by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to: promote food safety, take action against diseases with implications for human health, safeguard essential supplies in an emergency, and promote action to alleviate flooding and coastal erosion; to encourage action to reduce water and other pollution and by other measures to safeguard the aquatic environment including its fauna and flora, to improve the attractiveness and bio-diversity of the rural environment and protect the rural economy; implement MAFF’s CAP obligations efficiently and seek a more economically rational CAP while avoiding discrimination against UK businesses (including expenditure on existing CAP measures and schemes), to create the conditions in which efficient and sustainable agriculture, fishing and food industries can flourish, take action against animal and plant diseases and pests, encourage high animal welfare standards; provide specialist support services and allocate resources where they are most needed; provide for some inter-agency payments and undertake research and development.

Class III, Vote 4

Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £181,719,000, 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 1996 by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on departmental research, advisory services and administration, executive agencies and certain other services.

17 Estimates.—The Deputy 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 £85,741,525,000 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 1996, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 271, 272, 273 and 465.

Ordered. That a Bill be brought in upon the seven foregoing Resolutions relating to Estimates: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr William Waldegrave, Mr Michael Jack, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory and Mrs Angela Knight do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—Mr Michael Jack accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on 31st March 1996; 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 137].

Contracting Out.—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 Contracting Out (Highway Functions) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

Preliminary Draft Budget for 1996.—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. COM (95) 300, the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for 1996; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the European Community.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

Public Health,—Resolved, That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 5) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1714), dated 4th July 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.—(Mr Raymond S. Robertson.)

Public Health,—Resolved, That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (No. 6) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1737), dated 6th July 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th July, be approved.—(Mr Raymond S. Robertson.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 13th July 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Customs and Excise,—Travellers’ Reliefs (Fuel and Lubricants) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1777), dated 13th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Building and Buildings,—Draft Noise Insulation (Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

3 Education,—Education (Grant) (Bishop Perowne High School) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1688), dated 2nd July 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

4 Road Traffic,—International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1716), dated 5th July 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Other Papers:

5 Coal Industry,—Accounts of the Coal Authority for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 683] [Clerk of the House].
6 Courts and Legal Services.—Report of the Lord Chancellor’s Department Court Service for 1994–95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 579] [Mr John M. Taylor].

7 Crown Court.—Paper, entitled Improving the Effectiveness of Pre-Trial Hearings in the Crown Court: a Consultation Document [by Command] [Cm. 2924] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 Defence Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Service Children’s Schools (North West Europe) for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 616] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

9 Defence (Royal Air Force).—Amendment List No. 7 to Air Publication 3376 (3rd edition) Volume 1 relating to the trade structure of the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

10 Environment Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of Ordnance Survey for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 500] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

11 Export Credits Guarantee Department.—Return of commitments and statutory limits of the Export Credits Guarantee Department as at 31st March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

12 Financial Services.—Report and Accounts of the Securities and Investments Board for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

13 Firearms.—Report of the Firearms Consultative Committee for 1994–95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 588] [Mr Secretary Howard].

14 Health Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of NHS Estates Management and Health Building Agency for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 499] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

15 Housing.—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) North Hull Housing Action Trust, and
   (2) Stonebridge Housing Action Trust
for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

16 Housing Associations.—Report and Accounts of the Housing Corporation for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

17 Museums and Galleries.—Accounts of the Museums and Galleries Commission for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 684] [Clerk of the House].


19 Royal Fine Art Commission.—Report of the Royal Fine Art Commission for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2886] [Mr Secretary Howard].

20 Scottish Office Executive Agencies.—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Registers of Scotland Executive Agency, and
   (2) the Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency
for 1994–95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 622 and 592] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

21 Transport Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Driving Standards Agency for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 559] [Secretary Sir George Young].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Terry Lewis (nominated in respect of the Roads (Transitional Powers) (Scotland) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Sir David Steel.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Foreign Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [European Union: Preparations for the 1996 Inter-Governmental Conference], together with Memoranda and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; and

(2) Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Public Expenditure: Spending Plans of the Foreign Office and the Overseas Development Administration 1995-96 to 1997-98], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence;

to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports [Nos. 401 and 424] [Mr David Howell].

[No. 138.]

Friday 14th July 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Selection (see Appendix II).

3 Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 15 were agreed to.

4 Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

5 National Health Service (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

6 Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 89 were agreed to.

7 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Exemption for small businesses)—(Mr Alistair Burt)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 17th July.

8 Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill,—The House according to Order, proceeded to consider the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
9 Charities (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Charities (Amendment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

10 Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

11 Valuing Women’s Unwaged Work Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuing Women’s Unwaged Work Bill;  

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

12 Protection of Calves (Export) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Calves (Export) Bill;  

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

13 Workplace Injury Victims Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workplace Injury Victims Bill;  

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

14 Protection of Animals Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;  

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

15 Tampons (Safety) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tampons (Safety) Bill;  

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

16 School Transport Safety Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Transport Safety Bill;  

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

17 Sports Discrimination (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sports Discrimination (No. 2) Bill;  

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

18 Merchant Shipping (Inquiries and Investigations) Amendment Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Inquiries and Investigations) Amendment Bill;  

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

19 Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Natural Disasters (Scotland) Bill;  

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

20 Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Bill;  

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

21 War Widows and Pensioners (Equal Treatment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Widows and Pensioners (Equal Treatment) Bill;  

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

22 Sale of Goods (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Sale of Goods (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was according to Order, 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 Alan Duncan).—It was agreed to.

Resolved. That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.
Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Simon Burns 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 Commonwealth Development Corporation (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commonwealth Development Corporation (No. 2) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

24 Geneva Conventions (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Geneva Conventions (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to order 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—(Mrs Barbara Roche):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

Clauses Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Simon Burns 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.

25 Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill,.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

26 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Simon Burns);

And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nine minutes past Three o’clock, till Monday 17th July.

[Adjourned at 3.9 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 14th July 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Weights and Measures,—Units of Measurement Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1804), dated 13th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

2 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Central Science Laboratory for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 532] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

3 Criminal Law,—Paper, entitled Mode of Trial: a Consultation Document [by Command] [Cm. 2908] [Mr Secretary Howard].
Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Chemical and Biological Defence Establishment for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 510] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Employment,—Accounts of—

(1) the Commissioner for Protection Against Unlawful Industrial Action

(2) the Commissioner for the Rights of Trade Union Members

for 1994-95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 686 and 687] [Clerk of the House].

Environment Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 566] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Local Government, Planning and Land,—Report and Accounts of London Docklands Development Corporation for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Miscellaneous (No. 5, 1995),—Convention, done at Vienna on 20th September 1994, on nuclear safety [by Command] [Cm. 2927] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

National Heritage Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Parks Agency for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 539] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

Prisons (Scotland),—Report of the Scottish Prison Service for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 593] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Trade and Industry Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Accounts Services Agency for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 659] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Transport Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Vehicle Certification Agency for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 662] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Treasury Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Central Statistical Office for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 619] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Treasury Solicitor Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Government Property Lawyers for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 558] [Mr Attorney General].

Treaty Series (No. 51, 1995),—Convention on biological diversity, open for signature at Rio de Janeiro from 5th to 14th June 1992 and thereafter at the headquarters of the United Nations at New York from 15th June 1992 until 4th June 1993 [by Command] [Cm. 2915] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 52, 1995),—Agreement, done at New York on 17th March 1992, on the conservation of small cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas [by Command] [Cm. 2916] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 53, 1995),—Notes exchanged at La Paz on 4th August and 7th October 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bolivia amending the United Kingdom/Bolivia Debt Agreement No. 3 (1990) (The United Kingdom/Bolivia Debt Agreement No. 3 (1990) Amendment) [by Command] [Cm. 2917] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Reading Committee on the Civil Evidence Bill [Lords] Mr James Clappison, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Gary Streeter and Mr Patrick McLoughlin; and had appointed in substitution Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Nick Hawkins and Mr Michael Stephen.
Monday 17th July 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Civil Evidence Bill [Lords],—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Civil Evidence 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 Evidence 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. 695].

4 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1666) and the Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1668).

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 698].

5 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill;

   And the Question being put forthwith, 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.

6 Adjournment (Summer),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That this House, at its rising on Wednesday 19th July, do adjourn till Monday 16th October—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

7 Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

8 Child Support Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Child Support Bill.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 14 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 12.

9 Criminal Appeal Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Criminal Appeal 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 Secretary Howard);

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Bowen Wells: 254.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr George Mudie, Mrs Barbara Roche: 225.

   So the Question was agreed to.

   The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 45 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 35 to 42 and 44.

   Lords Amendment No. 46.

   A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr Nicholas Baker):—It was agreed to.

   The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 47 to 55 were agreed to.

The Title was accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to amend provisions relating to appeals and references to the Court of Appeal in criminal cases; to establish a Criminal Cases Review Commission and confer functions on, and make other provision in relation to, the Commission; to amend section 142 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 and introduce in Northern Ireland provisions similar to those of that section; to amend section 113 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988; and for connected purposes.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 1 and 46;

That Mr Simon Burns, Mr David Lidington, Mr Alun Michael, Mrs Barbara Roche and Ann Widdecombe be members of the Committee;

That three be the Quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

10 Representation of the People,—Resolved, That the draft Local Government Elections (Changes to the Franchise and Qualification of Members) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 26th June, be approved.—(Mr Nicholas Baker.)

11 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.), That the Updated Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales, dated 23rd June 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

12 Export and Investment Guarantees,—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 Export and Investment Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

13 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1644), dated 28th June 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th June, be annulled—(Mr Keith Bradley);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Estelle Morris: 234.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Bowen Wells: 256.

So the Question was negatived.

14 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Social Security (Income Support and Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1613), dated 26th June 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th June, be annulled—(Mr Donald Dewar);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Estelle Morris: 236.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Dr Liam Fox: 252.

So the Question was negatived.

15 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business), That, at this day's sitting, the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to Parliamentary Pensions 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 Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

16 Parliamentary Pensions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House endorses the proposals for changes in Members' pension scheme benefits to increase the death in service gratuity to three times the Member's annual salary, to allow Members to nominate individuals, institutions and trusts to receive the death in service gratuity and, when the Pensions Bill is enacted and relevant Regulations under it made, to establish a formal dispute resolution procedure as recommended in the SSRB Report on the Parliamentary Pensions Scheme laid on Thursday 30th March (Cm 2830)—(Mr Tony Newton);

The Question was amended, in line 5, after the word 'gratuity', by inserting the words 'to apply the existing accrual rate of fiftieths to all service for currently sitting Members in respect of their future pension entitlement, with appropriate augmentation for those who have been making up the shortfall voluntarily'.—(Mr Alfred Morris.)
And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House endorses the proposals for changes in Members' pension scheme benefits to increase the death in service gratuity to three times the Member's annual salary, to allow Members to nominate individuals, institutions and trusts to receive the death in service gratuity, to apply the existing accrual rate of fiftieths to all service for currently sitting Members in respect of their future pension entitlement, with appropriate augmentation for those who have been making up the shortfall voluntarily, and, when the Pensions Bill is enacted and relevant Regulations under it made, to establish a formal dispute resolution procedure as recommended in the SSRRB Report on the Parliamentary Pensions Scheme laid on Thursday 30th March (Cm 2830).

17 Committee of Privileges,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 121 (Committee of Privileges) be amended, in line 5, at the end, by inserting the words 'and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House'.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

18 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday:

(1) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to Standards in Public Life not later than three hours after the first such Motion has been entered upon, such Questions including the Questions on any Amendments to those Motions which she may have selected and which may then be moved;

(2) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House), the Motion for the adjournment of the House in the name of the Prime Minister shall lapse three hours after it has been entered upon;

and the above Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock;

(3) any Lords Message which may be received may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour; and

(4) the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until she shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

19 Members' Interests,—Ordered, That Mr Andrew Mitchell be discharged from the Select Committee on Members' Interests and Sir Archibald Hamilton be added to the Committee.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

20 Criminal Appeal Bill,—Ann Widdecombe reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 1 and 46 to the Criminal Appeal Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reasons accordingly, which it had directed her to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 1) made by the Lords after Clause 2, for the following Reason:

Because a right of appeal against recommendations as to the minimum period which should elapse before the Secretary of State orders the release on licence of persons convicted of murder is unnecessary and could result in anomalies.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 46) made by the Lords in page 24, line 25, for the following Reason:

Because it is an Amendment 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.

21 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Coventry against the Jobseeker's Allowance was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

22 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

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

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th July 1995 after the rising of the House:

1 Development of Rural Wales.—Accounts of the Development Board for Rural Wales for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 690] [Clerk of the House].

2 Education.—Accounts of the Funding Agency for Schools for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 691] [Clerk of the House].

3 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Central Office of Information for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 496] [Clerk of the House].

4 National Lottery.—Account of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland’s Lottery Distribution for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 689] [Clerk of the House].

5 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of Companies House for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 543] [Clerk of the House].

Monday 17th July 1995

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Merchant Shipping.—(1) Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Medical Stores) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1802), and
   (2) Merchant Shipping (Ships’ Doctors) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1803),
dated 14th July 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

7 National Health Service.—(1) Gloucestershire Royal National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1735),
   (2) Mancunian Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1731),
   (3) North Manchester Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1736),
   (4) South Manchester University Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1732),
   (5) Tameside and Glossop Acute Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1733), and
   (6) Tameside and Glossop Community and Priority Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1734),
dated 7th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

8 Northern Ireland.—Ports (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1627), dated 28th June 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

9 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Report and Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and Horserace Totalisator Board for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

10 Civil Aviation.—Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority for 1994-95 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].


12 Development of Tourism.—Accounts of the Wales Tourist Board for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 700] [Clerk of the House].

13 Duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster.—Revenue and Capital Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for the period 1st October 1994 to 31st March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].
14 Housing,—Report and Accounts of Housing for Wales for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

15 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Accounts of the Land Authority for Wales for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 699] [Clerk of the House].

16 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the Imperial War Museum for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 694] [Clerk of the House].

17 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Wales—
   (1) on 30th June 1995 on borrowing by Llanelli/Dinefwr National Health Service Trust, and
   (2) on 3rd July 1995 on borrowing by Llandough Hospital National Health Service Trust
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

18 National Health Service (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Hospital Trust for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 594] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

19 National Heritage,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the National Heritage Committee, Session 1992-93, on Privacy and Media Intrusion [by Command] [Cm. 2918] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

20 National Heritage (Scotland),—Report of National Museums for Scotland for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

21 National Lottery,—Accounts of—
   (1) the Millennium Commission, and
   (2) the Sports Council for Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution
   for 1994-95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
   to be printed [Nos. 697 and 696] [Clerk of the House].

22 Provisional Orders (Scotland),—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions, in accordance with the said Act and the General Orders thereunder, were presented to one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State on or before 27th March 1995, namely—
   (1) the Strathclyde Crossrail Order, and
   (2) the Strathclyde Tram Order
   and are of the opinion that the Orders should be allowed to proceed subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make to the said Orders [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

23 Reserve Forces,—Statement by the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call out of territorial army personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

24 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the National Physical Laboratory for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 685] [Mr Secretary Lang]; and
   (2) the Patent Office for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 664] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Legislation,—Twenty-fourth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation [The 1996 Intergovernmental Conference: the agenda; democracy and efficiency; and the role of national parliaments]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 239] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

2 Home Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Organised Crime]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 18-1]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee [Sir Ivan Lawrence].
MEMORANDUM

European Standing Committees, — In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Documents Nos. A4-0102/95, relating to a resolution of the European Parliament on the functioning of the Treaty on European Union; and SEC (95)731, relating to a Report by the Commission on the operation of the Treaty on European Union; Cm 2866, relating to a Report of the Council on the functioning of the Treaty on European Union; the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 4th July 1995, relating to the Report by the Court of Auditors on the operation of the Treaty on European Union, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 4th July 1995, relating to the Report of the Court of Justice on certain aspects of the application of the Treaty on European Union, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

THE SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 140.]

Tuesday 18th July 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Income Tax. — The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Addresses of 11th July relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer.

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Belarus) Order 1995, and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Bolivia) Order 1995 be made in the form of drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

2 Birmingham Assay Office Bill. — The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Birmingham Assay Office Bill; and the same was agreed to.

3 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords]. — The Order of the day being read for consideration of the London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 17th October.

4 Barings. — Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the Report of the Inquiry into the circumstances of the collapse of Barings, conducted by the Board of Banking Supervision. — (Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

5 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

6 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

7 Deregulation. — Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Amendment) (Time Limits) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 6th June, a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House.

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Amendment) (Variation of Exempt Agreements) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 6th June, the proposal should be amended before a draft order is laid before the House.
That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Fair Trading Act 1973) (Merger Reference Time Limits) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 6th June, a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House.

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Corn Returns Act 1882) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 26th June, a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House.

8 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Roads (Transitional Powers) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1476), referred to a Committee on 11th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 704].

9 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Merchant Shipping Act 1970 (Commencement No. 12) Order 1995, (S.I., 1995, No. 1426), the Fishing Vessels (Certification of Deck Officers and Engineer Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1428) and the Merchant Shipping (Certification of Deck and Marine Engineer Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1429), referred to a Committee on 11th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 722].

10 European Standing Committee A,—Sir John Hunt reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the European Community Document No. 7514/95, relating to the second phase of the financial instrument for the environment; and supports the Government's objective of ensuring that the programme incorporates measures for monitoring, evaluation and dissemination to improve value for money.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

11 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Barry Jones reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 4966/95 on relations between the European Union and Mexico; and supports the Government's view that this is a welcome development in relations between the European Union and Mexico.

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 Children (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Criminal Appeal Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

13 Children (Scotland) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Children (Scotland) Bill to be considered tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 170].

14 House of Commons (Abolition),—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the House of Commons in its present form—(Mr Andrew Rowe);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the 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 proceeded to a Division; but no Members being willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, the Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Ordered, That Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Andrew Mackinlay and Dr Tony Wright do prepare and bring in the Bill.

15 House of Commons (Abolition) Bill,—Mr Andrew Rowe accordingly presented a Bill to abolish the House of Commons in its present form: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 169].

16 Local Government Finance,—Resolved, That the Special Grant Report (No. 15) (Metropolitan Railway Grant 1995-96) (House of Commons Paper No. 470), which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved.—(Mr John Watts.)
17 Sea Fisheries,—Resolved, That the Fishing Vessels (Safety Improvements) (Grants) Scheme 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1609), dated 28th June 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved.—(Mr Tony Baldry.)

18 Sea Fisheries,—Resolved, That the Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1610), dated 4th July 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

19 Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 8th June, be approved.—(Sir John Wheeler.)

20 Civil Evidence Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Civil Evidence 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.

21 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 (Restrictions on the Holding of Licences) (Amendment) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 23rd May, be approved.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Gary Streeter: 112.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Hanson, Mr John Carlisle: 39.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Broadcasting (Restrictions on the Holding of Licences) (Amendment) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 23rd May, be approved.

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) (Amendment) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Michael Bates: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Foster, Mr Barry Sheerman: 31.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved.

23 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 (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1666), dated 29th June 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved.—(Mr Bowen Wells)—It was agreed to.

24 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 (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1668), dated 29th June 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved.—(Mr Bowen Wells)—It was agreed to.

25 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Raymond S. Robertson be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Mr Bill Walker be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

26 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That Sir David Lightbown be discharged from the Accommodation and Works Committee and Mr Timothy Kirkhope be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

27 Administration,—Ordered, That Sir Sydney Chapman be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr Timothy Wood be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

28 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells);
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And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock on Tuesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute past Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.1 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 18th July 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1893), dated 14th July 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Other Papers:

3 Atomic Energy Authority,—Report of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) Government Division and AEA Technology for 1994-5 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Barings,—Report of the Board of Banking Supervision Inquiry into the circumstances of the collapse of Barings [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 673] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

5 Building Societies,—Account of the Building Societies Commission for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 707] [Clerk of the House].

6 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Civil Service College for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 617] [Mr Roger Freeman].

7 Coal Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Coal Authority for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 707] [Mr Secretary Lang].

8 Countryside Commission,—Accounts of the Countryside Commission for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 721] [Clerk of the House].

9 Criminal Justice,—Report of the Serious Fraud Office for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 589] [Mr Attorney General].

10 Data Protection,—Report and Accounts of the Data Protection Registrar for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 629] [Mr Secretary Howard].

