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By virtue of the Commission of the Counsellors of State under the Great Seal, and in obedience to their Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Wednesday the Fifteenth day of this instant November, to be then here holden.
The House met at twenty-five minutes past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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 have been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be by bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

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

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

4 Metropolitan Police,—Ordered, That the Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis do take care that during the Session of Parliament the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to this House, during the Sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or therabouts, and that the Sergeant 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 Standing Orders (Public Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business be printed [No. 1].

11 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 Excellency the President of France and of His Excellency the President of South Africa next year. We also look forward to our State Visits to Poland and the Czech Republic in March and to Thailand in October next year.

National security remains of the highest importance to my Government. They will continue to support the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and to promote Britain's wider security interests by contributing to the maintenance of international peace and stability. The United Kingdom's minimum nuclear deterrent will be maintained.

My Government will encourage a co-operative relationship between NATO and Russia, and will offer further help to countries in Central and Eastern Europe to consolidate democratic reforms and build stability and prosperity in the region.

A Bill will be introduced to bring up to date the legislation governing the Reserve Forces. My Government will also continue to work to preserve and modernise the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty. During their Presidency of the Western European Union next year, they will work to enhance that organisation's effectiveness.

Preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction remains a priority. My Government will introduce legislation to ratify the Chemical Weapons Convention. They will pursue negotiations on a verifiable Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and a Convention to ban the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other explosive purposes.

The fight against terrorism, organised crime, and drug misuse and trafficking, in the United Kingdom and elsewhere, will remain a priority.

My Government will continue to pursue the objective of transatlantic free trade in the context of world trade liberalisation.

In the European Union, my Government will participate in the 1996 Inter-Governmental Conference and contribute to preparing the Union for further enlargement. They will work for the continued implementation of the principle of subsidiarity and maintain their efforts to combat fraud. They will promote flexible labour markets and reduced social costs as the best means to improve the competitiveness of the European economy and create a climate for job creation.
A substantial aid programme will be maintained, focused on the poorest countries, to promote sustainable development and good government, including respect for human rights.

Reform of the United Nations, and efforts to enhance the organisation's effectiveness in peace-keeping, will remain an important objective. My Government will work to develop the capacity of the United Nations and regional organisations in the prevention of conflict. They will continue to promote a negotiated settlement in the former Yugoslavia.

My Government will continue working to strengthen ties between members of the Commonwealth.

My Government will work for the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong. In the interests of the Hong Kong people, they will seek to co-operate with China on the basis of the Sino-British Joint Declaration, in order to promote a smooth transition in 1997.

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

In Northern Ireland my Government will continue to build on the present peace and to create the conditions for political progress through inclusive talks. They will facilitate economic development and promote fair and equitable treatment for all people in Northern Ireland. They will maintain close and friendly relations with the Government of the Republic of Ireland. Legislation will be introduced to continue special provisions required for preserving the peace and maintaining order.

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

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,
My Government will continue with firm financial policies designed to support economic growth and rising employment, based on permanently low inflation. Fiscal policy will continue to be set to bring the public sector borrowing requirement back towards balance over the medium term. The share of national income taken by the public sector will be reduced.

My Government will improve the performance of the economy, by encouraging enterprise and competitiveness and offering support for small businesses. They will promote further deregulation. They will introduce a Bill to extend choice and competition in broadcasting by providing for new digital services and easing restrictions on media ownership. Legislation will again be brought before you to authorise the construction and operation of a high speed rail link between London and the Channel Tunnel.

Increased competitiveness will be encouraged by raising educational and skill levels, advancing knowledge, and promoting an efficient and flexible labour market. Legislation will be laid before you to expand nursery education for four-year-olds and to allow grant-maintained schools to borrow on the commercial market. Legislation will be introduced to enable students to choose between private and public suppliers of subsidised loans. In Scotland, legislation will be introduced to reform education and training.

My Government will continue to improve the quality of public services, through the Citizen's Charter programme and by other means.

A Bill will be introduced to streamline further the handling of asylum applications and to strengthen enforcement of immigration controls.

Legislation will be laid before you to enable the Security Service to assist the law enforcement agencies in their work against organised crime; and to reform the procedures in criminal cases, including those for prosecution and defence disclosure.