11 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Postal and Courier Services Agency for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 586] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

12 Development of Tourism,—

(1) Accounts of the British Tourist Authority for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 709] [Clerk of the House];

(2) Report and Accounts of the English Tourist Board for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley]; and

(3) Report and Accounts of the Scottish Tourist Board for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

13 Education,—Accounts of—

(1) the Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales, and

(2) the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority

1994-95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 708 and 719] [Clerk of the House].
14 Education and Employment Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of
  (1) the Employment Service, and
  (2) the Teachers' Pensions Agency
  for 1994-95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
  to be printed [Nos. 638 and 492] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

15 Environment Executive Agencies,—Financial Statements of the Building Research
Establishment for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 613] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

16 Friendly Societies,—Account of the Friendly Societies Commission for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 716] [Clerk of the House].

17 Further and Higher Education,—Accounts of—
  (1) the Further and Higher Education Funding Councils for Wales
  (2) the Further Education Funding Council for England, and
  (3) the Higher Education Funding Council for England
  for 1994-95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
  to be printed [Nos. 717, 711 and 712] [Clerk of the House].

18 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Land Registry for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 562] [Clerk of the House].

19 Home Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Forensic Science Service for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 623] [Mr Secretary Howard].

20 Housing,—Report and Accounts of Waltham Forest Housing Action Trust for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

21 Local Government,—Financial Statements of the South Bank Centre for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

22 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Reports and Accounts of—
  (1) the Birmingham Heartlands Development Corporation,
  (2) the Black Country Development Corporation,
  (3) the Bristol Development Corporation,
  (4) the Central Manchester Development Corporation,
  (5) the Leeds Development Corporation,
  (6) the Merseyside Development Corporation,
  (7) the Sheffield Development Corporation,
  (8) the Teesside Development Corporation,
  (9) the Trafford Park Development Corporation, and
  (10) the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation
  for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

23 National Health Service,—Summarised Accounts of—
  (1) Health Authorities, Family Health Services Authorities, and NHS Trusts in
  England, Accounts of the Dental Practice Board and of Special Health Authorities
  providing central services in England, Summarised Accounts of Funds held on Trust by
  Health Authorities, NHS Trusts, Special Health Authorities and Special Trustees in
  England, and
  (2) Health Authorities, Family Health Services Authorities, NHS Trusts in Wales, and
  of the Health Promotion Authority for Wales and Summarised Accounts of Funds held
  on Trust by Health Authorities and NHS Trusts in Wales and the Health Promotion
  Authority for Wales,
  for 1993-94, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
  to be printed [Nos. 710 and 713] [Clerk of the House].
24 National Health Service (Scotland),—Summarised Accounts of Health Boards, the Common Services Agency NHS Trusts, the State Hospital Management Committee, State Hospital, Carstairs, the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland, the Health Education Board for Scotland and the Scottish Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 714] [Clerk of the House].

25 National Lottery,—Financial Statement of the National Lottery Distribution Fund for the period 22nd November 1994 to 31st March 1995, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 720] [Clerk of the House].

26 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [21st June] from citizens of York for a moratorium on imports of mahogany [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

27 Radiological Protection,—Accounts of the National Radiological Protection Board for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 718] [Clerk of the House].

28 Scottish Office Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) Historic Scotland, and
(2) the Scottish Agricultural Science Agency
for 1994-95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 639 and 595] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

29 Social Security Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the Benefits Agency,
(2) the Child Support Agency,
(3) the Contributions Agency,
(4) the Information Technology Services Agency, and
(5) the War Pensions Agency
for 1994-95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 621, 596, 503, 514 and 540] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

30 Standards in Public Life,—Government Response to the First Report from the Committee on Standards in Public Life, Session 1994-95 [by Command] [Cm. 2931] [Mr Roger Freeman].

31 Trade and Industry,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 1994-95, on Regional Industrial Policy [by Command] [Cm. 2910] [Mr Secretary Lang].

32 Transport,—Report and Accounts of the British Waterways Board for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

33 Water Resources,—Report and Accounts of the National Rivers Authority for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

34 Welsh Development Agency,—Report and Accounts of the Welsh Development Agency for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Ninth Report from the Defence Committee [Statement on the Defence Estimates 1995]; 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. 572] [Mr Michael Colvin].


3 Public Accounts,—Memorandum laid before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 365-II] [Mr Robert Sheldon].
4 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-xxvii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 18th July; to be printed [No. 332-xiv] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

6 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 18th July; to be printed [No. 393-vi] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

[No. 141.]

Wednesday 19th July 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 19th October.

3 City of Westminster Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 26th June, on consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Which Question was, That an Amendment (No. 1) be made, in the Preamble, in page 2, line 10, at the end, to insert the words 'but not of their duty to use the land for educational purposes';

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 19th October.

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Selection (see Appendix II).

6 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

7 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.

8 Long-Term Unemployed (Recruitment) (Northern Ireland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act 1976 to encourage recruitment of the long-term unemployed—(Mr Michael Connarty);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the 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 Harry Barnes, Mr John Gunnell: 111.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Michael Brown: 53.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Richard Burden, Dr Norman A. Godman, Kate Hoey, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr David Marshall, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr William O'Brien, Mr Mike Watson and Mr Jimmy Wray do prepare and bring in the Bill.

9 Long-term Unemployed (Recruitment) (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Mr Michael Connarty accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act 1976 to encourage recruitment of the long-term unemployed: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 171].
10 Sir Alan Urwick, KCVO, CMG.—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That this House expresses its appreciation to Sir Alan Urwick, KCVO, CMG, for his 43 years of distinguished public service, including six years as Serjeant at Arms; and extends to him its best wishes for his retirement. (Mr Tony Newton.)

11 Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards.—Resolved, That the appointment of a Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards be set in hand under arrangements to be made by Madam Speaker on the advice of the House of Commons Commission and in accordance with the recommendations of the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life. (Mr Tony Newton.)

12 Select Committee on Standards and Privileges.—Resolved, That, with effect from the beginning of the next Session, a new Select Committee on Standards and Privileges should be established to take over the existing functions of the Committee of Privileges and the Select Committee on Members' Interests and to consider complaints concerning Members' conduct referred to it by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. (Mr Tony Newton.)

13 Code of Conduct.—Resolved, That this House endorses the principle of a Code of Conduct, and instructs the appropriate Select Committee to prepare such a draft Code for approval as soon as possible, taking into account the suggestions of the Nolan Committee and any relevant overseas analogues; and whilst restating its commitment to the objectives of the Resolution of the House of 15th July 1947 relating to privileges, accepts the need to review its wording in the context of the work to be undertaken on the draft Code. (Mr Tony Newton.)

14 Members' Interests (Declaration).—Resolved, That, with effect from the beginning of the next Session, the Resolution of the House of 12th June 1975 relating to Members' Interests (Declaration) (No. 2) be amended by leaving out the words "the giving of any written notice or". (Mr Tony Newton.)

15 Consultancies and Disclosures in the Register of Members' Interests.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House endorses the need for an examination of the recommendations of the Nolan Committee relating to consultancies (including multi-client consultancies) and disclosures in the Register of Members' Interests; and instructs the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life to conduct such an examination and to seek to bring forward proposals on these matters by the end of the current Session (Mr Tony Newton);

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question in line 2, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'from the beginning of the next Session Members should be required to deposit in full with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards any contracts relating to the provision of services in their capacity as Members; that such contracts should be available for public inspection; that from the same time Members should be required to declare in the Register their annual remuneration in respect of such agreements; that the use of bands of up to £1,000 and thereafter every £5,000 be treated as an acceptable way of complying with this requirement; and that an estimate of the monetary value of benefits in kind, including support services, should also be included', instead thereof. (Mrs Ann Taylor.)

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

An Amendment (x) was proposed to the proposed Amendment, at the end, to add the words 'subject to the proviso that this Resolution shall only take effect if the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life has not brought forward proposals on these matters by the end of the current session which define precisely the meaning of contracts relating to the provision of services in their capacity as Members'. (Mr Robert Maclennan.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Simon Hughes: 15.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 515.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr John Evans: 248.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 282.

So the Question was negatived.
Another Amendment (b) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'endorses' to the end of the Question and add the words 'the principle that contracts relating to the provision of services by Members acting in that capacity should be deposited in full in the Register of Members' Interests and be available for public inspection, and that the annual remuneration from such contracts, including estimates of the monetary value of benefits in kind, should be declared in the Register; and instructs the appropriate Select Committee to prepare detailed rules to give effect to this Resolution taking account of the need for clear and workable definitions of the term “contracts” and of the case for requiring all such agreements to be put in writing', instead thereof.—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Evans, Mr Joe Ashton: 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 283.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment (c) was proposed to the Question, in line 4, to leave out from the second word 'and' to the end of the Question and add the words 'with effect from the beginning of the next Session, no Member shall enter into any agreement in connection with his role as a Parliamentarian to undertake services for or on behalf of organisations which provide paid parliamentary services to multiple clients, or maintain any direct or active connection with firms, or parts of larger firms, which provide such parliamentary services; and that any Member who has such an existing agreement shall divest himself of it by no later than the end of this Parliament', instead thereof.—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Evans, Ms Angela Eagle: 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Timothy Wood: 280.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House endorses the need for an examination of the recommendations of the Nolan Committee relating to consultancies (including multi-client consultancies) and disclosures in the Register of Members' Interests; and instructs the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life to conduct such an examination and to seek to bring forward proposals on these matters by the end of the current Session.

16 Standards in Public Life (General Recommendations).—Resolved, That this House agrees with the recommendations contained in the First Report from the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life (House of Commons Paper No. 637) relating to—

(1) the principal duties of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards (paragraph 14);
(2) the method of removal from office of the Commissioner (paragraph 23);
(3) the preparation of amendments to Standing Orders relating to a Select Committee on Standards and Privileges (paragraph 40);
(4) the preparation of a draft Code of Conduct (paragraph 47);
(5) the preparation of guidance on registration and declaration of interests (paragraph 50);
(6) a review of the law relating to bribery of Members (paragraph 52); and
(7) updating, and improving the availability of, the Register of Members' Interests (paragraph 66).—(Mr Tony Newton.)

17 Children (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Children (Scotland) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 336 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 29, 31 and 175.

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

And it being Three hours after it was entered upon, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, pursuant to Order [17th July].

19 Royal Assent.—The 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 Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919;

Appropriation Act 1995
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1995
Merchant Shipping Act 1995
Shipping and Trading Interests (Protection) Act 1995
Environment Act 1995
Pensions Act 1995
Geneva Conventions (Amendment) Act 1995
Insurance Companies (Reserves) Act 1995
Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Act 1995
National Health Service (Amendment) Act 1995
Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Act 1995
Licensing (Sunday Hours) Act 1995
Child Support Act 1995
Criminal Appeal Act 1995
Children (Scotland) Act 1995
Bell's Bridge Order Confirmation Act 1995
Sheffield Assay Office Act 1995

20 Financial Assistance for the Environment.—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. 7514/95, relating to the second phase of the financial instrument for the environment, and supports the Government’s objective of ensuring that the programme incorporates measures for monitoring, evaluation and dissemination to improve value for money.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

21 Relations with Mexico.—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. 4966/95, on relations between the European Union and Mexico; and supports the Government’s view that this is a welcome development in relations between the European Union and Mexico.—(Mr Timothy Wood):—It was agreed to.

22 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from residents of Leicester East for—

(i) a crossing guide at the junction of Hungarton Boulevard and Steins Lane, Leicester, and

(ii) a public payphone in the Goodwood area of Leicester

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

23 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom for comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation for disabled people was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till Monday 16th October, pursuant to Resolution [17th July].

[Adjourned at 11.25 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 19th July 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service,—(1) Birmingham Heartlands Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1768),
2 (2) South Kent Community Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1766), and
3 (3) South Kent Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1767),
dated 11th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


Other Papers:

3 Agriculture,—Report on Agriculture in Scotland for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2923] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

4 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Central Veterinary Laboratory,
   (2) the Intervention Board,
   (3) the Pesticides Safety Directorate, and
   (4) the Veterinary Medicines Directorate
for 1994-95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 656, 666, 501 and 643] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

5 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas,—Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Wales for 1993-94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

6 British Council,—Report and Accounts of the British Council for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission for 1994–95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 640] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

8 Building Societies,—Report of the Building Societies Commission for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

9 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Civil Service Occupational Health and Safety Agency, and
   (2) the Recruitment and Assessment Services
for 1994–95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 597 and 565] [Mr Roger Freeman].

10 Deer (Scotland),—Report of the Red Deer Commission for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

11 Defence,—Lists of exceptions to—
   (1) the Air Force Regulations,
   (2) the Army Regulations, and
   (3) the Navy Regulations
as to pay, non-effective pay and allowances for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

12 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Defence Analytic Services Agency,
   (2) the Defence Animal Centre,
   (3) the Defence Operational Analysis Centre,
   (4) Duke of York’s Royal Military School,
   (5) the Meteorological Office,
   (6) the Military Survey Defence Agency,
   (7) Queen Victoria School, and
(8) the UK Hydrographic Office
for 1994–95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 511, 744, 636, 614, 632, 618, 497 and 529] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

13 Development of Rural Wales,—Report of the Development Board for Rural Wales for
1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

14 Development of Tourism,—Report of the Wales Tourist Board for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr
Secretary Hague].

15 Employment,—Reports of—
   (1) the Commissioner for Protection Against Unlawful Industrial Action, and
   (2) the Commissioner for the Rights of Trade Union Members
for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

16 Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland),—Accounts of Highlands and Islands Enterprise for
1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
be printed [No. 729] [Clerk of the House].

17 Environmental Protection,—(1) Account of the Nature Conservancy Council for England,
and
   (2) Accounts of the Countryside Council for Wales
for 1994–95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 733 and 743] [Clerk of the House].

18 Foreign and Commonwealth Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the
Natural Resources Institute for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and
Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 631] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

19 Friendly Societies,—Report of the Friendly Societies Commission for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mrs
Angela Knight].

20 Further and Higher Education (Scotland),—Accounts of Scottish Higher Education Funding
Council for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
[by Act]; to be printed [No. 739] [Clerk of the House].

21 Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments,—Report and Accounts of CADW Welsh
Historic Monuments for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor
General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 598] [Mr Secretary Hague].

22 Home Affairs,—Government Reply to the Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee,
Session 1994–95, on the 'Year and a Day' rule in homicide [by Command] [Cm. 2928]
[Mr Secretary Howard].

23 Home Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Passport
Agency for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
[by Act]; to be printed [No. 630] [Mr Secretary Howard].

24 Housing,—Report and Accounts of Liverpool Housing Action Trust for 1994–95 [by Act]
[Mr Secretary Gummer].

25 Industrial Development,—Report by the Secretaries of State for Trade and Industry,
Scotland and Wales pursuant to the Industrial Development Act 1982, for 1994–95 [by
Act]; to be printed [No. 723] [Mr Secretary Lang].

26 Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development,—Report and Financial Statements of
English Partnerships for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

27 Local Government Finance,—(1) Accounts of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities
and the National Health Service in England and Wales for 1994–95, with the Report of
the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 726] [Clerk of
the House]; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of the Audit Commission for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
Gummer].

28 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Reports of—
   (1) the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
Hague];
   (2) the Land Authority for Wales for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague]; and
   (3) the Plymouth Development Corporation for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
Gummer].
29 Local Government (Scotland).—Accounts of the Accounts Commission for Scotland for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 737] [Clerk of the House].

30 Medicines.—Reports of the Medicines Commission, the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the Committee on Dental and Surgical Materials, the Advisory Board on the Registration of Homoeopathic Products, the British Pharmacopoeia Commission and the Veterinary Products Committee [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

31 Miscellaneous Financial Provisions.—Accounts of the Development Commission for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 740] [Clerk of the House].

32 National Audit.—Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
  (1) the Department of Trade and Industry’s support for innovation,
  (2) HM Customs and Excise checking claims for repayment of VAT,
  (3) the Meteorological Office Executive Agency: Evaluation of Performance,
  (4) Ministry of Defence: Eurofighter 2000,
  (5) Ministry of Defence: Procurement Lessons for the Common New Generation Frigate, and
  (6) the sale of DTELS [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 715, 703, 693, 724, 692 and 725] [Clerk of the House].

33 National Heritage.—Accounts of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 732] [Clerk of the House].

34 National Lottery.—(1) Accounts of—
  (i) the Scottish Arts Council National Lottery Distribution Fund for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 738] [Clerk of the House];
  (ii) the Scottish Sports Council National Lottery Fund for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 730] [Clerk of the House]; and
  (iii) the Sports Council for Wales Lottery Distribution for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 741] [Clerk of the House]; and

35 Northern Ireland Office Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Compensation Agency for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 688] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

36 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 for—
  (1) Session 1992–93, Fifty-First Parliament, First Session, 41st and 42nd Elizabeth II, 27th April 1992 to 5th November 1993, and
  (2) Session 1993–94, Fifty-First Parliament, Second Session, 42nd and 43rd Elizabeth II, 18th November 1993 to 3rd November 1994; to be printed [Nos. 735 and 736] [The Speaker].

37 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1994–95 [by Command] [Mr Michael Jack].

38 Public Libraries and Museums.—Report by the Secretary of State for National Heritage on Library and Information Matters for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 701] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

39 Railways.—Reports of—
  (1) the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising, and
  (2) the Rail Regulator for 1994–95 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

40 Railways.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 19th July 1995 on borrowing by—
  (1) Angel Train Contracts Limited,
(2) Eversholt Leasing Company Limited, and
(3) Porterbrook Leasing Company Limited
[by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

41 Reserve Forces.—Statement by the Minister of State for Armed Forces under section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call out of a member of the Territorial Army [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

42 Security Commission.—Report of the Security Commission, dated July 1995, on the case of Michael John Smith [by Command] [Cm. 2930] [The Prime Minister].

43 Social Services (Training).—Account of the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 742] [Clerk of the House].

44 Superannuation.—(1) Civil Service Compensation (Amendment) Scheme 1995, and
(2) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1995 (No. 2), dated 19th July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

45 Telecommunications.—Amendments to the Agreement and the operating Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (INTELSAT) [by Command] [Cm. 2914] [Mr Secretary Lang].

46 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies.—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the Laboratory of the Government Chemist,
(2) the National Engineering Laboratory,
(3) the National Weights and Measures Laboratory (NWML), and
(4) the Radiocommunications Agency
for 1994–95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 660, 546, 612 and 615] [Mr Secretary Lang].

47 Transport Executive Agencies—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the Transport Research Laboratory for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 647] [Mr Secretary Hague]; and
(2) the Vehicle Inspectorate for 1994–95, with the Report and Accounts of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 651] [Clerk of the House].

48 Treasury Executive Agencies.—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the Office of HM Paymaster General for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 568] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory]; and
(2) the Valuation Office for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 633] [Mrs Angela Knight].

49 Welsh Development Agency.—Accounts of the Welsh Development Agency for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 731] [Clerk of the House].

50 Welsh Language.—Report and Accounts of the Welsh Language Board for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee F.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Civil Evidence Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Alan Duncan, Dr Liam Fox, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Jamieson, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Michael Stephen, Mr George Stevenson, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Nigel Waterson.

2 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr James Couchman, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Mr Douglas French, Mr George Galloway, Sir John Gorst, Mr John Greenway, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr
Ken Livingstone, Mr Andrew MacKay, Sir Roger Moate, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr David Porter, Sir John Wheeler and Mr Tony Worthington.

3 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Police (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Michael Brown, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Tim Devlin, Sir Ralph Howell, Mr Jim Lester, Sir Peter Lloyd, Mr Andrew MacKay, Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr Max Madden, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr John Marshall, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Robert Parry, Bridget Prentice, Mr Tim Rathbone, Mr Malcolm Wicks, Mr David Winnick and Mr Tony Worthington.

4 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Travellers’ Reliefs (Fuel and Lubricants) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Christopher Gill, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr Warren Hawkesley, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Toby Jessel, Sir David Madel, Emma Nicholson, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Stuart Randall, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Alan Simpson, Rachel Squire, Mr Don Touhig and Mr David Willetts.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Peter Griffiths, Helen Jackson, Mr Alan Keen, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Gordon Oakes, Mr William Powell, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr David Rendel, Mr Mark Robinson, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Keith Vaz, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mr Tim Yeo.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Fourth Report from the Agriculture Committee [Horticulture], 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

(2) Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee

[Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill on 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 28th February, 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th and 30th March, 4th, 5th, 6th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 25th, 26th and 27th April, 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd and 24th May, 6th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 27th, 28th and 29th June and 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th and 19th July; to be printed [No. 728-i to-liii] [Sir Anthony Durant].

3 Defence,—Tenth Report from the Defence Committee [The Future of NATO: The 1994 Summit and its Consequences]; 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; [Nos. 747 (Session 1994-95) and 270 (Session 1993-94) [Mr Michael Colvin].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 19th July; to be printed [No. 518-v] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 19th July; to be printed [No. 477-iii] [Mr David Howell].

6 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 19th July; to be printed [No. 561-iv] [Mrs Marion Roe].

7 Members’ Interests,—Second Report from the Select Committee on Members’ Interests, together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 706] [Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith].

8 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—(1) Sixth Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [The Channel Tunnel Rail Link and Exceptional Hardship], 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. 270]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 19th July; to be printed [No. 734-i] [Mr James Pawsey].
9 Trade and Industry,—(1) Ninth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1994–95, on UK Policy on Monopolies], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 748];

(2) Tenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Department of Trade and Industry—Expenditure Plans 1995–96 to 1997–98], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 607]; and

(3) Eleventh Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Aspects of the Electricity Supply Industry]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 481-I].

[Mr Richard Caborn].

10 Transport,—Fifth Report from the Transport Committee [Cross Channel 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. 352] [Mr Paul Channon].

11 Treasury and Civil Service,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1994–95 (Financial Services Regulation: Self-Regulation at Lloyd's of London)]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on 19th July;

to be printed [Nos. 745 and 746-i] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Civil Evidence Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee F;

(2) the draft Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(3) the draft Police (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;

(4) the Travellers' Reliefs (Fuel and Lubricants) Order 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and

(5) the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—

(1) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Civil Evidence Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;

(3) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Police (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;

(4) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Travellers' Reliefs (Fuel and Lubricants) Order 1995;

(5) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations 1995; and

(6) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. COM(95)73, relating to relations with Japan.
Monday 16th October 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Selection (see Appendix II).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

4 Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1995 contained in Cm. 2800—(Mr Secretary Portillo);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘declines to support the policy of the Government as set out in the Defence Estimates 1995; condemns the continued instability in the armed forces caused by the Government’s failure to establish a long-term strategic overview; notes that this undermines the morale and operational effectiveness of the United Kingdom’s armed forces and fails to prepare the United Kingdom for the challenges of the post cold war world; calls upon the Government to establish a strategic defence review; deplores the way that United Kingdom defence capabilities and installations are being run down in an unstructured way instead of the Government seeking to manage the worst effects of change on communities and individuals through a defence diversification agency; urges a positive approach in the negotiation of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty and the immediate ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention; condemns the Government’s financial mismanagement and waste in defence; congratulates the excellent work carried out by British forces throughout the world and expresses pride in their continuing presence in United Nations peacekeeping operations’, instead thereof.-(Dr David Clark.)

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.

5 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gary Streeter.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

APPENDIX I

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 Accreditation,—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 27th July 1995, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the merger of the National Measurement Accreditation Service (NAMAS) and the National Accreditation Council for Certification Bodies (NACC) [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Aid and Trade Provision,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minutes—

   (1) dated 1st August 1995, concerning contingent liabilities consequent upon Aid and Trade Provision Soft Loans and tax indemnities given to banks, and

   (2) dated 12th September 1995, concerning contingent liabilities consequent upon Aid and Trade Provision Soft Loans to the Piston Engine Research Laboratory Project, Indonesia and the new Nanjing Airport Project, China and tax indemnities given to banks [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 Army,—Army Act 1955 (Part I) (Regular Army) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 [Mr Secretary Portillo].

4 British Council,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minutes—

   (1) dated 2nd August 1995, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the loan of works of art to the British Council for the School of London Exhibition to be held in Luxembourg, Belgium and Spain between 1st September 1995 and 31st May 1996, and
(2) dated 22nd September 1995, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the loan of works of art to the British Council for the John Constable Exhibition to be held in Russia between 21st October 1995 and 31st December 1995

[Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Broadcasting,—Paper, entitled Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting: The Government’s Proposals [Cm. 2946] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

6 Citizen’s Charter,—Paper, entitled The Citizen’s Charter, The Facts and Figures: A report to mark four years of the Charter programme [Cm. 2970] [Mr Roger Freeman].

7 Cote d’Ivoire (No. 1, 1995),—Agreement, done at London on 8th June 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire for the promotion and protection of investments [Cm. 2974] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

8 Customs and Excise,—Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Customs and Excise for 1994–95 [Cm. 2980] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

9 Education (Northern Ireland),—Statements and Summary of the Education and Library Boards’ Accounts for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [Cm. 2907] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

10 Employment Protection,—Report of the Central Arbitration Committee for 1994 [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 Environment,—Government Response to the House of Lords Select Committee Report on Sustainable Development [Cm. 3018] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

12 European Communities (No. 5, 1995),—Convention, done at Brussels on 10th March 1995, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on simplified extradition procedure between the member states of the European Union [Cm. 2958] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


14 Immigration,—Control of immigration statistics for the United Kingdom for 1994 [Cm. 2935] [Mr Secretary Howard].

15 Industrial Development,—Accounts of the Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland for 1993–94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [Cm. 2890] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

16 Judicial Statistics,—Judicial Statistics for England and Wales for 1994 [Cm. 2891] [Mr John M. Taylor].

17 Law Commissions,—(1) First Report of the Joint Working Group on the implementation of the Law Commission’s Third and Fourth Reports on land registration, entitled, transfer of land: land registration [Cm. 2950] [Mr John M. Taylor]; and

(2) Report of the Scottish Law Commission on incapable adults [Cm. 2962] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

18 Miscellaneous (No. 6, 1995),—Final Act, done at Lisbon on 17th December 1994, of the European Energy Charter Conference with decisions, Energy Charter Treaty and Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and related environmental aspects [Cm. 2952] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

19 Miscellaneous (No. 7, 1995),—Framework Convention for the protection of national minorities [Cm. 2953] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

20 Miscellaneous (No. 8, 1995),—Agreement, done at Strasbourg on 31st January 1995, on illicit traffic by sea, implementing Article 17 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances [Cm. 2979] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

21 Miscellaneous (No. 9, 1995),—WEU Security Agreement done at Brussels on 28th March 1995 [Cm. 2971] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

22 Miscellaneous (No. 10, 1995),—International Grains Agreement, 1995, opened for signature at United Nations Headquarters, New York from 1st May 1995 until and including 30th June 1995, incorporating the Grains Trade Convention and the Food Aid Convention [Cm. 2985] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
23 Monopolies and Mergers.—Reports by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on—
(1) Lyonnaise des Eaux and Northumbrian Water Group PLC, and
(2) the Supply of Bus Services in the North-east of England
[Cm. 2936 and 2933] [Mr Secretary Lang].

24 Northern Ireland.—(1) Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of Northern Ireland for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon, and
(2) Paper, entitled Frameworks for the Future
[Cm. 2983 and 2964] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

25 Police,—Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1994–95 [Mr Secretary Howard].

26 Postal Union,—Paper, entitled Universal Postal Union: Documents of the 1994 Seoul Congress [Cm. 2937] [Mr Secretary Lang].

27 Prisons,—Statistics of offences against prison discipline and punishments in England and Wales for 1994 [Cm. 2934] [Mr Secretary Howard].

28 Prisons (Scotland),—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland for 1994–95 [Cm. 2938] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

29 Public Accounts,—(1) Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the sixteenth and seventeenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1994–95 [Cm. 2988] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew]; and
(2) Treasury Minute on the Fifteenth and Eighteenth to Twenty-fifth Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1994–95 [Cm. 2990] [Mr Michael Juck].

30 Public Sector Research,—Government Response to the multi-departmental scrutiny of public sector research establishments [Cm. 2991] [Mr Secretary Lang].

31 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Third Report of the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1994–95, on medical research and the NHS reforms [Cm. 2984] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

32 Social Security,—Government Replies to—
(1) the Third Report from the Social Security Committee, Session 1994–95, on the review of expenditure on Social Security, and
(2) the Fourth Report from the Social Security Committee, Session 1994–95, on compensation recovery
[Cm. 2948 and 2997] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

33 Taxation,—Paper, entitled Better Accounting for the Taxpayer's Money: The Government's Proposals: Resource Accounting and Budgeting in Government [Cm. 2929] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

34 Treaty Series (No. 59, 1994),—Fourth Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, Etc. for 1994 [Cm. 2922] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

35 Treaty Series (No. 60, 1994),—Index to Treaty Series 1994 [Cm. 2965] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

36 Treaty Series (No. 54, 1995),—Agreement, done at London on 20th July 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of The Netherlands on mutual assistance and the exchange of information in securities, futures and options matters [Cm. 2932] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

37 Treaty Series (No. 55, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Algiers on 7th December 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria concerning the United Kingdom/Algeria Debt Agreement No. 1 (1994) [Cm. 2939] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

38 Treaty Series (No. 56, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Managua on 15th March 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua concerning the United Kingdom/Nicaragua Retrospective Terms Adjustment Agreement 1994 [Cm. 2940] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

39 Treaty Series (No. 57, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Oslo on 24th March 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
Government of the Kingdom of Norway amending the agreement relating to the exploitation of the Statfjord Field Reservoirs and the offtake of petroleum therefrom, signed at Oslo on 16th October 1979 [Cm. 2941] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


Treaty Series (No. 59, 1995).—Agreement, done at London on 8th December 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic on co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture [Cm. 2943] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 60, 1995).—Agreement, done at London on 24th January 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Latvia for the promotion and protection of investments [Cm. 2944] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 61, 1995).—Convention, opened for signature at the Headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Authority in Vienna and at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York on 3rd March 1980, on the physical protection of nuclear material [Cm. 2945] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 62, 1995).—Agreement, done at Cape Town on 27th February 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of South Africa on co-operation in science and technology [Cm. 2959] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 63, 1995).—Agreement, done at London on 11th May 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America concerning the facilities of air navigation services [Cm. 2986] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 64, 1995).—Convention for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of maritime navigation with Protocol for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of fixed platforms located on the Continental Shelf, done at Rome on 10th March 1988 and at the Headquarters of the International Maritime Organization from 14th March 1988 to 9th March 1989 [Cm. 2947] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 65, 1995).—Notes exchanged at Oslo on 7th July 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway concerning the disposal of the ‘Brent Spar’ offshore installation [Cm. 2951] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 66, 1995).—Agreement, done at London on 21st March 1994, with amending notes, exchanged at Almaty on 11th July and 24th August 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture [Cm. 2954] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 67, 1995).—Notes exchanged at Abidjan on 10th January and 1st February 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Cote d’Ivoire Debt Agreement No. 7 (1994)) [Cm. 2955] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 68, 1995).—Notes exchanged at Freetown on 13th December and 15th December 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Sierra Leone concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Sierra Leone Debt Agreement No. 6 (1994)) [Cm. 2956] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 69, 1995).—Agreement, done at London on 22nd September 1992, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of India concerning the investigation and prosecution of crime and the tracing, restraint and confiscation of the proceeds and instruments of crime (including crimes involving currency transfers) and terrorist funds [Cm. 2957] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Treaty Series (No. 70, 1995).—Amendments to Annexes 1, 2, 6 and 7 of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under cover of TIR carnets (TIR Convention), concluded at Geneva on 14th November 1975 [Cm. 2960] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
53 Treaty Series (No. 71, 1995).—Treaty, done at London on 5th November 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America on the delimitation in the Caribbean of a maritime boundary relating to the U.S. Virgin Islands and Anguilla [Cm. 2961] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

54 Treaty Series (No. 72, 1995).—Notes exchanged at London on 28th February 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Russian Federation concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Russia Debt Agreement No. 2 (1994)) [Cm. 2963] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

55 Treaty Series (No. 73, 1995).—Notes exchanged at Quito on 9th June 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador concerning the British School, Quito [Cm. 2982] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

56 Treaty Series (No. 74, 1995).—Protocol, done at Rome on 20th November 1992, of accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Western European Union with annex [Cm. 2977] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

57 Treaty Series (No. 75, 1995).—Agreement, done at Port-au-Prince on 18th March 1985, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Haiti for the promotion and protection of investments [Cm. 2973] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

58 Zimbabwe (No. 1, 1995).—Agreement, done at Harare on 1st March 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe for the promotion and protection of investments [Cm. 2968] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

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:

20th July 1995

59 Building Societies.—(1) Building Societies (Limits on Transactions with Directors) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1872),

(2) Building Societies (Mergers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1874), and

(3) Building Societies (Non-Retail Funds and Deposits) (Limit on Election) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1873),

dated 17th July 1995 [Mrs Angela Knight].


dated 13th July 1995 [Mr Secretary Lilley]; and


dated 12th July 1995 [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

21st July 1995

64 Education.—Ridge College, Stockport and Margaret Danyers College (Dissolution) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1927), dated 20th July 1995 [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

24th July 1995


25th July 1995


26th July 1995

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(2) Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Variation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2047), dated 1st August 1995 [Mr Secretary Howard].

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(3) Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling and Trossachs Tourist Board Scheme Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1881),
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(8) Highlands of Scotland Tourist Board Scheme Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1886),
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30th August 1995

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140 Housing.—Stonebridge Housing Action Trust (Transfer of Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2248), dated 29th August 1995 [Mr Secretary Gummer].


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(2) Fosse Health, Leicestershire Community National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2325),
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(4) Northern Birmingham Mental Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2323),
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(2) West Herts Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2377),

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(6) University Dental Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2494), dated 21st September 1995 [Mr Secretary Hague]; and


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201 Marine Pollution,—Merchant Shipping (Reporting Requirements for Ships Carrying Dangerous or Polluting Goods) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2498), dated 21st September 1995 [Secretary Sir George Young].

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(4) North Eastern Combined Fire Services Area Administration Scheme Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2632),

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(3) Lothian and Borders Combined Police Area Amalgamation Scheme Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2640),

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226 Enterprise Zones,—(1) Dearne Valley Enterprise Zones (Designation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2624), and

(2) East Midlands Enterprise Zones (North East Derbyshire) (Designation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2625),
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233 Deregulation,—(1) Draft Deregulation (Building Societies) Order 1995, together with a Statement from the Treasury, and

(2) Draft Deregulation (Greyhound Racing) Order 1995, together with a Statement from the Home Office
[by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

234 Insurance,—Draft Insurance Brokers (Registration) Act 1977 (Amendment) Order 1995[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


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236 Representation of the People,—Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

237 Taxes,—Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances and on Gifts) (Netherlands) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].
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238 Probation,—Probation (Amendment) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2622), dated 5th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

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239 Animals,—Statistics of scientific procedures on living animals in Great Britain for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 3012] [Mr Secretary Howard].

240 Appropriation Accounts, 1994–95,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament to—
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   (2) Class II (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), and
   (3) Class III (Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Intervention Board Executive Agency)
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241 Atomic Energy,—Report and Accounts of British Nuclear Fuels plc for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

242 Boundary Commission,—Fourth Report of the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland on Parliamentary Constituencies and the second supplementary Report on the number of Members to be returned to the Northern Ireland Assembly by each of those constituencies [by Command] [Cm. 2949] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

243 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the Gaelic Television Committee for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

244 College Charter,—Petition, draft charter and Statutes relating to the incorporation by Royal Charter of Manchester College, Oxford [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

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247 Defence (Royal Air Force),—Amendment List No. 21 to Major Revision 1985 to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].


249 Development of Tourism,—(1) Statement of determination of the salary on appointment of a member of the British Tourist Board [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley]; and
   (2) statement of determination of the salaries on appointment of members of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

250 Education,—Accounts of the Teacher Training Agency for the period 21st September 1994 to 31st March 1995, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

251 Eltham Palace,—Department of National Heritage Minute, dated 16th October 1995, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the transfer of Eltham Palace from the Ministry of Defence to English Heritage [by Command] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

252 Enterprise and New Towns,—Report and Accounts of Highlands and Islands Enterprise for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

   (2) Waste Management Licensing (Fees and Charges) Scheme 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

254 Farmland and Rural Development,—Report and Accounts of the Rural Development Commission for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].
255 Health Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the NHS Pensions Agency for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 705] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

256 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Report of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for the period 1st November 1993 to 31st October 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


258 Law Commissions,—Statement by the Lord Chancellor with regard to the pension provision of a Commissioner of the Law Commission [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor].

259 Legal Aid (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of Scottish Legal Aid for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

260 Miscellaneous Financial Provisions,—(1) Reports and Accounts of—
   (i) the Devon and Cornwall Development International, and
   (ii) the London First Centre,
   (2) Report and Financial Statements of the East Midlands Development Company Limited,
   (3) Reports, Directors' Reports and Accounts of—
      (i) the Agency for Investment in the North West of England, and
      (ii) the West Midlands Development Agency Limited, and
   (4) Reports, Directors' Reports and Financial Statements of—
      (i) the Northern Development Company, and
      (ii) the Yorkshire and Humberside Development Agency
      for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

261 Museum and Galleries,—Accounts of—
   (1) the National Library of Wales, and
   (2) the National Museum of Wales
   for 1994–95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]
   [Clerk of the House].

262 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health on—
   (1) 21st March 1995 on borrowing by Oxfordshire Community Health National Health Service Trust, and
   (2) 21st July 1995 on borrowing by—
      (i) East Berkshire National Health Service Trust,
      (ii) Gloucestershire Royal National Health Service Trust,
      (iii) Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre National Health Service Trust,
      (iv) Oxford Radcliffe Hospital National Health Service Trust, and
      (v) Oxfordshire Mental Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
      [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

263 National Health Service (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—
   (1) 10th August 1995 on borrowing by Edinburgh Sick Children's National Health Service Trust, and
   (2) 13th September 1995 on borrowing by Raigmore National Health Service Trust
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

264 National Lottery,—Report of the Director General of the National Lottery for 1994–95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 755] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

265 New Towns,—Report and Accounts of the Commission for New Towns [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

266 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Report of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

268 Parkhurst Prison.—Report of an inquiry by General Sir John Learmont, KCB, CBE, on prison service security in England and Wales and the escape from Parkhurst Prison on Tuesday 3rd January 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3020] [Mr Secretary Howard].

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270 Population Censuses and Surveys.—Paper, entitled, Mortality statistics: cause in England and Wales for 1993 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

271 Post Office.—Reports of—
(1) the Post Office Users’ National Council, and
(2) the Post Office Users’ Council for Scotland
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272 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Twenty-sixth to Thirty-sixth, Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1994–95, [by Command] [Cm. 3013] [Mr Michael Jack].

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(1) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [21st June] from members of the Japanese Labour Camp Survivors Association and others for action to prevent Japan acquiring a permanent seat on the UN Security Council until her government apologises to and compensates former prisoners of war and civilian internees, and
(2) the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [28th June] from residents of Cirencester against planning consent for a non-food retail development
[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

274 Railways.—Report of the Central Rail Users’ Consultative Committee for 1994–95 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

275 Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland).—Report of the Registrar General for Scotland for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

276 Registration Service.—(1) Birth statistics and review of the Registrar General on births and patterns of family building, and
(2) Marriage and divorce statistics and review of the Registrar General on marriages and divorces
for England and Wales for 1993 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

277 Reserve Forces.—Statements by—
(1) the Minister of State for Defence Procurement under Section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call out of—
(i) Air Force Reserve personnel,
(ii) Air Force Reserve personnel,
(iii) a member of the territorial army,
(iv) a member of the territorial army, and
(v) members of the territorial army,
(2) the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under Section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call out of—
(i) Air Force Reserve personnel,
(ii) Air Force Reserve personnel,
(iii) a member of the territorial army, and
(iv) members of the territorial army, and
(3) the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence under Section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call out of—
(i) Air Force Reserve Personnel, and
(ii) members of the territorial army
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].
278 Royal Air Force,—Amendment to the rates of retired pay and pensions of the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

279 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Research Councils’ Pension Scheme for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

280 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:


[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

281 Transport Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Civil Aviation Authority for 1994–95 [by Act], and

(2) the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 661]

[Secretary Sir George Young].

282 Transport (Scotland),—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) Caledonian MacBrayne Limited, and

(2) David MacBrayne Limited

for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir John Wheeler (nominated in respect of the draft Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr Malcolm Moss.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Malcolm Moss (nominated in respect of the draft Police (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Sir John Wheeler.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 20th July; to be printed [No. 159-xi] [Clerk of the House].

2 Environment,—Third Special Report from the Environment Committee (Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee (Session 1994-95) on the Environmental Impact of Leisure Activities); to be printed [No. 761] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 143.]

Tuesday 17th October 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Saint Paul’s Churchyard Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Saint Paul’s Churchyard Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Bill to be read the third time.

2 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered tomorrow.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Civil Evidence Bill [Lords].—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Civil Evidence Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without amendment.

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 767].

6 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Patrick Thompson reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 769].

7 New Member makes Affirmation.—Chris Davies Esquire, Member for Littleborough and Saddleworth, made the Affirmation required by law.

8 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 Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1481) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Bowen Wells).—It was agreed to.