My Government will bring forward legislation to make better provision for housing and to promote the smooth running of construction contracts.

Legislation will be introduced to extend the Parliamentary Health Service Commissioner's jurisdiction, and to enable local authorities to make payments to particular groups of people who want to purchase their own community care.

My Government will introduce legislation to reform the law governing divorce and other aspects of family law.

Other measures, including other measures of law reform, 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.

12 Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:
Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

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 Michael Bates.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.11 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

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

1 Fire Services,—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire Services for Scotland for 1994-95 [Cm. 3029] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

2 Lithuania (No. 1, 1995),—Agreement, done at London on 2nd November 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on international road transport [Cm. 2999] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 Miscellaneous (No. 12, 1995),—Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10th December 1982 relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks [Cm. 3125] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed transfer to Trinity International Holdings plc of certain newspapers of Thomson Regional Newspapers Limited [Cm. 3033] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 Museums and Galleries,—Report and Accounts of the National Library of Wales for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Mr Secretary Hague].


7 Treaty Series (No. 85, 1995),—Notes exchanged at San José on 16th and 20th November 1992, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica concerning the United Kingdom/Costa Rica Debt Rescheduling Agreement 1992 [Cm. 3000] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


9 Treaty Series (No. 87, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Tegucigalpa on 21st August 1992, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Honduras concerning the United Kingdom/Honduras Retrospective Terms Adjustment Agreement 1992 [Cm. 3001] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
10 Treaty Series (No. 88, 1995),—Amendment to Annex III of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter [Cm. 3002] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

11 Treaty Series (No. 89, 1995),—Amendments to Annexes I and II of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping Wastes and other Matter concerning phasing out sea disposal of industrial waste [Cm. 3003] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

12 Treaty Series (No. 90, 1995),—Amendments to Annex I of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping Wastes and other Matter concerning incineration at sea [Cm. 3004] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

13 Treaty Series (No. 91, 1995),—Amendments to Annexes I and II of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter concerning disposal at sea of radioactive wastes and other radioactive matter [Cm. 3005] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

14 Treaty Series (No. 92, 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 [Cm. 3006] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

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:

8th November 1995


9th November 1995

20 Agriculture,—(1) Habitat (Salt-Marsh) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2871), dated 23rd October 1995, and

(2) Habitat (Salt-Marsh) (Correction to Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2891), dated 7th November 1995

[Mr Douglas Hogg].

21 Customs and Excise,—(1) Other Fuel Substitutes (Payment of Excise Duty etc.) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2717),

(2) Other Fuel Substitutes (Rates of Excise Duty etc.) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2716), and

(3) Revenue Traders (Accounts and Records) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2893),

dated 9th November 1995 [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

22 Housing,—Housing (Change of Landlord) (Payment of Disposal Cost by Instalments) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2823), dated 31st October 1995 [Mr Secretary Gummer].

6 15th November 1995


10th November 1995


26 Education (Scotland),—Teachers' Superannuation (Additional Voluntary Contributions) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2814), dated 30th October 1995 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


28 Local Government,—(1) Local Government Changes for England (Designation of Authorities) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2894), and

29 Local Government (Scotland),—Local Government (Compensation for Reduction of Remuneration on Reorganisation) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2865), dated 31st October 1995 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

30 Social Security,—Housing Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2868), dated 6th November 1995 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

31 Sporting Grounds and Sporting Events,—Sporting Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2896), dated 2nd November 1995 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


13th November 1995


34 Consumer Credit,—Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2914), dated 12th November 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].