9 Elimination of Poverty,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require local authorities to monitor the condition of their population; to require central government to publish information on the poverty of the people; to exempt pensioner households from standing charges; to extend pensioners’ concessional fare schemes; to make provision for the calculation of old age pensions by reference to average earnings; to equalise retirement ages at 60; to make provision for the calculation of social security benefits by reference to average earnings; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Alan Simpson, Alice Mahon, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Llew Smith, Mr David Winnick, Mr Max Madden, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Jean Corston, Mr Bill Michie and Mr Tony Banks, do prepare and bring it in.

10 Elimination of Poverty Bill,—Mr Jeremy Corbyn accordingly presented a Bill to require local authorities to monitor the condition of their population; to require central government to publish information on the poverty of the people; to exempt pensioner households from standing charges; to extend pensioners’ concessional fare schemes; to make provision for the calculation of old age pensions by reference to average earnings; to equalise retirement ages at 60; to make provision for the calculation of social security benefits by reference to average earnings; 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 173].

11 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 1995 contained in Cm. 2800;

Which Amendment was, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘declines to support the policy of the Government as set out in the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1995; condemns the continued instability in the armed forces caused by the Government’s failure to establish a long-term strategic overview; notes that this undermines the morale and operational effectiveness of the United Kingdom’s armed forces and fails to prepare the United Kingdom for the challenges of the post cold war world; calls upon the Government to establish a strategic defence review; deplores the way that United Kingdom defence capabilities and installations are being run down in an unstructured way instead of the Government seeking to manage the worst effects of change on communities and individuals through a defence diversification agency; urges a positive approach in the negotiation of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty and the immediate ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention; condemns the Government’s financial mismanagement and waste in defence; congratulates the excellent work carried out by British forces throughout the world and expresses pride in their continuing presence in United Nations peacekeeping operations’, 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 Dennis Turner, Mr Stephen Byers: 262.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 301.
So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Eddie Loyden: 28.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House approves the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1995 contained in Cm. 2800.

12 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Sir George Young be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Michael Jack be added to the Committee.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

13 Procedure,—Ordered, That Cheryl Gillan be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure and Mr Robert Atkins be added to the Committee.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

14 Agriculture,—Ordered, That Mr Roger Knapman be discharged from the Agriculture Committee and Mr William Powell be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Defence,—Ordered, That Sir Nicholas Bonsor be discharged from the Defence Committee and Mr Keith Mans be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

16 National Heritage,—Ordered, That Mr Roland Boyes and Mr Patrick McLoughlin be discharged from the National Heritage Committee and Mr Sebastian Coe and Mr Roger Stott be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.1 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 17th October 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
2 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Statute, dated 10th March 1995, made by the Governing Body of Darwin College, Cambridge, amending the statutes of the College,
   (2) Statute, dated 16th March 1995, made by the Governing Body of Selwyn College, Cambridge, amending the statutes of the College,
   (3) Statute, dated 30th March 1995, made by the University of Cambridge amending the statutes of the University, and
   (4) Statute, dated 12th April 1995, made by the University of Cambridge amending the statutes of the University.
[by Act][Mr Tony Newton].
Other Papers:

3 Environment,—Paper, entitled Rural England; a nation committed to living in the countryside [by Command] [Cm. 3016] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

4 European Communities,—Observations by the Government on the Sixteenth Report from the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities, Session 1994–95, on environmental issues in central and eastern Europe: the PHARE programme [by Command] [Cm. 3011] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Health,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Health Committee, Session 1994–95, on London’s Ambulance Service [by Command] [Cm. 3009] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

6 Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments,—Report of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 727] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

7 Magistrates’ Courts,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of the Magistrates' Courts Service for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 750] [Mr John M. Taylor].

8 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Ninth Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1994–95, on selected cases 1995—access to official information [by Act]; to be printed [No. 758] [Clerk of the House].

9 Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 1994 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Howard].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 17th October; to be printed [No. 133-v] [Mr Greville Janner].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 8-xxviii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 144.]

Wednesday 18th October 1995.

The House met at Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin);

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr John Maxton reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Police (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 780].
7 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs Ann Winterton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Travellers' Reliefs (Fuel and Lubricants) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 779].

8 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. COM (95) 73, relating to the European Union's relations with Japan, and of the conclusions reached by the Foreign Affairs Council on 29th May on this Communication.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

9 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 (Tour Operators) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1495) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Michael Bates): It was agreed to.

10 Pet Animal Welfare,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to control the sale of animals in pet shops and the breeding of dogs; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Tony Banks, Mr Alan Williams, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Ron Davies, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Simon Hughes, Kate Hoey, Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Chris Mullin and Mr Tony Benn do prepare and bring it in.

11 Pet Animal Welfare Bill,—Mr Tony Banks accordingly presented a Bill to control the sale of animals in pet shops and the breeding of dogs; 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 172].

12 Opposition Day [18th 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.

Rail Privatisation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, bearing in mind that both the sale of the train franchises and the flotation of Railtrack are falling further and further behind schedule because of investor disinterest or distrust, and noting that the run-up to privatisation has revealed a lamentable decline in safety standards, an unprecedented collapse of investment and almost universal opposition from the travelling public, calls upon the Government to abandon this sell-off and switch expenditure from promoting the dogma of privatisation to improving a vital public service based on renewal of rolling-stock, upgrading of lines and higher standards for passengers.—(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 'believes that privatisation of the railways will bring better services to passengers, as has happened with previous privatisations, such as British Airways and British Airports Authority; contrasts this with the Opposition's commitment to renationalise the railways; welcomes the announcement that Railtrack will be floated next Spring, allowing access to private capital and opportunities for investors; and further welcomes the progress that has already been made on privatisation, which will lead to a new era for passengers, with fares and services protected for the first time', instead thereof. —(Secretary 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 Joe Benton, Mr John Cummings: 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Willetts, Mr Roger Knapman: 288.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House believes that privatisation of the railways will bring better services to passengers, as has happened with previous privatisations, such as British Airways and British Airports Authority; contrasts this with the Opposition's commitment to renationalise the railways; welcomes the announcement that Railtrack will be floated next Spring, allowing access to private capital and opportunities for investors; and further welcomes the progress that has already been made on privatisation, which will lead to a new era for passengers, with fares and services protected for the first time.
National Blood Service.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House pays tribute to the nation's two million blood donors, on whose goodwill and generosity the National Blood Service and National Health Service depend; congratulates blood service staff in the regional blood transfusion centres for maintaining a high quality service despite the continuing uncertainty surrounding the service; deplores the proposal to close testing and/or processing facilities at Liverpool, Lancaster, Oxford, Brentwood and Plymouth blood centres in the absence of any conclusive evidence that closure will lead to improvements in the quality of service to people living in those areas; condemns the National Blood Authority for pre-empting the Secretary of State's decision on the future of the National Blood Service by pushing ahead with its proposed re-organisation before any final announcement; and calls on the Secretary of State to visit each threatened centre to hear at first hand the concerns of donors and staff and take account of their representations before finalising his decision about the future organisation of the blood service—(Mr Nicholas 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 'commends the continued support of blood donors, on which the blood service is founded and which is at the heart of the National Health Service; and fully recognises the commitment of blood service regional staff and the importance of ensuring that this vital national service continues to improve and develop into an integrated national service, based on high and uniform standards of safety, reliability and efficiency', instead thereof. —(Mr Gerald Malone.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
Mr Dennis Turner 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 Geoffrey Hoon, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Roger Knapman: 290.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House commends the continued support of blood donors, on which the blood service is founded and which is at the heart of the National Health Service; and fully recognises the commitment of blood service regional staff and the importance of ensuring that this vital national service continues to improve and develop into an integrated national service, based on high and uniform standards of safety, reliability and efficiency.

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Wakefield and other places for legislation to provide civil rights for disabled people was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr Gary Streeter.)

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 18th October 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2713), dated 16th October 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

2 Companies.—Companies Act 1989 Part II (Consequential Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2723), dated 17th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

3 Environmental Protection.—Statutory Nuisance (Appeals) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2644), dated 9th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].
4 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (Meat Hygiene) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2626), dated 9th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5 Trade Unions,—Employment Code of Practice (Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2729), dated 17th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

6 Animals,—Report of the Animal Procedures Committee for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 2996] [Mr Secretary Howard].

7 Brazil (No. 1, 1995).—Extradition Treaty, done at London on 18th July 1995, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Federative Republic of Brazil [by Command] [Cm. 2975] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

8 Environmental Protection,—Report of the Countryside Council for Wales for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

9 Health,—Government Response to the Third Report of the Health Committee, Session 1994–95, on breast cancer services [by Command] [Cm. 3007] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

10 National Heritage,—Accounts of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 765] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Lottery,—Accounts of the National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 766] [Clerk of the House].

12 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Tenth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1994–95, on selected cases 1995—volume 5 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 762] [Clerk of the House].

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

(1) the Petition [29th June] from citizens of the United Kingdom against the disposal of waste from the nuclear industry on landfill sites, and

(2) the Petition [5th July] from residents of Brentwood and Ongar against planning consent for a secure unit at Boyles Court, Warley, Brentwood [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

14 Treaty Series (No. 76, 1995).—Agreement, done at London on 5th May 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 2967] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

15 Turkmenistan (No. 1, 1995).—Agreement, done at Ashgabat on 9th February 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Turkmenistan for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 2976] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Michael Alison, Mr Tony Banks, Mr John Biffen, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Michael Connarty, Jean Corston, Mr James Cran, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Roger Knapman, Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr Michael Lord, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr William Ross, Sir James Spicer, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Paul Tyler and Mr Alan W. Williams.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Value Added Tax (Tour Operators) (Amendment) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Ms Margaret Hodge, Glenda Jackson, Mr Alan Keen, Mr David Mellor, Sir David Mitchell, Mr Robert Parry, Mrs Elizabeth...
Peacock, Mr David Porter, Dawn Primarolo, Sir Nicholas Scott, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr John Townend, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr David Willetts.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Fifth Report from the Agriculture Committee [Pesticides Safety Directorate and Veterinary Medicines Directorate], 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. 391];

(2) Second Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, (MAFF/Intervention Board Departmental Report 1995)]; to be printed [No. 776];

(3) Third Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, (Trading of Milk Quota)]; to be printed [No. 777];

(4) Fourth Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, (Horticulture)]; to be printed [No. 778]; and

(5) Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee

[Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 18th October; to be printed [No. 770-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 European Legislation,—Twenty-fifth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-xxv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 18th October; to be printed [No. 734-ii] [Mr James Pawsey].

5 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 18th October; to be printed [No. 781-i] [Mr Frank Field].

6 Trade and Industry,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, on Finance for Industry];


(3) Sixth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, on Trade with Brazil and Argentina];


(5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 18th October; and

(6) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee;

to be printed [Nos. 771 to 775 and 333] [Mr Richard Caborn].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c; and

(2) the Value Added Tax (Tour Operators) (Amendment) Order 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—
(1) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of a substantive Motion for the adjournment [competitiveness in the Scottish economy];

(2) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1995;

(3) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Tour Operators) (Amendment) Order 1995;

(4) Mrs Ann Winterton Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Travellers’ Reliefs (Fuel and Lubricants) Order 1995, in place of Mr Norman Hogg; and

(5) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 6591/94, relating to comparative advertising.

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. 8817/95, relating to fisheries: log book records, 9379/95, relating to the reform of the rice regime, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 27th September 1995, relating to the reform of the rice regime, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Document No. 7942/95, relating to television, to European Standing Committee B.

4 European Standing Committees,—European Community Documents Nos. 7465/95, relating to financial provision for fisheries enforcement, and 7596/95, relating to the common fisheries policy control system, have been referred to European Standing Committee A in place of the unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 19th and 23rd June 1995 respectively, which were referred to a Committee on 28th June.

[No. 145.]

Thursday 19th October 1995.

PRAYERS.

1 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 26th October at Seven o’clock.

2 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 26th June, on consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Which Question was, That an Amendment (No.1) be made, in the preamble, in page 2, line 10, at the end, to insert the words ‘but not of their duty to use the land for educational purposes’;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 26th October.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 783].

7 Opposition day [2nd allotted day][2nd part].—It being a 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.
Prison Service.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the unwillingness of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to accept responsibility for serious operational failures of the Prison Service—(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 ‘believes that the Home Secretary is and should be accountable to this House for all matters concerning the Prison Service; believes that he is and should be accountable and responsible for all policy decisions relating to the Service; believes that the Director General of the Prison Service is and should be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the service; and utterly rejects the very serious allegations made about the Home Secretary’s conduct towards the former Governor of Parkhurst, Mr John Marriott’, 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 Jim Dowd, Mr Joe Benton: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Timothy Wood: 280.

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.

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

Resolved. That this House believes that the Home Secretary is and should be accountable to this House for all matters concerning the Prison Service; believes that he is and should be accountable and responsible for all policy decisions relating to the Service; believes that the Director General of the Prison Service is and should be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the service; and utterly rejects the very serious allegations made about the Home Secretary’s conduct towards the former Governor of Parkhurst, Mr John Marriott.

8 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 (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 10th July, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

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 Police (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

10 Customs and Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Travellers’ Reliefs (Fuel and Lubricants) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1777), a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th July, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

11 Relations with Japan.—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. COM (95) 73, relating to the European Union’s relations with Japan, and of the conclusions reached by the Foreign Affairs Council on 29th May on this Communication—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

12 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House do now adjourn—(Mr Gary Streeter);

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

13 European Standing Committees.—Ordered. That—European Community Documents Nos. 7465/95, relating to financial provision for fisheries enforcement, 7596/95, relating to the common fisheries policy control system, and 8817/95, relating to fisheries: log book records, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee A—(Dr Liam Fox.)

14 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) citizens of Dundee for exemption of mental disability from the assessment test for incapacity benefit; and

(2) K. R. D. Searle for establishment of a register of persons licensed to dock the tails of puppies

were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Ten o’clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 19th October 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Fire Services,—(1) Draft Avon Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995,
(2) draft Cleveland Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995,
(3) draft Humberside Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995, and
(4) draft North Yorkshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

(2) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995, No. 2737), dated 19th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

3 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995, No. 2739), dated 19th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

4 Protection of Wrecks,—Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 1) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2654), dated 9th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

5 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 29th July 1994, made by the Governing Body of the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:


7 Customs and Excise,—Report of 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 1994–95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 754] [Mr Secretary Lang].

8 Education,—Accounts of the Teacher Training Agency for the period 21st September 1994 to 31st March 1995, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 785] [Clerk of the House].

9 Inland Revenue,—Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Inland Revenue for 1994–95 [by Command] [Cm. 3014] [Mr Michael Jack].

10 Local Government (Wales),—Accounts of the Staff Commission for Wales for the period 12th April 1994 to 31st March 1995, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

11 London Regional Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th October 1995 on borrowing by London Regional Transport [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

12 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of—
(1) the National Library of Wales, and
(2) the National Museum of Wales
for 1994–95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 787 and 786] [Clerk of the House].

13 Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and
Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

14 Science and Technology, — Accounts of the Research Councils' Pension Scheme for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 788] [Clerk of the House].

15 Welsh Affairs, — Government Response to the Third Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 1994–95, on severe head injuries: rehabilitation [by Command] [Cm. 3017] [Mr Secretary Hague].

Papers withdrawn:


17 Museums and Galleries, — Accounts of—
   (1) the National Library of Wales, and
   (2) the National Museum of Wales
   for 1994–95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [laid 16th October].

18 Science and Technology, — Accounts of the Research Councils' Pension Scheme for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [laid 16th October].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., — Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Tony Banks (nominated in respect of the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1481)); and had appointed in substitution Mr Andrew Welsh.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 National Heritage, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 19th October; to be printed [No. 493-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Transport, — Fourth Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Observations on the Second Report from the Committee, Session 1994–95 (Privatisation of National Air Traffic Services)]; to be printed [No. 784] [Mr Paul Channon].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees, — In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr Michael J. Martin an additional Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of a substantive Motion for the adjournment [competitiveness in the Scottish economy].

[No. 146.]

Friday 20th October 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Adjournment, — A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House now adjourn—(Mr Andrew MacKay);

   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 Roger Knapman.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 23rd October.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 20th October 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Antarctica,—Antarctic (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2741), dated 9th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

2 Charities,—(1) Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2724), dated 17th October 1995, and
   (2) Charities Act 1993 (Substitution of Sums) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2696), dated 16th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Council Tax,—Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2561), dated 12th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

4 Environmental Protection,—Environmental Protection (Determination of Enforcing Authority Etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2742), dated 18th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


6 Telecommunications,—Public Telecommunication System Designation (Orange Personal Communications Services Limited) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2750), dated 20th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

7 European Communities (No. 6, 1995),—Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 23rd January 1995, between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Kazakhstan with Protocol including Declarations and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 2966] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

8 European Communities (No. 7, 1995),—Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 6th March 1995, between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Belarus with Protocol including Exchange of Letters with Declarations and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 2972] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

9 European Communities (No. 8, 1995),—Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 9th February 1995, between the European Communities and their Member States and the Kyrgyz Republic with Protocol including Declarations and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 2969] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Metropolitan Police Service: Responding to Calls from the Public [by Act]; to be printed [No. 753] [Clerk of the House].

11 Telecommunications,—licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Orange Personal Communications Services Limited, under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

12 Transport,—Government Response to the Third Report of the Transport Select Committee, Session 1994–95, on Urban Road Pricing [by Command] [Cm. 3019] [Secretary Sir George Young].
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Monday 23rd October 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to criminal procedure in Scotland, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate as regards Scotland certain enactments relating to the confiscation of the proceeds of, and forfeiture of property used in, crime; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate for Scotland certain enactments creating offences and relating to criminal law there; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Criminal Procedure (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for repeals, consequential amendments, transitional and transitory matters and savings in connection with the consolidation of enactments in the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, the Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Act 1995 and the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 176].

5 Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 174].

6 Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 175].

7 Criminal Procedure (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Criminal Procedure (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 177].

8 Public Accounts. — Resolved, That this House takes note of the 40th and 42nd to 51st Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1993-94, of the 1st to 40th Reports of Session 1994-95, and of the Treasury Minutes and Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memoranda on these Reports (Cm. 2732, 2739, 2754, 2757, 2786, 2825, 2832, 2906, 2921, 2988, 2990, 3013), with particular reference to the following Reports of Session 1994-95:

First, Ministry of Defence: The Major Projects Report (1993);
Fifth, Council Tax Valuations in England and Wales;
Twenty-eighth, Severance Payments to Senior Staff in the Publicly Funded Education Sector;
Thirty-third, Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Overseas Representation: Irregularities at the Sana’a Embassy;
Thirty-fourth, Lord Chancellor’s Department: Qualification of Audit Opinion and Alleged Frauds on the Green Form Scheme.—(Mr Robert Sheldon.)

9 Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Documents No. 7596/95, on establishing a control system applicable to the Common Fisheries Policy, No. 7465/95, relating to Community financial contribution towards certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in
implementing the monitoring and control system applicable to the Common Fisheries Policy, and No. 8817/95, concerning a proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the list of species to be recorded in the fisheries logbook and landing declarations; welcomes the agreement reached at the Fisheries Council on 15th June on fishing effort levels; and supports the Government’s efforts to secure effective measures to monitor and enforce fishing activity in Western Waters, including the Irish Box, while not placing unnecessary burdens on the fishing industry—(Mr Tony Baldry);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 7, to leave out from the word ‘declarations’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognises the widespread concern about the increased pressure on fish stocks in Western Waters including the Irish Box resulting from the failure of the Government to secure a satisfactory agreement on the future access of Spanish and Portuguese vessels; and calls upon the Government to secure arrangements which match fishing effort to available fish stocks and include a system of control and effective enforcement that reflects the operational needs of the United Kingdom fishing industry and the need to protect the interests of local fishing communities’, instead thereof.—(Mr Elliot Morley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr George Mudie, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 150.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr Gary Streeter: 236.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Gary Streeter: 233.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr George Mudie, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 152.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents No. 7596/95, on establishing a control system applicable to the Common Fisheries Policy, No. 7465/95, relating to Community financial contribution towards certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the monitoring and control system applicable to the Common Fisheries Policy, and No. 8817/95, concerning a proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the list of species to be recorded in the fisheries logbook and landing declarations; welcomes the agreement reached at the Fisheries Council on 15th June on fishing effort levels; and supports the Government’s efforts to secure effective measures to monitor and enforce fishing activity in Western Waters, including the Irish Box, while not placing unnecessary burdens on the fishing industry.

10 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That Mr Timothy Kirkhope be discharged from the Accommodation and Works Committee and Mr Derek Conway be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Elfyn Llwyd be discharged from the Welsh Affairs Committee and Mr Cynog Dafis be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.42 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 23rd October 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Parliament,—Draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Immigration,—Immigration (Transit Visa) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2621) dated 5th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].
3 National Health Service.—West Cheshire National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2698), dated 15th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Other Papers:

4 Deregulation.—Proposal by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Resolutions of Private Companies) Order 1995, together with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 23rd October; to be printed [No. 790-i] [Mr Paul Channon].

2 Treasury and Civil Service,—Sixth Report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee [The Regulation of Financial Services in the UK], 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. 332] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

Tuesday 24th October 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Standing Orders (Private Business),—Ordered, That the following Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Private Business be made:

Standing Order 39

line 4, leave out 'the Department of Health and Social Security and'.
line 9, after first 'of' insert 'Education and'.
line 9, after 'Employment' insert 'the Department of Health'.
line 10, after 'Heritage' insert 'the Department of Social Security'.
line 21, leave out 'Science' and insert 'Employment'.
line 24, leave out 'Science' and insert 'Employment'.

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line 2, leave out '£2,500' and insert '£3,500'.
line 3, leave out '£2,500' and insert '£3,500'.
line 23, leave out '£2,500' and insert '£3,500'.
line 29, leave out '£1,250' and insert '£1,750'.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

2 Saint Paul's Churchyard Bill,—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Saint Paul's Churchyard 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 shall be 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.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 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. 6591/94, relating to comparative advertising, and supports the Government's view that harmonisation of the rules on comparative advertising is to be welcomed, that the draft Directive should contain only those restrictions which are essential, and that the current draft text will require amendment before it can be considered acceptable.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

6 Registration of Fostering Agencies,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable voluntary and independent fostering agencies to approve foster carers subject to registration and inspection of the agencies: And that Ann Coffey, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Keith Hill, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr George Howarth, Mrs Jane Kennedy, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Dennis Turner, Mrs Bridget Prentice and Ms Janet Anderson do prepare and bring it in.

7 Registration of Fostering Agencies Bill,—Ann Coffey accordingly presented a Bill to enable voluntary and independent fostering agencies to approve foster carers subject to registration and inspection of the agencies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 178].

8 Opposition day [19th allotted day].—It being a 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.

Current environmental concerns in Scotland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises the depth of public concern in Scotland and beyond at HM Government's failure to provide proper stewardship of Scotland's environment; notes the triple threat posed by plans to increase the number of reprocessing contracts at Dounreay, the disclosure of the munitions dump at Beaufort Dyke and continuing uncertainty over Shell's plans to decommission the Brent Spar; views with alarm reports that between five and fifteen thousand fuel rods of US origin may be destined for Dounreay, pending the decision by the US Department of Energy; further notes that over a thousand phosphorus devices have been found along the shores of south west Scotland; is dismayed that crucial decisions affecting the Scottish people are taken without any semblance of public consultation; calls on Her Majesty's Pollution Inspectorate to refuse to grant any further applications for discharge authorisations at Dounreay; demands an urgent investigation into the munitions dump at Beaufort Dyke so that the dangers posed to the public and the marine environment can be properly assessed; urges the Government to refuse any application for a licence for the offshore disposal of the Brent Spar or any other North Sea installation until such disposal can be assessed by an independent authority; and rejects the contemptuous treatment which fleeces Scotland of its natural resources while imposing unacceptable environmental dangers upon the Scottish population, threatening industries such as fishing, farming, food processing, whisky and tourism which depend crucially on Scotland's perception as a country with a clean environment —(Roseanna Cunningham);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'congratulates Her Majesty's Government on their environmental achievements in Scotland and applauds their continued commitment to the further protection and enhancement of the environment, notably through the creation of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency; supports the Government's view that the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority should be
allowed to continue to undertake reprocessing of spent fuel, subject to the appropriate regulatory requirements being met, and that sound science and careful cost benefit analysis should continue to guide the Government in their consideration of issues affecting the marine environment, the matters of safety always to the fore', instead thereof.—(Mr Raymond S. Robertson.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Alex Salmond: 26.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Michael Bates: 159.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates Her Majesty's Government on their environmental achievements in Scotland and applauds their continued commitment to the further protection and enhancement of the environment, notably through the creation of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency; supports the Government's view that the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority should be allowed to continue to undertake reprocessing of spent fuel, subject to the appropriate regulatory requirements being met, and that sound science and careful cost benefit analysis should continue to guide the Government in their consideration of issues affecting the marine environment, the matters of safety always to the fore.

Pensioners in Wales,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the rapidly falling standard of living of people of pensionable age in Wales; calls upon the Government to uprate the state pension to one-third of average earnings for each pensioner immediately and, over a reasonable period, to link them to average earnings as opposed to price inflation figures; and further calls upon the Government to introduce a statutory disregard of capital resources for those in need of long-term social and nursing care, to make the well-being of this section of society a priority, and to cease to marginalise their interests and concerns in such a deplorable way—(Mr Elfyn Llwyd);

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 rise in pensioners' living standards throughout Wales and the rest of the UK since this Government took office; applauds the fact that pensioners' average incomes have increased by 51 per cent. in real terms since 1979, compared with only 5 per cent. between 1974 and 1979; welcomes the extra help, amounting to £1.2 billion per year above the rate of inflation since 1988, awarded through improvements to income-related benefits for pensioners; believes it is far better to target benefit resources on those in the most need; applauds the fact that this Government has provided a solid basis for income in retirement by maintaining its pledge to increase basic retirement pensions at least in line with prices; and welcomes wholeheartedly the wider and substantial benefits delivered to pensioners by this Government's policies, particularly the control of inflation', instead thereof.—(Mr Oliver Heald.)

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

Mr Elfyn Llwyd 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 Dafydd Wigley, Mrs Margaret Ewing: 25.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Richard Ottaway: 129.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the rise in pensioners' living standards throughout Wales and the rest of the UK since this Government took office; applauds the fact that pensioners' average incomes have increased by 51 per cent. in real terms since 1979,
compared with only 5 per cent. between 1974 and 1979; welcomes the extra help, amounting to £1.2 billion per year above the rate of inflation since 1988, awarded through improvements to income-related benefits for pensioners; believes it is far better to target benefit resources on those in the most need; applauds the fact that this Government has provided a solid basis for income in retirement by maintaining its pledge to increase basic retirement pensions at least in line with prices; and welcomes wholeheartedly the wider and substantial benefits delivered to pensioners by this Government’s policies, particularly the control of inflation.

9 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 Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th July, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gary Streeter.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 24th October 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Fire Services,—(1) Draft Mid and West Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995,

(2) draft North Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995, and

(3) draft South Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

2 Local Government (Scotland),—Local Government (Application of Enactments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2766), dated 19th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:

3 Courts and Legal Services,—Report of the Lord Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 759] [Mr John M. Taylor].

4 Export of Works of Art,—Report of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art for 1994-95 [by Command] [Cm. 3008] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

5 Fisheries,—Report and Accounts of the Sea Fish Industry Authority for 1994-95 [by Act][Mr Douglas Hogg].

6 Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks),—Accounts of the Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 751] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

7 International Immunities and Privileges,—(1) Draft International Sea-Bed Authority (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1995, and

(2) draft International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1995
[laid 16th October].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—Fifth Report from the Deregulation Committee, The Deregulation (Length of the School Day) Order 1995: The Proposal; to be printed [No. 791] [Mr Barry Field].
2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 24th October; to be printed [No. 133-vii] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 24th October; to be printed [No. 794-i] [Sir Giles Shaw].

4 Scottish Affairs,—(1) First Special Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Government Observations on the Second Report from the Committee (Session 1994-95) on Market Conditions in the Scottish Salmon Industry]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 23rd October;

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

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

9 Disability Discrimination Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Disability Discrimination Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 182].

10 Disabled Persons Civil Rights Commission Bill,—Ms Liz Lynne, supported by Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr David Chidgey, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr David Rendel, Mr Nigel Jones, Mr Don Foster, Mr Charles Kennedy, Diana Maddock and Mr Chris Davies, presented a Bill to establish a Human Rights Commission with comprehensive responsibility for enforcing, monitoring and providing advice on the civil rights of disabled people to ensure equal access to transport, education, employment, goods and services and public life: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd November and to be printed [Bill 180].

11 Trade Union Employment Rights,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give effect to the employment rights and relationships between the social partners as provided for in the European Social Chapter; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Kevin McNamara, Alice Mahon, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Bill Etherington, Ann Clwyd, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Robert Ainsworth and Mr Bill Olner do prepare and bring it in.

12 Trade Union Employment Rights Bill,—Mr Andrew Mackinlay accordingly presented a Bill to give effect to the employment rights and relationships between the social partners as provided for in the European Social Chapter; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd November and to be printed [Bill 181].

13 Opposition day [20th allotted day].—It being a 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 Lottery,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its concern at recent suggestions that current Government spending on the arts be met by Lottery funds, and reaffirms its wish that funds raised for good causes from the National Lottery should be used for purposes additional to, and not in substitution for, items set out in the Government’s existing expenditure plans; believes that when the current contract for the operation of the National Lottery comes to an end, the new Section 5 Licence should be on a not-for-profit basis; proposes that a Lottery Consumers Council should be established to oversee the work of the Lottery regulator; deplores the delay in establishing the National Lottery Charities Board; insists that the funds raised for good causes should fairly benefit every part of the country and every community; and calls for reform of the distribution mechanisms for Lottery funds in order to ensure that this is achieved—(Dr John Cunningham);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the huge success of the National Lottery and the enormous sums of extra money it is raising for the Good Causes Fund to go to the arts, sport, the heritage, the caring charities and the celebration of the Millennium; believes that the operator, whose selection was endorsed by the NAO, is running the lottery efficiently and cost-effectively; congratulates the distributing bodies on making an excellent start in spreading the benefits of the Lottery throughout the land; and calls upon the Opposition to recognise this success and the opportunity it brings to improve the quality of life', instead thereof.—(Mrs Secretary Bottomley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Dennis Turner: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Roger Knapman: 302.

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.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the huge success of the National Lottery and the enormous sums of extra money it is raising for the Good Causes Fund to go to the arts, sport, the heritage, the caring charities and the celebration of the Millennium; believes that the operator, whose selection was endorsed by the NAO, is running the lottery
efficiently and cost-effectively; congratulates the distributing bodies on making an excellent start in spreading the benefits of the Lottery throughout the land; and calls upon the Opposition to recognise this success and the opportunity it brings to improve the quality of life.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 25th October 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—(1) Arable Area Payments (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2780),
   (2) Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1995
   (S.I., 1995, No. 2778), and
   (3) Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2779),
dated 24th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

2 Companies,—Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995
   Sir Patrick Mayhew].

3 Northern Ireland,—Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2705), dated
   18th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

   October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

5 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 11th May 1995, made by the
   Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College [by
   Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

6 Forestry,—Report and Accounts of the Forestry Commission for 1994-95, with the Report
   of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 749] [Mr
   Secretary Forsyth].

7 Housing (Scotland),—Accounts of Scottish Homes for 1994-95, with the Report of the
   Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 798] [Clerk of
   the House].

8 National Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of—
   (1) the National Library of Scotland, and
   (2) the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh
   for 1994-95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
   to be printed [Nos. 799 and 800] [Clerk of the House].

9 Police,—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for the period 1st January
   1994 to 31st March 1995 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 756] [Mr Secretary Howard].

10 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned
    Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament,
    and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into
    operation:

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

11 Treaty Series (No. 77, 1995).—Treaty, done at London on 5th November 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America on the delimitation in the Caribbean of a maritime boundary relating to Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands and the British Virgin Islands [by Command] [Cm. 2978] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

12 Treaty Series (No. 78, 1995).—Amendments, done at Geneva on 10th and 11th October 1991, to Annexes 2 and 7 of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), concluded at Geneva on 14th November 1975 [by Command] [Cm. 2981] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Parliamentary Constituences (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Rupert Allason, Mr Michael Ancram, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr David Congdon, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Sir Peter Fry, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Sir Trevor Skeet, Mr Michael Spicer, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Malcolm Wicks, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Tony Worthington and Mr Tim Yeo.

2 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Mr Jim Dowd, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Michael Gorbals, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr James Molyneaux, Mr William O’Brien, Mr Robert Parry, Sir Dudley Smith, Mr David Sumberg, Mr Peter Viggers, Sir John Wheeler and Mr Timothy Wood.

3 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (nominated in respect of the Value Added Tax (Tour Operators) (Amendment) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr Robert G. Hughes.

4 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Vienna Document 1994 (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1995, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Vivian Bendall, Mr Graham Bright, Dr Michael Clark, Mr Derek Conway, Mr David Davis, Mr Terry Davis, Sir George Gardiner, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Barry Porter, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Ken Purchase and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery 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 Insurance Brokers (Registration) Act 1977 (Amendment) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Judith Church, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr Harold Ellettson, Mr Jonathan Evans, Mr Nigel Forman, Dr Liam Fox, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Michael Lord, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Andrew Robathan and Mr Alan Simpson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—(1) Eleventh Report from the Defence Committee [Gulf War Syndrome], 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. 197];

(2) Seventh Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Replies to the
Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Reports from the Committee, Session 1994–95; to be printed [No. 802];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 25th October; to be printed [No. 803–i]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 333] [Mr Michael Colvin].

2 Education,—(1) Fifth Report from the Education Committee [The Department for Education’s Expenditure Plans 1995–96 to 1997–98]; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 473–I];

(2) Second Special Report from the Education Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1994–95 (Performance in City Schools)]; to be printed [No. 806]; and

(3) Third Special Report from the Education Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 1994–95 (Science and Technology in Schools)]; to be printed [No. 807] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

3 Environment,—(1) Fifth Report from the Environment Committee [DoE Estimates 1995–96 and Annual Report 1995], 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. 518]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 25th October; to be printed [No. 770–ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 25th October; to be printed [No. 446–vi] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

5 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 25th October; to be printed [No. 493–iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 25th October; to be printed [No. 804] [Mr Clive Soley].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 25th October; to be printed [No. 734–iii] [Mr James Pawsey].

8 Science and Technology,—(1) Second Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee on the Efficiency Unit Scrutiny of Public Sector Research Establishments]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 25th October;
to be printed [Nos. 805 and 794–ii] [Sir Giles Shaw].

9 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 25th October; to be printed [No. 781–ii] [Mr Frank Field].

10 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 25th October; to be printed [No. 795–i] [Mr Richard Caborn].

11 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 25th October; to be printed [No. 790–ii] [Mr Paul Channon].

12 Welsh Affairs,—Fourth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Wales in Europe], 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. 393] [Mr Gareth Wardell].
MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated—
   (1) the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
   (2) the draft Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.;
   (3) the draft Vienna Document 1994 (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and
   (4) the draft Insurance Brokers (Registration) Act 1977 (Amendment) Order 1995 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), the Speaker appointed—
   (1) Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;
   (2) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;
   (3) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Vienna Document 1994 (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1995;
   (4) Mrs Ann Winterton Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Insurance Brokers (Registration) Act 1977 (Amendment) Order 1995;
   (5) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 9379/95, relating to the reform of the rice régime; and
   (6) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 7942/95, relating to television.

3 European Standing Committees,—European Community Document No. 9532/95, relating to the reform of the rice régime, has been referred to European Standing Committee A in place of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 27th September, which was referred on 18th October; and European Community Document No. 6827/95, relating to the social action programme 1995-1997, has been referred to European Standing Committee B in place of COM (95) 134, which was referred on 8th June.

[No. 150.]

Thursday 26th October 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 26th June, on consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Which Question was, That an Amendment (No. 1) be made, in the preamble, in page 2, line 10, at the end, to insert the words 'but not of their duty to use the land for educational purposes.';

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 2nd November.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Value Added Tax (Tour Operators) (Amendment) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 810].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Gas 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 Resolution in respect of the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords], the King’s College London Bill [Lords] and the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords]; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House, viz:

That the promoters of each bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they 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 12 noon on Thursday 2nd November next and that all fees due on or before that day have been paid;

That each bill be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than 3 p.m. 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 this House in the present session;

That the proceedings on each 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 to such stages;

That the Private Business Standing Orders apply to each bill in the next session only in regard to any stage through which the bill has not passed during the present session;

That in the case of any bill against which there is any petition outstanding—

(i) any such petition which has been presented (if not withdrawn) stand referred to any select committee on the bill in the next session;

(ii) any minutes of evidence taken before a select committee on the bill during the present session stand referred to any select committee on the bill in the next session;

(iii) no petitioners be heard before any select committee on the bill 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 Private Business Standing Order 109(b);

(iv) Private Business Standing Order 110 have effect as if the words “under Standing Order 109” were omitted.

Private Bills (Suspension).—The Lords concur with the Commons in their Message [24th October] relating to the Saint Paul’s Churchyard Bill.

Gas Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Gas Bill to be considered tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 184].

Northern Ireland (Remission of Sentences) Bill.—Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Howard, Mr Secretary Forsyth and Sir John Wheeler, presented a Bill to provide for the release on licence of persons serving sentences to which section 14 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1991 applies; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 183].

Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Patients discharged after sentences of imprisonment)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—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 2, line 35, at the end to insert the words—

'(7A) If, on the date when a patient ceases to be liable to be detained in a hospital under this Part of the Act, a supervision application has been made in respect of
him but the Health Authority have not yet accepted the application, his liability to be so detained shall continue—

(a) until the end of the period of three months commencing with that date, or

(b) until the Authority either accept or refuse the application whichever is the earlier.’—(Mr Archy Kirkwood.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 13 and 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 45) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 12, to leave out lines 12 to 16.—(Tessa Jowell.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 15 to 24) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 26, to leave out from '35A.——(1)' to the word 'the' in line 28 and insert the words 'Where a patient has attained the age of 16 years', instead thereof.—(Mr John McAllion.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 25 to 27) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 21, after the word 'force', to insert the words—

'(iv) the views of the patient and his or her carers as to such matters, as disclosed to the person making the application for the community care order during consultation;’.—(Mr John McAllion.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 28 to 44) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 48) proposed to the Bill, in page 41, line 32, at the end to insert the words—

'Mental Health Act Commission

16A. In section 121 of the Mental Health Act 1983, in subsection (4) leave out from the word “the” on the fifth occasion where it occurs to the end of the subsection and insert—

“(a) the exercise of the powers and the discharge of the duties conferred or imposed by this Act so far as relating to patients received into guardianship or after-care under supervision under this Act; and

(b) the care and treatment, or any aspect of the care and treatment in hospitals and mental nursing homes of patients who are not liable to be detained.”.—(Tessa Jowell.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

9 Parliament,—Resolved, That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 23rd October, be approved.—(Mr Tony Newton.)

10 Northern Ireland (Remission of Sentences) Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the Northern Ireland (Remission of Sentences) 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 Tony Newton.)

11 Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords].—The Accommodation Level Crossings Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.
12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to Eight o'clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 7.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 26th October 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Acquisition of Land.—Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2791), dated 25th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

2 Enterprise Zones.—East Midlands Enterprise Zones (Bassetlaw) (Designation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2738), dated 16th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 Immigration.—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 797] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

4 National Audit.—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on Overseas Development Administration: Health and Population Overseas Aid [by Act]; to be printed [No. 782] [Clerk of the House].

5 Prisons.—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Prisons for 1994–95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 760] [Mr Secretary Howard].

6 Reserve Forces.—Statement by the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call-out of members of the Territorial Army [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

7 Transport.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th October 1995 on borrowing by the British Railways Board [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 26th October; to be printed [No. 809-i] [Mrs Marion Roe].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr John Maxton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 in place of Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody.

[No. 151.]

Friday 27th October 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Finance and Services.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance and Services Committee be printed [No. 801].

3 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin),
And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

4 Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Speaker shall—

(1) at the sitting on Wednesday 1st November, put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Secretary Sir George Young relating to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion; and the said Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock; and

(2) at the sitting on Thursday 2nd November, put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to Parliamentary Procedure not later than two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion, those Questions including the Questions on any amendments to the said Motions which she may have selected which may then be moved.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 30th October.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 27th October 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service,—Kidderminster Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2749), dated 19th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

2 Social Security,—(1) Housing Benefit (Permitted Totals) and Council Tax Benefit (Permitted Total) (Pensions for War Widows) Amendment Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2793), and

(2) Income-related Benefits Schemes Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2792),
dated 26th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

3 Appropriation Accounts, 1994–95,—Appropriation Account of the sums granted by Parliament for Class IV (Trade and Export Credits Guarantee Department) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 757–IV] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Museums and Galleries,—Report of National Museums and Galleries of Wales for 1994–95 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hague].