35 Designs,—(1) Registered Designs (Fees) (No. 2) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2913), dated 7th November 1995, and


14th November 1995


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Wednesday 15th November:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

45 Contracting Out,—Draft Contracting Out (Administration of the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

46 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Statute of the European Schools) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

47 Health and Safety,—Draft Health and Safety (Repeals and Revocations) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

48 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, [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

49 Marine Pollution,—Draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution) (Law of the Sea Convention) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

50 Urban Development,—Bristol Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1995, dated 6th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


54 Urban Development,—Bristol Development Corporation (Planning Functions) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2899), dated 6th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:


57 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petitions [19th July, in the last Session of Parliament] from the Citizens of the United Kingdom, and [18th October, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Wakefield and other places, for legislation to prevent discrimination against disabled people [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

58 Statutory Instruments,—Report to the Lord Chancellor and Speaker from the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee—
   That it has been notified in accordance with regulation 1(3) of the Statutory Instruments Regulations 1947 that the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has certified, under regulation 6 of the said Regulations, that the printing and sale of copies
of the Rural Development Grants (Agricultural) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2096) in accordance with the requirements of section 2(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 is unnecessary, having regard to the brevity of the period for which the instrument will remain in force;

That the Committee is satisfied that the certificate is justified and has taken no further action in the matter [The Speaker].

59 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:

Seed Potatoes originating in the Netherlands (Notification) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2874)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 15th November; to be printed [No. 22-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

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 16th November 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 Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Bill,—Mr Secretary Rifkind, supported by Mr William Waldegrave, Mr Roger Freeman and Mr Jeremy Hanley, presented (under Standing Order No. 48 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to confer power to make provision for the making of payments to, and to permit early retirement by, certain Hong Kong overseas public servants; to authorise the provision of resettlement services to certain Hong Kong overseas public servants who retire early; and to confer power to make provision for the making in certain circumstances of payments to supplement pensions and gratuities paid to or in respect of retired overseas public servants in respect of service in Hong Kong: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 1].

4 Chemical Weapons Bill,—Mr Secretary Lang, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr Secretary Portillo, Mr Secretary Forsyth, Mr Secretary Hague and Mr Philip Oppenheim, presented a Bill to promote the control of chemical weapons and of certain toxic chemicals and precursors; 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 Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Mr Secretary Gummer, supported by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mrs Secretary Shephard, Mr Secretary Dorrell, Mr Secretary Forsyth, Mr Secretary Hague and Sir Paul Beresford, presented a Bill to extend the functions of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales; to alter the financial year of that Commission and of the Accounts Commission for Scotland; and to make provision about the manner of publication of certain information required to be published in pursuance of a direction of either Commission: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 3].
6 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.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Draft Uncertificated Securities Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

2 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Family Law,—(1) Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1995, and
(2) draft Child Support (Compensation for Recipients of Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

4 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft County Courts (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr John M. Taylor]; and
(2) draft Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

5 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1995, and
(2) draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Road Traffic,—Sale of Registration Marks Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2880), dated 7th November 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

7 Sea Fisheries,—Sole, Plaice, Cod and Haddock (Specified Sea Areas) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2944), dated 14th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

8 Urban Development,—Bristol Development Corporation (Transfer of Property, Rights and Liabilities) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2900), dated 7th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

9 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 16th November 1995, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Winter Supplementary Estimates for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].
10 European Communities (No. 12, 1995).—Paper, entitled Developments in the European Union, January to June 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3130] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

11 National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 13th November 1995 on borrowing by South Cumbria Community and Mental Health National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

12 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions.—(1) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Service Gratuities and Attributable Disablement and Death Awards) Order 1995, and

(2) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions Increase) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

13 Northern Ireland.—Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts for 1994-95 together with the Consolidated Fund Services Account, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon and upon the Revenue Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 2] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

14 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [10th February, in the last Session of Parliament] from citizens of the United Kingdom for a ban on anti-personnel landmines [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

15 Railways.—Report of the Rail Users' Consultative Committee for Scotland for 1994-95 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

16 Supply Estimates 1995-96.—Winter Supplementary Estimates for 1995-96 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 4] [Mr Michael Jack].

17 Supply Estimates 1996-97.—(1) Estimates (Classes I-XVIII) for which a Vote on Account is required for 1996-97 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 5] [Mr Michael Jack];

(2) Estimates for the House of Commons Commission (Class XVIII, A) for which a Vote on Account is required for 1996-97 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 6] [The Speaker]; and

(3) Estimates for the National Audit Office (Class XVIII, B, Vote 1) for which a Vote on Account is required for 1996-97 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 7][Sir Peter Hordern].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—First Report from the Health Committee [Long-Term Care: NHS Responsibilities for Meeting Continuing Health Care Needs], 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. 19] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 16th November; to be printed [No. 23-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Treasury.—First Report from the Treasury Committee [The Cross Border Market in Excise Products], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 24] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 3.]