5 Transport,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Transport Group for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

6 Treaty Series (No. 79, 1995),—Amendments to Article 16 and Annex 8 of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) concluded at Geneva on 14th November 1975 [by Command] [Cm. 2987] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 Treaty Series (No. 80, 1995),—Notes exchanged at La Paz on 23rd May and 31st May 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bolivia amending the United Kingdom/Bolivia Debt Agreement No. 4 (1992) (The United Kingdom/Bolivia Debt Agreement No. 4 (1992) Amendment) [by Command] [Cm. 2989] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Atomic Energy Authority Bill, without Amendment.

   The Lords have agreed to the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill, without Amendment.

4 Probation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Probation (Amendment) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2622) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

5 National Health Service, —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 (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2307) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

6 National Health Service (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 National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2369) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

7 Northern Ireland (Remission of Sentences) Bill,—The Northern Ireland (Remission of Sentences) Bill was, according to Order, 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 David Willetts):—It was agreed to.

   Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—

   The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

   (In the Committee)

   Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

   Bill to be reported.

   The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr David Willetts 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.

8 Tourism,—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. 6871/95 and the Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of National Heritage on 5th July 1995, relating to tourism, and supports the Government's objective of ensuring that proposals take fully into account the impact on tourism without recourse to additional competence or resources—(Mr David Willetts):—It was agreed to.

9 Comparative Advertising,—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. 6591/94, relating to comparative advertising, and supports the Government's view that harmonisation of the rules on comparative advertising is to be welcomed, that the draft Directive should contain only those restrictions which are essential, and that the current draft test will require amendment before it can be considered acceptable—(Mr David Willetts):—It was agreed to.
10 Catering.—Ordered, That Mr Anthony Steen be discharged from the Catering Committee and Sir Donald Thompson be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 8.4 p.m]

APPENDIX I

Monday 30th October 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation.—(1) Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2700), and
(2) Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2701),
dated 18th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].


5 National Health Service.—(1) National Health Service Litigation Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2800), and
(2) National Health Service Litigation Authority Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2801),
dated 27th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Other Papers:

6 Deregulation.—Proposal by the Scottish Office under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the draft Deregulation (Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act 1868) Order 1995, together with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

7 Health.—Department of Health Minute, dated 30th October 1995, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the transfer of the Family Fund from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to a company limited by guarantee [by Command] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

8 House of Commons Commission.—Report of the House of Commons Commission on the nomination of a Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards; to be printed [No. 789] [The Speaker].

9 National Audit.—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the National Audit Office Examinations of Value for Money at Grant-maintained Schools 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 768] [Clerk of the House].

10 National Lottery.—Report and Accounts of the Millennium Commission for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts.—(1) Forty-First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Management of the Capital Works Programme]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 454];
(2) Forty-Second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [National Health Service Outpatient Services in England and Wales]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 448].
(3) Forty-Third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Medical Research Council: Sale of the Mount Vernon Site, Hampstead]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 502];

(4) Forty-Fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 1994]; together with Part of 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. 487];

(5) Forty-Fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Sale of County Hall (Riverside Building) to Shirayama Shokusan Co. Ltd.]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 408]; and

(6) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 30th October; to be printed [No. 764-i];

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 153.]

Tuesday 31st October 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords],—A Verbal Amendment was made to the London Local Authorities (No. 2) Bill [Lords].

The Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

2 Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension),—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [26th October] as relates to the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords], the King’s College London Bill [Lords], and the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] be now considered. — (The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in their Resolution. — (The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

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

Bill to be read the third time tomorrow.

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

6 Deregulation, — Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

That, in respect of the proposal for the draft Deregulation (Sunday Dancing) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 19th June, the order-making power should not be used.

That the draft Deregulation (Greyhound Racing) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th October 1995, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

That the draft Deregulation (Building Societies) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th October 1995, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

7 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., — Mr John Maxton reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 814].
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. 7942/95, relating to television; and supports the Government's approach to the negotiations on the proposed amendment.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

Water (Conservation and Miscellaneous Provisions).—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the conservation of water by the establishment of mandatory water leakage targets for water undertakers and by encouraging the installation of water efficient fittings in homes; to provide for the review of abstraction licences which affect sites of nature conservation value; to give domestic consumers greater choice as to methods of charging for the supply of water; and to provide for the payment of compensation in relation to drought orders: And that Helen Jackson, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Ms Joan Ruddock, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Max Madden, Mr Richard Burden, Mr David Nicholson, Jean Corston, Alice Mahon, Mr David Jamieson, Mrs Anne Campbell and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, do prepare and bring it in.

Water (Conservation and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Helen Jackson accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the conservation of water by the establishment of mandatory water leakage targets for water undertakers and by encouraging the installation of water efficient fittings in homes; to provide for the review of abstraction licences which affect sites of nature conservation value; to give domestic consumers greater choice as to methods of charging for the supply of water; and to provide for the payment of compensation in relation to drought orders: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 185].

Disability Discrimination Bill [Ways and Means].—Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Disability Discrimination Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment of any fees received by the Secretary of State into the Consolidated Fund.-(Mr Alistair Burt.)

Disability Discrimination Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Disability Discrimination Bill.

Ordered, That the Lords Amendments be considered in the following order: Amendments Nos. 1 to 29, Amendments Nos. 31 to 170 and Amendment No. 30.—(Mr Alistair Burt.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 16 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 17.
Question put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Derek Conway: 290
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 249
So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 18 to 29 and 31 to 42 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 43.
An Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.
The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 44 to 49 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 50.
An Amendment (c) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 33, at the end to insert the words—
"(2A) A taxi access order shall be made in such terms as the Secretary of State considers appropriate and may, in particular—
(a) apply to more than one transport facility or class of transport facility;
(b) authorise the owner of a transport facility to—
(i) charge such fees for the admission of taxis to that transport facility as may be prescribed in the order;
(ii) designate places at that transport facility at which persons may be taken up by or set down from taxis; and"
(iii) impose such other conditions for the maintenance of safety or the control of traffic at that transport facility as may be specified in the order;

(c) in relation to a transport facility where, prior to the passing of this Act, the owner has entered into a contract or agreement granting another person the exclusive right to provide taxi or private hire car services at that transport facility, postpone that date on which the order is to apply to that transport facility until—

(i) the day following the date on which that contract or agreement expires; or

(ii) such other date as may be prescribed in the order'.—(Mr Tom Clarke.)

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

An Amendment (i) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 51 to 88 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 62.

Lords Amendment No. 89.

An Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 90 to 127 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 128.

Amendments (a), (b) and (c) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 129 to 139 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 140.

An Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 141.

An Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 142 to 170 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 171.

An Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 172 to 202 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 203.

Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 204.

Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 205 to 250 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 251.

An Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 252.

Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 253 to 255 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 256.

Amendments (a) and (b) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 257.

Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 258.

Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 259 to 300 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 301.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr Alistair Burt);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr John Cummings: 250.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 30.

That Mr Alistair Burt, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Gordon McMaster and Mr Richard Ottaway be Members of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Dr Liam Fox.)

Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That the Bill be not committed—(Dr Liam Fox):—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, without Amendment.
14 Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That the Bill be not committed—(Dr Liam Fox):—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, without Amendment.

15 Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords].— The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, 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—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

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 86 agreed to.
Clause No. 87.
An Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 88 to 309 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 10 agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Dr Liam Fox reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

16 Criminal Procedure (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].— The Criminal Procedure (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December], That the Bill be not committed—(Dr Liam Fox):—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, without Amendment.

17 Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords].— The Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, 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 Patrick McLoughlin):—It was agreed to.

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

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1.

An Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, to leave out lines 26 to 28.—(Mr Andrew Mackinlay.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Schedule No 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Patrick McLoughlin 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 Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Law Reform (Succession) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

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

Mr Attorney General, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

Mr Attorney General, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

19 Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

20 Civil Evidence Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Civil Evidence Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

21 Deregulation,—Ordered, That Mr Anthony Coombs be discharged from the Deregulation Committee and Mr David Martin be added to the Committee.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

22 Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr Andrew MacKay be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure and Mr Piers Merchant be added to the Committee.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

23 Disability Discrimination Bill,—Mr Alistair Burt reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 30 to the Disability Discrimination Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason accordingly, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment No. 30 made by the Lords in page 9, line 26, for the following Reason:

Because the definition of discrimination in Part III of the Bill should not be widened to include treatment of a person who is not disabled or whose condition does not have a substantial effect.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason with Bill and Amendment.

24 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from members of the British Pensioners and Trade Union Action Association for the continuance of the NHS Care in the Community programme was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
25 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin);

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 Roger Kaufman.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 31st October 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Enterprise Zones.—East Midlands Enterprise Zones (Ashfield) (Designation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2758), dated 19th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

2 National Health Service,—Trafford Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order (S.I., 1995, No. 2781), dated 24th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

3 Police,—(1) Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.R. (N.I.), 1995, No. 400), and

(2) Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Full-Time) (Appointment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1995 (S.R. (N.I.), 1995, No. 401),
dated 18th October 1995 [by Statutory Instrument] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Other Papers:

4 Education and Employment Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Teacher Training Agency for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 752] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

5 Fire Services,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Fire Services for England and Wales for 1994-95 [by Command] [Cm. 2998] [Mr Secretary Howard].

6 London Regional Transport,—Report of the London Regional Passengers Committee for 1994-95 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

7 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of English Heritage for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

8 National Lottery,—Accounts of the Sports Council National Lottery Distribution Account for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 815] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—Sixth Report from the Deregulation Committee, The Deregulation (Sunday Dancing) Order 1995: The Proposal; The Draft Deregulation (Greyhound Racing) Order; The Draft Deregulation (Building Societies) Order 1995, to be printed [No. 817] [Mr Barry Field].

2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 31st October; to be printed [No. 133–vii] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 31st October; to be printed [No. 401–iii] [Mr David Howell].

4 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 30th October; to be printed [No. 813–i] [Mr William Mckelvey].

5 Standards in Public Life,—Second Report from the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 816] [Mr Tony Newton].
6 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Thirtieth 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;

to be printed [Nos. 8-xxx and 16-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 154.]

Wednesday 1st November 1995.

The House met at Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Sessional Order [19th December].

2 Death of a Member,—The Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to report to the House the death of Derek Anthony Enright, Esquire, Member for Hemsworth. I am sure that Members on all sides of the House will join me in mourning the loss of a colleague and in extending our sympathy to the honourable Member’s family and friends.

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

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Selection (see Appendix II).

6 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

7 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 823].

8 Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Vienna Document 1994 (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 822].

9 European Standing Committee A,—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 9532/95, and 9379/95, relating to the reform of the rice régime; and supports the Government’s efforts to ensure that the proposals when adopted will encourage the competitiveness of rice growing and milling in the European Union after the Uruguay Round, that high quality supplies will reach consumers at reasonable prices and that the régime will be capable of effective enforcement.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

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. 6827/95, the Commission’s Medium Term Social Action Programme 1995-97; endorses the Government’s view that European Community social policy should focus on helping to tackle unemployment, creating the conditions which encourage the creation of new jobs, and on improving the competitiveness of Community businesses, and should avoid
further unnecessary legislation; takes note of European Community Document No. 5663/95, relating to the Employment Conclusions of the Essen European Council, and welcomes the fact that the Heads of Government of the European Community have recognised at successive European Councils the importance of tackling the high levels of structural unemployment in the Community.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

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

Medical (Professional Performance) Bill.—The Lords have agreed to the Medical (Professional Performance) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

12 Medical (Professional Performance) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Medical (Professional Performance) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 187].

13 Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Order [30th October], That the Probation (Amendment) Rules 1995 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.

14 Representation of the People (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend and improve methods of electoral registration: And that Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Robert Maclennan, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Dafydd Wigley, Mr D. N. Campbell—Savour, Mr Richard Shepherd, Alice Mahon, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr David Alton, Mr Bill Michie and Mr Paul Flynn do prepare and bring it in.

15 Representation of the People (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr Harry Barnes accordingly presented a Bill to extend and improve methods of electoral registration: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 186].

16 Gas Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Gas Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 298 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 133 and 190.

17 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that further proceedings on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill shall be suspended until the next Session of Parliament;

That if a Bill is presented in the next Session in the same terms as those in which the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill stood when proceedings on it were suspended in this Session—

(a) the Bill shall be ordered to be printed and shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time;

(b) the Bill shall stand committed to a Select Committee of the same Members as the Members of the Committee in this Session;

(c) all Petitions presented in this Session which stand referred to the Committee and which have not been withdrawn shall stand referred to the Committee in the next Session;

(d) any Minutes of Evidence taken and any papers laid before the Committee in this Session which have been reported to the House shall stand referred to the Committee in the next Session;

(e) only those Petitions mentioned in paragraph (c) above, and any Petition which may be presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office and in which the Petitioners complain of any proposed additional provision or of any matter which has arisen during the progress of the Bill before the Committee in the next Session, shall stand referred to the Committee;

(f) any Petitioner whose Petition stands referred to the Committee in the next Session 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;

(g) the Committee shall have power to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place, and to report from day to day the Minutes of Evidence taken before it;

(h) three shall be the Quorum of the Committee;
(i) any person registered in this Session as a parliamentary agent entitled to practice as such in opposing Bills only who, at the time when proceedings on the Bill were suspended in this Session, was employed in opposing the Bill shall be deemed to have been registered as such a parliamentary agent in the next Session;

(j) the Standing Orders and practice of the House applicable to the Bill, so far as complied with in this Session, shall be deemed to have been complied with in the next Session; and

(k) if the Bill is reported from a Select Committee in the next Session, it shall thereupon stand re-committed to a Standing Committee.

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House—(Secretary Sir George Young);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [27th October]:—It was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

The Deputy Speaker then put the other Question which the Speaker was required to put at that hour.

Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill,—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Select Committee to which the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill is committed in the next Session—

(A) that it have power to consider—

(a) alternatives to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding the approach of the rail link to St. Pancras station from the west of Highbury Corner;

(b) the provision of rail sidings on the Midland Main Line on the western edge of the King's Cross Railway Lands;

(c) the relocation of Tarmac plc's existing concrete-batching facilities to a site in the north-west corner of the King's Cross Railway Lands;

(d) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding railways in the throat of St. Pancras station in the vicinity of the Regent's Canal;

(e) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding diversion of the Camden sewer;

(f) the provision of an additional road into the King's Cross Railway Lands from York Way, in the London Borough of Camden;

(g) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding ticket halls and subways of the London Underground Railways;

(h) the provision of a sewer forming a diversion of the St. Pancras sewer;

(i) alterations to the table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to the Bill (buildings authorised to be demolished), so far as relating to the London Borough of Camden;

(j) the running through a tunnel of so much of the rail link as lies between Barrington Road, in the London Borough of Newham, and Dagenham Dock, in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham;

(k) works required in connection with the accommodation of the easterly portal of the main London tunnel;

(l) the undertaking of additional overhead line diversions in the vicinity of the A13 in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and the London Borough of Havering;

(m) realignment overground of the rail link and Tilbury Loop Railway in the vicinity of the Mardyke Park housing estate at Thurrock, in the county of Essex, and associated works;
(n) the provision of additional roads in the vicinity of Crowbridge Road, Ashford, in the county of Kent;

(o) the provision of sidings on the Ashford to Canterbury Railway to the east of the River Stour at Ashford, in the county of Kent;

(p) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding the junction of the rail link and the Eurotunnel Railway at Folkestone, in the county of Kent;

(q) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding planning permission for development authorised by Part I;

(r) alterations and additions to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding the compulsory acquisition of easements and other rights over land by the grant of new rights;

(s) the disposal of land acquired for the purposes of or in connection with the works authorised by Part I;

(t) the inclusion of additional land within the limits of land to be acquired or used; and

(u) additional power to stop up highways in connection with the construction of the A2 and M2 improvement works;

and, if it thinks fit, to make Amendments to the Bill with respect to any of the matters mentioned above, and for connected purposes; and

(B) any Petition against Amendments to the Bill which the Select Committee is empowered by paragraph (A) above to make shall be referred to it if—

(a) it is presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than the end of the period of four weeks beginning with the day on which the first newspaper notice of the Amendments was published or, if that includes any time during which the House is adjourned for more than four days, not later than five weeks beginning with that day, and

(b) it is one in which the Petitioners pray to be heard themselves, their Counsel or Agents; and

(2) That it be an instruction to the Clerk of Private Bills that, on receiving an original copy of the first newspaper notice of any Amendments to the Bill which the Select Committee to which the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill is committed in the next Session is empowered by paragraph (1) of the above instruction to make, he shall publish the date of the notice in the Private Business paper.

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(Secretary Sir George Young.)

18 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 Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th October, be approved—(Mr David Willetts):—It was agreed to.

19 Television.—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. 7942/95, relating to television; and supports the Government’s approach to the negotiations on the proposed amendment—(Mr David Willetts):—It was agreed to.

20 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Kyle of Lochalsh for a continued ambulance service based in the area was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.51 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 1st November 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Countryside,—The National Park Authorities (Wales) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2803), dated 30th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

2 Housing,—Approval of Codes of Management Practice (Residential Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2782), dated 19th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

3 Development of Tourism,—Report and Accounts of the British Tourist Authority for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

4 European Communities (No. 9, 1995),—Decision, done at Brussels on 10th March 1995, of the EEA Council No. 1/95 of 10th March 1995 on the entry into force of the Agreement on the European Economic Area for the Principality of Liechtenstein [by Command] [Cm. 2995] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [17th July] from residents of Coventry against the jobseeker's allowance [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

6 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 820] [Clerk of the House].

7 Treaty Series (No. 82, 1995),—Film Co-production Agreement, done at Paris on 8th November 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic [by Command] [Cm. 2992] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1995 and the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Terry Davis, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr John McAllion, Mr John MacGregor, Mr Henry McLeish, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Alice Mahon, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Gerald Malone, Mr Bill Michie, Mr David Shaw, Dr Robert Spink, Sir Gerard Vaughan and Joan Walley.

2 European Standing Committee A,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from European Standing Committee A Mr John D. Taylor and had appointed in substitution Mr William Ross.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—(1) Twelfth Report from the Defence Committee [The Reserve Forces]; 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. 65];

(2) Thirteenth Report from the Defence Committee [Market Testing and Contracting Out of Defence Support Functions]; 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. 426]; and

(3) Eighth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Reply to the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95]; to be printed [No. 824] [Mr Michael Colvin].
3 Education.—(1) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 12th July; to be printed [No. 649-i]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Education Committee [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 Employment.—Fourth Special Report from the Employment Committee [The Proposed Changes to Standing Order No. 130]; to be printed [No. 826] [Mr Greville Janner].

5 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 1st November; to be printed [No. 770-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

6 European Legislation.—Twenty-sixth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 70-xxvi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

7 Foreign Affairs.—First Special Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95 (European Union: Preparations for the 1996 Inter-Governmental Conference)]; to be printed [No. 818] [Mr David Howell].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Second Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Electricity Prices in Northern Ireland]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 395] [Mr Clive Soley].

9 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Fifth Special Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Government Response to Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link and Exceptional Hardship]; to be printed [No. 819] [Mr James Pawsey].

10 Public Accounts.—(1) Forty-Sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: The Risk of Fraud in Defence Procurement]; 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. 365]; (2) Forty-Seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [London Docklands Development Corporation; The Limehouse Link]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 574]; and (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 1st November; to be printed [No. 827-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

11 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 1st November; to be printed [No. 794-iii] [Sir Giles Shaw].

12 Social Security.—Fifth Report from the Social Security Committee [The Work of the Department of Social Security and its 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. 382] [Mr Frank Field].

13 Trade and Industry.—(1) Eighth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, on the Small Business Sector]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 1st November; to be printed [Nos. 821 and 795-ii] [Sir Anthony Grant].

14 Transport.—Fifth Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Observations on the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95 (Cross Channel Safety)]; to be printed [No. 825]; [Mr Paul Channon].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1995 and the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
2 Chairman of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1995 and the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1995.

3 European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Documents Nos. 9491/93 and 7511/95, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 2nd June 1995, relating to integrated pollution prevention and control, have been referred to European Standing Committee A; and European Community Documents Nos. COM(95) 33, relating to the single currency, 9554/95, relating to food aid, 8273/95 and 9284/95, relating to equal opportunities for men and women, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 155.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 26th June, on consideration of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Which Question was, That an Amendment (No. 1) be made, in the preamble, in page 2, line 10, at the end, to insert the words 'but not of their duty to use the land for educational purposes.';

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 9th November.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs Ann Winterton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Insurance Brokers (Registration) Act 1977 (Amendment) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 828].

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

The Lords agree, without Amendment to the Amendment made by the Commons to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill.

The Lords agree to the Northern Ireland (Remission of Sentences) Bill, without Amendment.

6 Scottish Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Grand Committee be printed [No. 829].

7 Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Grand Committee be printed [No. 830].

8 Waste Prevention Bill.—Mr Elliot Morley, supported by Joan Ruddock, Diana Maddock, Sir John Hannam, Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr Gary Waller and Mrs Margaret Ewing presented a Bill to enable certain local authorities to investigate what measures are needed to reduce, prevent or avoid waste in their area; to take such steps as they consider appropriate in order to achieve that end; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday 7th November and to be printed [Bill 188].

9 Child Labour Bill.—Mr Jeremy Corbyn, supported by Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Ken Livingstone, Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harry Cohen, Alice Mahon, Mr Robert Parry, Mr Neil Gerrard and Mr John Austin-Walker presented a Bill to give effect to Articles 1 and 2 of the 1973 International Labour Convention No. 138 concerning the minimum age for admission to employment by making it unlawful to employ children under the age of sixteen in a way that is inconsistent with their fullest physical and mental development; to require the Secretary of State to establish a system of regulation to ensure that the law concerning child labour
is complied with; and to require the Secretary of State to report to Parliament progress towards the elimination of child labour in the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday 7th November and to be printed [Bill 189].

10 Consolidation Bills and Law Commission Bills,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That—

(1) Standing Order (Consolidation bills) below shall have effect from the beginning of the next Session:

“(1) In this order 'a consolidation bill' means a public bill which falls to be considered by the select committee appointed under Standing Order No. 123 (Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills).

(2) Notices of amendments, new clauses and new schedules to be moved in committee in respect of a consolidation bill may be received by the Clerks at the Table before the bill has been read a second time.

(3) When a motion shall have been made for the second reading, or for the third reading, of a consolidation bill, the question thereon shall be put forthwith.

(4) If a motion that a consolidation bill be not committed is made by a Minister of the Crown immediately after the bill has been read a second time, the motion shall not require notice and the question thereon shall be put forthwith and may be decided at any hour, though opposed.”

(2) Standing Order (Law Commission bills) below shall have effect from the beginning of the next Session:

“(1) Any public bill, the main purpose of which is to give effect to proposals contained in a report by either of the Law Commissions, other than a private Member’s bill or a bill to which Standing Order (Consolidation bills) applies, shall, when it is set down for second reading, stand referred to a second reading committee, unless—

(a) the House otherwise orders, or

(b) the bill is referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.

(2) If a motion that a bill such as is referred to in paragraph (1) above shall no longer stand referred to a second reading committee is made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of public business, the question thereon shall be put forthwith.

(3) The provisions of paragraphs (3) to (6) of Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees) shall apply to any bill referred to a second reading committee under paragraph (1) above.”—(Mr Tony Newton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Simon Burns: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Andrew Mackinlay: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 Money Resolutions and Ways and Means Resolutions in Connection with Bills,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That with effect from the beginning of the next Session—

(1) Standing Order (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills) below shall have effect:

“(1) The Speaker shall put the questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on motions authorising expenditure in connection with a bill and on ways and means motions in connection with a bill—

(a) forthwith, if such a motion is made at the same sitting as that at which the bill has been read a second time; or

(b) not later than three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of those proceedings, if the motion is made otherwise.

(2) Business to which this order applies may be proceeded with at any hour, though opposed.”

(2) In Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) paragraph (1)(d) and the proviso thereto shall be omitted—(Mr Tony Newton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Simon Burns: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Andrew Mackinlay: 19.

So the Question was agreed to.
12 Delegated Legislation and European Community Documents,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That with effect from the beginning of the next Session—

(1) Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.) shall be repealed and Standing Order (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation) below shall have effect:

“(1) There shall be one or more standing committees, to be called Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation, for the consideration of such instruments (whether or not in draft) as may be referred to them.

(2) Any Member, not being a member of such a standing committee, may take part in the deliberations of the Committee, but shall not vote or make any motion or move any amendment or be counted in the quorum.

(3) Where a Minister of the Crown has given notice of a motion to the effect that an instrument (whether or not in draft) upon which proceedings may be taken in pursuance of an Act of Parliament (other than a draft deregulation order) be approved, the instrument shall stand referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, unless—

(a) notice has been given by a Minister of the Crown of a motion that the instrument shall not so stand referred, or

(b) the instrument is referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.

(4) Where a Member has given notice of—

(a) a motion for an humble address to Her Majesty praying that a statutory instrument be annulled, or a motion of a similar character relating to a statutory instrument, or to any other instrument (whether or not in draft) which may be subject to proceedings in the House in pursuance of a statute, or a motion that the House takes note of a statutory instrument, or

(b) a motion that a measure under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 be presented to Her Majesty for her Royal Assent, or a motion relating to an instrument made under such a measure,

a motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of public business, that the instrument be referred to such a committee, and the question thereon shall be put forthwith; and if, on the question being put, not fewer than twenty Members rise in their places and signify their objection thereto, the Speaker shall declare that the noes have it.

(5) Each committee shall consider each instrument referred to it on a motion, ‘That the committee has considered the instrument’; and the chairman shall put any question necessary to dispose of the proceedings on such a motion, if not previously concluded, when the committee shall have sat for one and a half hours (or, in the case of an instrument relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, two and a half hours) after the commencement of those proceedings; and the committee shall thereupon report the instrument to the House without any further question being put.

(6) If any motion is made in the House of the kind specified in paragraphs (3) or (4) of this order, in relation to any instrument reported to the House in accordance with paragraph (5) of this order, the Speaker shall put forthwith the question thereon and such question may be decided at any hour, though opposed.”

(2) In paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees) and in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 86 (Nomination of standing committees) for the words “statutory instruments or draft statutory instruments or measures under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 and instruments made under such measures” there shall be substituted the words “instruments (whether or not in draft)”.

(3) Standing Order No. 15 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative procedure)) shall be entitled “Delegated legislation (negative procedure)”; and at the end of the said Standing Order there shall be added the words “or be disapproved, or words to that effect”.

(4) Standing Order (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents) below shall have effect:

“(1) The Speaker shall put the questions necessary to dispose of proceedings under any Act of Parliament or on European Community documents not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of such proceedings, subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 15 (Delegated legislation (negative procedure)).

(2) Business to which this order applies may be proceeded with at any hour, though opposed.”
(5) In Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) paragraph (1)(b) and the proviso thereto shall be omitted.

(6) Standing Order No. 94F (Scottish Grand Committee (statutory instruments)) shall be entitled “Scottish Grand Committee (delegated legislation)”; in paragraph (1)(a) of the said Standing Order for lines 5 to 7 there shall be substituted the words “of a similar character relating to a statutory instrument or to any other instrument (whether or not in draft) which may be subject to proceedings in the House in pursuance of a statute, or of a motion that the”; in paragraph (1)(b) of the said Standing Order for the words “a statutory instrument or draft statutory instrument” there shall be substituted the words “an instrument (whether or not in draft) upon which proceedings may be taken in pursuance of an Act of Parliament (other than a draft deregulation order)”; and the words “or draft instrument” shall be omitted wherever in the said Standing Order they occur.

(7) For paragraph (2)(e) of Standing Order No. 94A (Scottish Grand Committee (composition and business)) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"(e) motions relating to instruments (whether or not in draft) referred to it in accordance with Standing Order No. 94F (Scottish Grand Committee (delegated legislation))"—(Mr Tony Newton).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Roger Knapman: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Harry Barnes: 14.

So the Question was agreed to.

13 Sittings of the House (Private Members' Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That with effect from the beginning of the next Session—

(1) Standing Order (House not to sit on certain Fridays) below shall have effect:

“(1) The House shall not sit on ten Fridays in each Session to be appointed by the House.

(2) If a motion to appoint such Fridays is made by a Minister of the Crown the question thereon shall be put forthwith and may be decided at any hour, though opposed.

(3) At its rising on the Thursday before each of the Fridays so appointed the House shall stand adjourned till the following Monday without any question being put, unless it shall have resolved otherwise.

(4) Unless the House shall have resolved to adjourn otherwise than from the previous Thursday to the following Monday, the Fridays so appointed shall be treated as sitting days for the purpose of calculating any period under any order of the House and for the purposes of paragraph (8) of Standing Order No. 18 (Notices of questions, motions and amendments) and of Standing Order No. 62 (Notices of amendments, &c., to bills); and on such Fridays—

(a) notices of questions may be given by Members to the Table Office, and

(b) notices of amendments to bills, new clauses and new schedules and of amendments to Lords amendments may be received by the Public Bill Office, between eleven o'clock and three o'clock."

(2) Standing Order (Wednesday sittings) below shall have effect:

“(1) The House shall meet on Wednesdays at half-past nine o'clock and shall between that hour and two o'clock proceed with a motion for the adjournment of the House made by a Minister of the Crown.

(2) Save as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4) below, the subjects for debate on the said motion shall be chosen by ballot under arrangements made by the Speaker; and no subject shall be raised without notice.

(3) On the last Wednesday before any adjournment of the House for more than four days, the subject for debate on the said motion until half-past twelve o'clock shall be "matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment".”
(4) On not more than three Wednesdays in each Session to be appointed by the Speaker, the subject or subjects for debate on the said motion until half-past twelve o’clock shall be select committee reports chosen by the Liaison Committee.

(5) Not more than two subjects shall be raised before half-past twelve o’clock, and not more than three between that hour and two o’clock.

(6) A motion for the adjournment of the House not disposed of at two o’clock shall lapse and the sitting shall be suspended until half-past two o’clock; the House will then proceed with private business, motions for unopposed returns and questions; no subsequent motion for the adjournment of the House shall be made until all the questions asked at the commencement of public business have been disposed of; and, save as provided in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 20 (Adjournment on a specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration), no Member other than a Minister of the Crown may make such a motion before the orders of the day or notices of motions shall have been entered upon."

(3) In paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House) the words “Wednesdays” and “Wednesday” respectively shall be omitted; and in the proviso to paragraph (7) of the said Standing Order, after the word “o’clock” in line 57, there shall be inserted the words “in the evening”.

(4) Standing Order No. 10 (Sittings of the House (suspended sittings)) shall be repealed; the reference to the said Standing Order in paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House) shall be omitted; and in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 133 (Time and manner of presenting petitions) the words from “conclusion” in line 10 to “and” in line 14 shall be omitted.

(5) In Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business) paragraphs (7), (8) and (9) shall be omitted; in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House) for the words from “returns” in line 4 to the end of the paragraph there shall be substituted the words “and questions”; in Standing Order No. 15A (New writs) the words “or notices of motion” shall be omitted; in paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees) the words “or notices of motions” in line 15 shall be omitted; and in paragraph (1)(b) of Standing Order No. 133 (Time and manner of presenting petitions) the words “or motions” in line 18 shall be omitted.

(6) In paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee) the word “and” in line 4 shall be omitted and after the word “Commission” in line 7 there shall be inserted the words “and

(c) to report to the House its choice of select committee reports to be debated on such Wednesdays as may be appointed by the Speaker in pursuance of paragraph (4) of Standing Order (Wednesday sittings)”.

(7) Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic adjournments) shall be repealed and Standing Order (Periodic adjournments) below shall have effect:

“When a motion shall have been made by a Minister of the Crown for the adjournment of the House for a specified period or periods, the question thereon shall be put forthwith, and may be decided at any hour, though opposed.”

(8) Standing Order No. 54 (Consolidated Fund Bills) shall be repealed and Standing Order (Consolidated Fund Bills) below shall have effect:

“When a motion shall have been made for the second reading of a Consolidated Fund or an Appropriation Bill, the question thereon shall be put forthwith, no order shall be made for the committal of the bill and the question for third reading shall be put forthwith; and the said questions may be decided at any hour, though opposed.”

(9) In paragraph (1)(a) of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) the words “or any Consolidated Fund Bill or Appropriation Bill” shall be omitted—(Mr Tony Newton);

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, in paragraph 2(1), after the first word ‘shall’ to insert the words ‘except on four such days to be appointed by the House’—(Mr Andrew F. Bennett);

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nigel Spearing, Mr Andrew F. Bennett: 26.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Roger Knapman: 113.

So the Question was negatived.
Another Amendment (c) was proposed to the Question, in paragraph 5, to leave out the words 'paragraphs (7), (8) and (9)' and insert the words 'paragraph (7) shall be omitted, in paragraph (8) the words 'On four days other than Fridays' shall be omitted and the words 'On not less than four Mondays' shall be inserted, and in paragraph (9) the words from the first word 'House' to the first word 'Notice'.—(Mr Nigel Spearing).

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nigel Spearing, Mr Andrew F. Bennett: 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Richard Ottaway: 116.

So the Question was negatived.

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

14 Short Speeches.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That with effect from the beginning of the next Session Standing Order No. 45A (Short speeches) shall be repealed and the following Standing Order (Short speeches) shall have effect:

'The Speaker may announce at the commencement of proceedings on any motion or order of the day relating to public business that she intends to call Members to speak for not more than ten minutes in the debate thereon, or between certain hours during that debate, and whenever the Speaker has made such an announcement she may direct any Member (other than a Minister of the Crown, a Member speaking on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition, or not more than one Member nominated by the leader of the second largest opposition party) who has spoken for ten minutes to resume his seat forthwith.'—(Mr Tony Newton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Richard Ottaway: 120.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Cox, Mr Andrew Mackinlay: 12.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

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

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

17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells)

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 2nd November 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—(1) Local Government Act 1988 (Sports and Leisure Management, Cleaning of Buildings and Repair and Maintenance of Vehicles) (Exemption) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2794), and


2 Road Traffic,—Control of Dogs on Roads Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2767), dated 19th October 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].
Other Papers:

3 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Selective Financial Assistance for Tourism in Northern Ireland [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 763] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

4 Criminal Statistics.—Statistics relating to Crime and Criminal Proceedings for England and Wales for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 3010] [Mr Secretary Howard].

5 Football Spectators,—Report and Accounts of the Football Licensing Authority for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

6 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) the BBC World Service, and
   (2) the National Library of Scotland: Quality of Service and safeguarding the Collections
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 811 and 812] [Clerk of the House].

7 Parliamentary Papers,—General Alphabetical Index to the Bills, Reports and Papers printed by Order of the House of Commons and to the Reports and Papers Presented by Command 1969–70 to 1978–79; to be printed [No. 624] [The Speaker].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Petition [27th June] from the Paisley South End Flood Committee and residents of Paisley South End for statutory requirements for flood prevention measures [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 2nd November; to be printed [No. 809-ii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—Fifth Report from the National Heritage Committee [Bids to stage international sporting events], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 493] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Memoranda laid before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Mr Clive Soley].

4 Public Accounts,—Memorandum laid before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 831] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

MEMORANDUM

1 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 9674/95, relating to border controls, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 156.]

Friday 3rd November 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Charities (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) Bill, without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
3 Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill to be considered on Monday 6th November and to be printed [Bill 190].

4 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Derek Conway);
And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

5 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 6th November, the Speaker shall:
(1) put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to Conduct of Members, Employment Agreements, Standards in Public Life (General Recommendations) and Standards and Privileges not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion, or Seven o’clock, whichever is the later; and
(2) put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the names of Mr Tony Newton and Mr A. J. Beith relating to the Commissioner for Standards not later than one hour after their commencement; and
the said Questions shall include the Questions on any amendments to the said Motions which she may have selected and which may then be moved; and the said Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o’clock.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

6 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 7th November, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to Select Committees related to Government Departments not later than one and a half hours after their commencement, such Questions including the Questions on any amendments to the Motion which she may have selected which may then be moved; and the said Motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o’clock.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

7 Sittings of the House.—Resolved, That this House do meet on Wednesday 8th November at half-past Nine o’clock.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 6th November.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Friday 3rd November 1995
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Other Papers:
2 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on Stagecoach Holdings plc and Ayrshire Bus Owners (A1 Service) Limited [by Command] [Cm.3032] [Mr Secretary Lang].

3 Treaty Series (No. 83, 1995),—Convention, done at Mexico City on 2nd June 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Mexican States for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains, with exchange of notes [by Command] [Cm. 2993] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Treaty Series (No. 84, 1995),—Agreement, done at Seoul on 11th August 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Korea concerning maritime transport [by Command] [Cm. 2994] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Disability Discrimination Bill to which this House has disagreed; and they agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to certain other of their Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Loch Leven and Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords communicate that they have come to a Resolution, viz: That if a Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill is brought from the House of Commons in the next Session of Parliament the Standing Orders of the House applicable to the Bill, so far as complied with in this Session, shall be deemed to have been complied with in the next Session.

3 Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 191].

4 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Accommodation and Works Committee [8th February to 1st November] be printed [No. 205-v].

5 Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Administration Committee be printed [No. 833].

6 Agriculture,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Agriculture Committee be printed [No. 834].

7 Broadcasting,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Broadcasting Committee be printed [No. 835].

8 Catering,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Catering Committee [15th February to 5th July] be printed [No. 165-iv to viii].

9 Defence,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Defence Committee be printed [No. 837].

10 Deregulation,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Deregulation Committee be printed [No. 838].

11 Education,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Education Committee be printed [No. 839].

12 Employment,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Employment Committee be printed [No. 840].

13 Environment,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environment Committee be printed [No. 841].

14 Foreign Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Foreign Affairs Committee be printed [No. 842].

15 Health,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Health Committee be printed [No. 843].

16 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Home Affairs Committee be printed [No. 844].

17 Information,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Information Committee be printed [No. 845].

18 National Heritage,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the National Heritage Committee be printed [No. 846].
19 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee be printed [No. 847].

20 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration be printed [No. 848].

21 Privileges,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Privileges be printed [No. 849].

22 Procedure,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Procedure Committee be printed [No. 850].

23 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Public Accounts be printed [No. 851].

24 Science and Technology,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Science and Technology Committee be printed [No. 852].

25 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Affairs Committee be printed [No. 853].

26 Social Security,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Social Security Committee be printed [No. 855].

27 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. 856].

28 Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 857].

29 Trade and Industry,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Trade and Industry Committee be printed [No. 858].

30 Transport,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Transport Committee be printed [No. 859].

31 Treasury and Civil Service,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee be printed [No. 832].

32 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Affairs Committee be printed [No. 836].

33 Conduct of Members,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Resolution of the House of 15th July 1947 relating to Privileges shall be amended by adding at the end the words—

‘and that in particular no Member of the House shall, in consideration of any remuneration, fee, payment, reward or benefit in kind, direct or indirect, which the Member or any member of his or her family has received, is receiving or expects to receive—

(i) advocate or initiate any cause or matter on behalf of any outside body or individual, or

(ii) urge any other Member of either House of Parliament, including Ministers, to do so,

by means of any speech, Question, Motion, introduction of a Bill or amendment to a Motion or Bill’—(Mr Tony Newton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Michael Brown: 587.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Tony Marlow: 2.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Resolution of the House of 15th July 1947 relating to Privileges shall be amended by adding at the end the words—

‘and that in particular no Member of the House shall, in consideration of any remuneration, fee, payment, reward or benefit in kind, direct or indirect, which the Member or any member of his or her family has received, is receiving or expects to receive—
(i) advocate or initiate any cause or matter on behalf of any outside body or individual, or

(ii) urge any other Member of either House of Parliament, including Ministers, to do so,

by means of any speech, Question, Motion, introduction of a Bill or amendment to a Motion or Bill'.

34 Employment Agreements.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That—

(1) with effect from Wednesday 15th November 1995, any Member proposing to enter into an agreement which involves the provision of services in his capacity as a Member of Parliament shall conclude such an agreement only if it conforms to the Resolution of the House of 6th November 1995 relating to Conduct of Members; and that a copy of any such agreement, excluding the amount of any fee or benefit payable, shall be deposited with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards at the same time as it is registered in the Register of Members' Interests;

(2) any Member who has an existing agreement involving the provision of services in his capacity as a Member of Parliament which conforms to the Resolution of the House of 6th November 1995 relating to Conduct of Members, but which is not in written form, shall take steps to put the agreement into written form; and that no later than 31st March 1996 a copy of any such agreement, excluding the amount of any fee or benefit payable, shall be deposited with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards and registered in the Register of Members' Interests; and

(3) any Member who has an existing agreement which does not conform to the Resolution of the House of 6th November 1995 relating to Conduct of Members shall, by 31st March 1996, either redraw the agreement so that it conforms to the said Resolution or withdraw from the agreement; and that a copy of any such redrawn agreement, excluding the amount of any fee or benefit payable, shall be deposited with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards and registered in the Register of Members' Interests by that date—(Mr Tony Newton);

An Amendment (b) was proposed to the Question, in line 5, to leave out from the word 'a' to the word 'shall' in line 6 and insert the words 'full copy of any such agreement including the fees or benefits payable in bands of: up to £1,000, £1,000-£5,000, £5,000-£10,000, and thereafter in bands of £5,000',—instead thereof.—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Evans, Ms Angela Eagle: 322.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Robert G. Hughes: 271.