Friday 17th November 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Education (Student Loans) Bill.—Mrs Secretary Shephard, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr Secretary Forsyth, Mr Secretary Hague and Mr Eric Forth presented (under Standing Order No. 48 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue))
a Bill to make provision for, and in consequence of, the payment of subsidy in respect of private sector student loans; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 20th November and to be printed [Bill 4].

3 Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [15th 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 20th November.

4 Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr Richard Ottaway);

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, it being then Three o'clock, till Monday 20th November.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 Agriculture.—Report and Accounts for 1994-95 of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

2 Agricultural Marketing.—Report and Accounts for 1994-95 of Food from Britain [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

3 Provisional Orders (Scotland),—(1) Report by 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 under section 1(4) of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the representations by ANZ Grindlays Bank plc and that they have decided that the powers sought could be more properly obtained by the promotion of a Private Bill than by the promotion of a Private Bill and of a Provisional Order under the said Act, and

(2) Report by 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 under section 1(4) of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the representation by Allied and Irish Banks plc and that they have decided that the powers sought could be more properly obtained by the promotion of a Private Bill than by the promotion of a Private Bill and of a Provisional Order under the said Act

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

CHAIRMEN'S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen's Panel) the Speaker nominated Mr Donald Anderson, Mr Roland Boyes, Mr Frank Cook, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Sir Alan Haselhurst, Mr Robert Hicks, Mr James Hill, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Roy Hughes, Sir John Hunt, Mr Barry Jones, Sir David Knox, Mr John McWilliam, Mr Michael J. Martin, Mr John Maxton, Mr Iain Mills, Mr Edward O'Hara, Sir Giles Shaw, Sir 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.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [15th 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.

4 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the National Council of Women of Great Britain for legislation to ensure that British Citizens who commit serious sexual offences against children abroad can be prosecuted in the United Kingdom was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr 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 twenty-seven minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

   [Adjourned at 10.33 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Copyright.—Draft Duration of Copyright and Rights in Performances Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Deregulation.—(1) Draft Deregulation (Fair Trading Act 1973) (Amendment) (Merger Reference Time Limits) Order 1995,

   (2) draft Deregulation (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Amendment) (Time Limits) Order 1995, and

   (3) draft Deregulation (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Amendment) (Variation of Exempt Agreements) Order 1995,

   together with Statements by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

3 Health and Safety.—Draft Health and Safety (Repeals and Revocations) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

8 Deregulation,—(1) Proposal by the Secretary of State for Transport under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Parking Equipment) Order 1995, together with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

9 Industrial Training,—Report and Accounts of the Construction Industry Training Board for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

10 Mental Health (Scotland),—Report of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Paper withdrawn:

11 Health and Safety,—Draft Health and Safety (Repeals and Revocations) Regulations 1995 [laid 15th November].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—(1) First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Department of Social Security: Appropriation Accounts 1993-94; Child Support Agency], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 31]; (2) Second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Health Care International (Scotland) Ltd], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 32]; and (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 20th November; to be printed [No. 33-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 5.]

Tuesday 21st November 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:

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, with the amendment as communicated in their Message of 18th April 1995; 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 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [15th 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 made no reference to developing a partnership between schools, parents, local education authorities, churches and others in the community to raise educational standards, gave no cast-iron guarantee of nursery places for four-year-olds and set no targets to provide places for three-year-olds, offered no proposals to improve access to training, higher education and work, provided no measures to prevent crime and tackle disorder, failed to encourage partnership between the police and local authorities, offered no legislation for a statutory crime prevention duty to be imposed on local authorities, proposed no measures to deal with criminal anti-social neighbours, set out no strategy for tackling youth crime, announced no plans for tackling delays in the Court system, contained no proposals for regulating the private security industry, outlined no new measures to help the victims of crime and sought to reinforce rather than diminish social division by failing to refer proposals on asylum and immigration to a Special Standing Committee of the House.'—(Mr David Blunkett.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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 Joe Benton, Mr Eric Clarke: 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 297.