So the Question was agreed to.

Another Amendment (f) was proposed to the Question, in line 8, at the end, to insert the words 'and made available for inspection by the public.'—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Mike Hall: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Robert G. Hughes: 202.

So the Question was agreed to.

Another Amendment (g) was made to the Question, by leaving out from the word 'a' in line 13 to the word 'shall' in line 20 and inserting the words 'full copy of any such agreement including the fees or benefits payable in bands of: up to £1,000, £1,000-£5,000, £5,000-£10,000, and thereafter in bands of £5,000', instead thereof.—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

Another Amendment (i) was made to the Question, in line 15 after the word 'Interests', by inserting the words 'and made available for inspection by the public.'—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

Another Amendment (k) was made to the Question, in line 19 to the word 'shall' in line 20 and inserting the words 'full copy of any such agreement including the fees or benefits payable in bands of: up to £1,000, £1,000-£5,000, £5,000-£10,000, and thereafter in bands of £5,000', instead thereof.—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

Another Amendment (m) was made to the Question, in line 22, at the end, by adding the words 'and made available for inspection by the public.'—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

Another Amendment (p) was proposed to the Question, in line 22, at the end, to add the words—
'(4) notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1–3 of this Resolution with effect from Wednesday 15th November 1995, no Member shall enter into an agreement for the provision of services in his/her capacity as a Member of Parliament with any individual or organisations engaged in lobbying or public relations on behalf of more than one client.'—(Mr Alex Salmond.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Andrew Welsh: 48.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Robert G. Hughes: 243.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Resolved, That—

(1) with effect from Wednesday 15th November 1995, any Member proposing to enter into an agreement which involves the provision of services in his capacity as a Member of Parliament shall conclude such an agreement only if it conforms to the Resolution of the House of 6th November 1995 relating to Conduct of Members; and a full copy of any such agreement including the fees or benefits payable in bands of: up to £1,000, £1,000–£5,000, £5,000–£10,000, and thereafter in bands of £5,000, shall be deposited with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards at the same time as it is registered in the Register of Members’ Interests and made available for inspection by the public;

(2) any Member who has an existing agreement involving the provision of services in his capacity as a Member of Parliament which conforms to the Resolution of the House of 6th November 1995 relating to Conduct of Members, but which is not in written form, shall take steps to put the agreement into written form; and no later than 31st March 1996 a full copy of any such agreement including the fees or benefits payable in bands of: up to £1,000, £1,000–£5,000, £5,000–£10,000, and thereafter in bands of £5,000 shall be deposited with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards and registered in the Register of Members’ Interests and made available for inspection by the public; and

(3) any Member who has an existing agreement which does not conform to the Resolution of the House of 6th November 1995 relating to Conduct of Members shall, by 31st March 1996, either redraw the agreement so that it conforms to the said Resolution or withdraw from the agreement; and a full copy of any such agreement including the fees or benefits payable in bands of: up to £1,000, £1,000–£5,000, £5,000–£10,000, and thereafter in bands of £5,000 shall be deposited with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards and registered in the Register of Members’ Interests by that date and made available for inspection by the public.

35 Standards in Public Life (General Recommendations).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the recommendations in the Second Report from the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life (House of Commons Paper No. 816) relating to—

(1) the recording of deputations in the Register of Members’ Interests (paragraph 31); and

(2) the cessation of paid advocacy (paragraph 54)—(Mr Tony Newton);

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, in line 5, to leave out paragraph (1).—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Evans, Ms Angela Eagle: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Michael Fabricant: 266.

So the Question was agreed to.

Another Amendment (b) was proposed to the Question, in line 7, at the end, to add the words ‘and further that a Member with a paid interest should not initiate or participate in, including attendance, a delegation where the problem affects only the body from which he has a paid interest’.—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Andrew F. Bennett: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Robert G. Hughes: 264.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House agrees with the recommendations in the Second Report from the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life (House of Commons Paper No. 816) relating to the cessation of paid advocacy (paragraph 54); and further that a Member with a paid interest should not initiate or participate in, including attendance, a delegation where the problem affects only the body from which he has a paid interest.

36 Standards and Privileges,—Ordered, That—

(1) Standing Order No. 128 (Select Committee on Members' Interests) be repealed;

(2) Standing Order No. 121 (Committee of Privileges) be repealed when the Committee of Privileges shall have reported to the House in respect of the matters of the complaints referred to it; and

(3) Standing Orders (Committee on Standards and Privileges) and (Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards) below be made.

Standing Order (Committee on Standards and Privileges)

(1) There shall be a select committee, called the Committee on Standards and Privileges—

(a) to consider specific matters relating to privileges referred to it by the House;

(b) to oversee the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards; to examine the arrangements proposed by the Commissioner for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members' Interests and any other registers of interest established by the House; to review from time to time the form and content of those registers; and to consider any specific complaints made in relation to the registering or declaring of interests referred to it by the Commissioner; and

(c) to consider any matter relating to the conduct of Members, including specific complaints in relation to alleged breaches in any code of conduct to which the House has agreed and which have been drawn to the committee's attention by the Commissioner; and to recommend any modifications to such code of conduct as may from time to time appear to be necessary.

(2) The committee shall consist of eleven Members, of whom five shall be a quorum.

(3) Unless the House otherwise orders, each Member nominated to the committee shall continue to be a member of it for the remainder of the Parliament.

(4) The committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of no more than seven Members, of whom three shall be a quorum, and to refer to such sub-committees any of the matters referred to the committee; and shall appoint one such sub-committee to receive reports from the Commissioner relating to investigations into specific complaints.

(5) The committee and any sub-committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place, to report from time to time and 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.

(6) The committee shall have power to order the attendance of any Member before the committee or any sub-committee and to require that specific documents or records in the possession of a Member relating to its inquiries, or to the inquiries of a sub-committee of or of the Commissioner, be laid before the committee or any sub-committee.

(7) The committee shall have power to refuse to allow proceedings to which strangers are admitted to be broadcast.

(8) Mr Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, Mr Solicitor General and Mr Solicitor General for Scotland, being Members of the House, may attend the committee or any sub-committee, may take part in deliberations, may receive committee or sub-committee papers and may give such other assistance to the committee or sub-committee as may be appropriate, but shall not vote or make any motion or move any amendment.
Standing Order (Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards)

(1) There shall be an officer of this House, called the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, who shall be appointed by the House.

(2) The principal duties of the Commissioner shall be—

(a) to maintain the Register of Members' Interests and any other registers of interest established by the House, and to make such arrangements for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of those registers as are approved by the Committee on Standards and Privileges or an appropriate sub-committee thereof;

(b) to provide advice confidentially to Members and other persons or bodies subject to registration on matters relating to the registration of individual interests;

(c) to advise the Committee on Standards and Privileges, its sub-committees and individual Members on the interpretation of any code of conduct to which the House has agreed and on questions of propriety;

(d) to monitor the operation of such code and registers, and to make recommendations thereon to the Committee on Standards and Privileges or an appropriate sub-committee thereof; and

(e) to receive and, if he thinks fit, investigate specific complaints from Members and from members of the public in respect of—

(i) the registration or declaration of interests, or

(ii) other aspects of the propriety of a Member's conduct,

and to report to the Committee on Standards and Privileges or to an appropriate sub-committee thereof.

(3) The Commissioner may be dismissed by resolution of the House.—(Mr Tony Newton.)

37 Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Sir Gordon Stanley Downey, KCB, be appointed Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards on the terms of the Report of the House of Commons Commission (HC 789), dated 30th October—(Mr A. J. Beith);

And it being one hour after the commencement of Proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [3rd November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Robert G. Hughes: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony Marlow, Mr Michael Stern: 71.

So the Question was agreed to.


38 Medical (Professional Performance) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Medical (Professional Performance) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

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

39 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted Business), That, at this day's sitting, the Lords Amendments to the Medical (Professional Performance) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Dr Liam Fox).—It was agreed to.

40 Medical (Professional Performance) Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Medical (Professional Performance) Bill.

Lords Amendments No. 1.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment.

Question put and agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 15 were agreed to.
41 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers in favour of a high speed rail line between London and the Channel Tunnel was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

42 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.38 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 6th November 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Medicines.—Medicines (Exemption from Licences) (Clinical Trials) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2808), dated 27th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

2 National Health Service.—Morriston Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2811), dated 26th October 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

Other Papers:

3 Audit (Northern Ireland).—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on the Northern Ireland Social Security Agency: Prevention, Detection and Prosecution of Fraud [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 796] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

4 Broadcasting.—Account of additional payments to the Independent Television Commission by licensees and of the sums paid into the Consolidated Fund for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 867] [Clerk of the House].

5 Environment.—Government Observations on the Third Report from the Environment Committee, Session 1994-95, on pollution in Eastern Europe [by Command] [Cm. 3030] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

6 Local Government Finance.—Account of the Scottish Office Environment Department Non-Domestic Rating for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 868] [Clerk of the House].

7 Merseyside Museums and Galleries.—Account of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 862] [Clerk of the House].

8 Miscellaneous Financial Provisions.—Report and Accounts of the West of England Development Agency Limited for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

9 Museums and Galleries.—Accounts of—

(1) the National Gallery,

(2) the National Museum of Science and Industry,

(3) the Natural History Museum, and

(4) the Tate Gallery

for 1994-95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 864, 860, 865 and 863] [Clerk of the House].

10 National Heritage.—Account of the Board of Trustees of the Armouries for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 866] [Clerk of the House].

11 Public Lending Right.—Account of the Public Lending Right Central Fund for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 861] [Clerk of the House].
12 Reserve Forces.—Statement by the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call-out of Air Force Reserve Personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

13 Video Recordings.—Report and Accounts of the British Board of Film Classification for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

[No. 158.]

Tuesday 7th November 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

4 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2307) and the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2369).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 871].

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

The Lords agree without Amendment to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill.

6 European Standing Committee A,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee A be printed [No. 869].

7 European Standing Committee B,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee B be printed [No. 870].

8 Metrication (Removal of Penalties) Bill,—Sir Roger Moate presented a Bill to amend the Weights and Measures Act 1985 so as to remove any criminal penalty upon persons using imperial measures unless it is proved that such use was intended for fraudulent purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 192].

9 Family Homes and Domestic Violence (No. 2) Bill,—Diana Maddock, supported by Mr A. J. Beith, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr David Rendel, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Chris Davies, Mrs Ray Michie, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr David Chidgey and Mr James Wallace, presented a Bill to make provision, in relation to cases where a dwelling-house is, has been, or was intended to be, the home of two or more persons, as to their respective rights of occupation; to make provision for preventing the molestation of one person by another; to enable a court to include in certain orders under the Children Act 1989 provision relating to the occupation of a dwelling-house; to make provision for the transfer of tenancies between spouses and persons who have lived together as husband and wife; to apply section 17 of the Married Women’s Property Act 1882 to persons who live together as husband and wife; 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 193].

10 Patients’ Rights,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give patients certain rights in their dealings with general practitioners—(Alice Mahon);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it the 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 Alice Mahon, Ann Clwyd, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Eddie Loyden, Jean Corston, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Audrey Wise, Mr John Gunnell, Mr Dennis Skinner and Mr Malcolm Chisholm do prepare and bring it in.
11 Patients' Rights Bill.—Alice Mahon accordingly presented a Bill to give patients certain rights in their dealings with general practitioners: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 194].

12 Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill.

    Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 13 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 6.

13 Insurance.—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 Insurance Brokers (Registration) Act 1977 (Amendment) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th October, be approved—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

14 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 1994 (Privileges and Immunities) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th October, be approved—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

15 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 1995, which was laid before this House on 17th October, be approved—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

16 Reform of the Rice Regime.—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. 9532/95, and 9379/95, relating to the reform of the rice regime; and supports the Government's efforts to ensure that the proposals when adopted will encourage the competitiveness of rice growing and milling in the European Union after the Uruguay Round, that high quality supplies will reach consumers at reasonable prices and that the regime will be capable of effective enforcement—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

17 Social Action Programme 1995–97 and Promotion of Employment,—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. 6827/95, the Commission's Medium Term Social Action Programme 1995–97; endorses the Government's view that European Community social policy should focus on helping to tackle unemployment, creating the conditions which encourage the creation of new jobs, and on improving the competitiveness of Community businesses, and should avoid further unnecessary legislation; takes note of European Community Document No. 5663/95, relating to the Employment Conclusions of the Essen European Council; and welcomes the fact that the Heads of Government of the European Community have recognised at successive European Councils the importance of tackling the high levels of structural unemployment in the Community—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

18 Select Committees related to Government Departments,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 130 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended—

    (1) with effect from the beginning of the next Session—

    (a) by inserting the following item after item 10 in the Table in paragraph (2):

        "Public Service/Office of Public Service (but excluding the drafting of bills by the Parliamentary Counsel Office)/11/3";

    (b) in item 14 in the said Table, after the word "Industry" in column 2, by inserting the words "(but excluding the Office of Science and Technology)";

    (c) in item 16 in the said Table, by leaving out the words "and Civil Service" in column 1 and, in column 2, the words from "Treasury" in line 65 to "Board" in line 69; and

    (d) in paragraph (3) by leaving out the words "and Civil Service";

    (2) with effect from Friday 1st March—

    (a) by leaving out items 3 and 4 in the Table in paragraph (2) and inserting the following item:

        "Education and Employment/Department for Education and Employment/13/4"; and

    (b) in paragraph (3) by inserting at the beginning the words "The Education and Employment Committee,"—(Mr Tony Newton.)
19 Science and Technology.—Ordered, That Cheryl Gillan and Mr William Powell be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Mr Ian Bruce and Mr Patrick Thompson be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

20 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Plymouth and Devon for redress for illness caused by exposure to asbestos at Devonport Dockyard was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

21 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 7th November 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—(1) Local Government Changes for England (Finance) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2862), and


Other Papers

3 Broadcasting,—Account of additional payments to the Radio Authority by programme licensees and of the sums paid into the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom and the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 854] [Clerk of the House].

4 National Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of the National Museums of Scotland for 1994-95 with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 872] [Clerk of the House].

5 Plant Health,—Seed Potatoes originating in the Netherlands (Notification) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2874), dated 3rd November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

6 Telecommunications,—Amendments to the Convention and Operating Agreement of the European Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (EUTELSAT) [by Command] [Cm. 3024] [Mr Secretary Lang].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Alex Carlile (nominated in respect of the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2369)); and had appointed in substitution Mr James Wallace.

APPENDIX III

Report from Select Committee

Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill on 20th July, 17th, 18th, 24th, 25th and 31st October and 1st and 7th November; to be printed [No. 728-liv to -lixi] [Sir Anthony Durant].
Wednesday 8th November 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Message to attend the Lords Commissioners.—A Message from the Lords Commissioners was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Madam Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts and Measures 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 the Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to several Acts, and for proroguing this present Parliament.

The Royal Assent was given to the following Acts:—

Atomic Energy Authority Act 1995
Civil Evidence Act 1995
Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995
Criminal Procedure (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1995
Law Reform (Succession) Act 1995
Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Act 1995
Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1995
Gas Act 1995
Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995
Northern Ireland (Remission of Sentences) Act 1995
Charities (Amendment) Act 1995
Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) Act 1995
Disability Discrimination Act 1995
Medical (Professional Performance) Act 1995
Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995
Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Act 1995
Loch Leven and Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Act 1995
Accommodation Level Crossings Act 1995
Queen Mary and Westfield College Act 1995

And afterwards Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of Her Majesty's Command), as follows:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

The Duke of Edinburgh and I were pleased to receive the State Visits of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait in May and His Excellency the President of Finland in October. We also remember with great pleasure our State Visit to South Africa in March. We are enjoying our visit to New Zealand, where we shall be present at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting.

The Duke of Edinburgh and I were pleased to receive Heads of State and Government, or their representatives, from fifty-six countries, to commemorate Victory in Europe Day in May. We were also pleased to see many veterans, and representatives from countries
whose forces served under the Crown during the Second World War, in London in August to attend the ceremonies to commemorate the fiftieth anniversaries of the end of the Second World War.

We were pleased to attend the ceremony marking the Fiftieth Anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter in London in June.

My Government continued to make provision for the defence of the United Kingdom and our allies and for the promotion of international peace and stability. They were among the leading participants in United Nations peace-keeping operations. They contributed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and to the development of effective and reliable European defence arrangements which complement those of NATO. They welcomed the success of the Partnership for Peace between the countries of NATO and other countries of Europe; the commitment by NATO and Russia to build a co-operative relationship; and the decision to extend indefinitely the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

My Government continued to be at the forefront of attempts to find a lasting solution to the crisis in the former Yugoslavia. In response to a worsening of the conflict there, they substantially increased the British contribution to United Nations operations and provided humanitarian aid on a significant scale to alleviate the suffering of the civilian population. In Africa, my Government helped the United Nations and the Organisation of African Unity in their work to prevent and resolve conflicts.

My Government have continued to act vigorously against terrorism, drugs and organised crime, both in the United Kingdom and overseas.

In the European Union, my Government welcomed the accession of Sweden, Finland and Austria. They worked to promote a closer relationship between the European Union and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, with a view to the enlargement of the Union. They continued to help the former communist states of Europe and Asia to establish democratic market economies: bilaterally, using the Know How Fund, and together with our European Union Partners.

My Government contributed to the European Union’s efforts to combat unemployment and promote growth. They secured agreement to liberalise telecommunications by 1998. They worked to promote effective action against fraud and to achieve higher standards of farm animal welfare throughout the European Union. They participated in meetings of the Study Group which is preparing for the 1996 Inter-Governmental Conference. They welcomed the Commission’s first annual report on subsidiarity.

Reducing poverty in the poorest countries remained a priority. To this end, my Government continued a substantial overseas aid programme and took a leading role in securing more generous terms for bilateral debt relief for the poorest, most indebted countries.

At the Summit of the seven leading industrialised nations in Halifax in June, my Government contributed to far-reaching proposals on the reform of the international financial institutions and the United Nations. They worked at home and with our European Union partners to implement the outcome of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations.

In the interests of the people of Hong Kong, my Government worked to achieve a smooth transfer of sovereignty to China in 1997. My Government in Bermuda consulted the people of Bermuda about the future constitutional arrangements for the Territory and its relationship with the United Kingdom. My Government gave assistance to the Cayman Islands to alleviate the problems caused by the arrival of a large number of migrants from Cuba in 1994.

In Northern Ireland my Government have continued to promote peace and political stability and to encourage progress towards a political settlement. They held substantive talks with the Northern Ireland parties and other exploratory talks. They published a document describing a framework for a political accommodation in respect of Northern Ireland. Legislation has been passed to enable certain prisoners to be released on licence at the half-way point of their sentence. My Government have sought to improve social and economic conditions through inward investment and other means.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the provision 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 allowed recovery to broaden and strengthen, while maintaining low inflation. Measures have been taken to
ensure that the public sector borrowing requirement is brought back towards balance over the medium term.

My Government showed their commitment to improving the nation's competitiveness through the White Paper "Competitiveness: Forging Ahead." Legislation has been passed to promote increased competition in the supply of gas to customers, and to reform the agricultural tenancy laws in England and Wales, so that more agricultural land is made available for rent. The first proposals were made for use of the new deregulation order-making power.

An Act has been passed to create a Jobseeker's Allowance, reforming benefits for unemployed people and giving them better help into work.

The Sunday licensing hours have been revised.

My Government continued to pursue a programme of privatisation with the successful sale of the coal mining activities of British Coal. They published a White Paper on the future prospects for nuclear power in the United Kingdom and began work to transfer parts of the industry to the private sector.

An Act has been passed which takes forward my Government's commitment to sustainable development and the protection of the environment.

The criminal justice system has been improved through legislation to establish a Criminal Cases Review Commission for England, Wales and Northern Ireland and to provide statutory authority for a compensation scheme for victims of violent crime. Legislation has also been enacted to reform the Scottish criminal justice system and the law relating to children and their families in Scotland.

Legislation has been passed to combat discrimination against disabled people; to improve child support; to equalise the State Pension age between men and women; and to improve security, equality and choice in non-state pensions.

Health services have been strengthened. An Act has been passed to make further improvements to the management of the National Health Service. There has also been legislation to provide for people with a severe mental disorder discharged from hospital to be cared for under supervision, and to increase the powers of the General Medical Council to deal with doctors whose professional performance is seriously deficient.

Further successful use has been made of new procedures for enacting uncontroversial measures of law reform.

Other important measures have been enacted.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission which has been now read we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her Majesty's Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday the fifteenth day of this instant November to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the fifteenth day of this instant November.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 8th November 1995

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

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