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.

5 Broadcasting.—Ordered, That Mr Timothy Kirkhope be discharged from the Select Committee on Broadcasting and Mr Graham Riddick be added to the Committee.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

6 Liaison.—Ordered, That Sir Nicholas Bonsor be discharged from the Liaison Committee and Mr Michael Colvin be added to the Committee.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

7 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr James Couchman be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Andrew Rowe be added to the Committee.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 29th November, Standing Order No. 10 (Wednesday sittings) shall have effect with the following variations: in paragraph (1) in place of the words 'two o'clock' shall be inserted 'half-past eleven o'clock'; in place of paragraph (5) shall be inserted 'Not more than one subject shall be raised before eleven o'clock, and not more than one between that hour and half-past eleven o'clock'; and in paragraph (6) in place of the words 'at two o'clock' shall be inserted 'at half-past eleven o'clock'.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

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

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland.—Draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Health and Safety.—Health and Safety Information for Employees (Modifications and Repeals) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2923), dated 13th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 Immigration.—Immigration (Registration with Police) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2928), dated 9th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].


5 Public Passenger Transport.—(1) Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2909), and
(2) Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2908),
dated 11th November 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

6 Social Security.—(1) Social Security (Income Support, Claims and Payments and Adjudication) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2927), and
(2) Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2935),
dated 14th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

7 Broadcasting.—Revised Statement of Principles from the Radio Authority on the computation of qualifying revenue [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

8 Foreign Affairs.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1994-95, Expenditure Plans of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Overseas Development Administration [by Command] [Cm. 3100] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

9 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Operations of the Student Loans Company Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 13] [Clerk of the House].

10 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Land Purchase Account of the Supreme Court of Judicature, Northern Ireland, for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 36] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment.—First Special Report from the Employment Committee [Government Reply to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1994–95, The Remuneration of Directors and Chief Executives of Privatised Utilities]; to be printed [No. 38] [Mr Greville Janner].

2 Statutory Instruments.—First Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
Wednesday 22nd November 1995.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Saint Paul's Churchyard Bill.—The Standing Orders of 24th October relating to the Saint Paul's Churchyard Bill, suspended in the last Session of Parliament, being read;

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 and second time; and ordered to be read the third time.

3 'Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 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.

6 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.

7 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

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 the implications of the Gracious Speech for 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 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 implications of the Budget for 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.

10 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 43; in paragraph (5) the word 'eighth' shall be substituted for the word 'seventh' in line 45;

(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 19th and 26th January, 2nd, 9th and 16th February, 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th March, 19th and 26th April, 10th May and 12th July.—(Mr Michael Bates.)
11 Sittings of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11A (House not to sit on certain Fridays), That the House shall not sit on the following Fridays:

  Friday 1st December, Friday 15th December, Friday 12th January, Friday 23rd February, Friday 15th March, Friday 3rd May, Friday 14th June, Friday 28th June and Friday 5th July—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

12 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No.14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Building Societies) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

13 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Greyhound Racing) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

14 Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [15th 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 Government election promises continue to be broken, with tax increases equivalent to 7p in the pound on income tax imposed to pay the costs of economic failure, with Britain having fallen from 13th to 18th in the world prosperity league since 1979, with investment worse than at this stage of previous economic cycles and living standards having fallen more sharply than for years, with widespread insecurity and one in five households of working age with no-one in work; humbly regret that the Gracious Speech excludes positive measures for jobs, productive investment and opportunities to move from welfare to work; regret the absence of action on the Greenbury Report and the boardroom excesses of the privatised monopoly utilities; regret the absence of a strategy for employment, skills, regional development and industry, including measures to raise educational standards and access to quality training, and to secure effective public-private partnership for infrastructure investment; and calls for the abandonment of rail privatisation and of the Prime Minister's pledge to abolish capital gains tax and inheritance tax'.—(Mr Gordon Brown.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ann Coffey, Mr Dennis Turner: 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Michael Bates: 298.

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 fails to set out adequate proposals to secure investment in people through education, to reform Britain's discredited system of government or to build for the country's long-term future through investment in housing and transport; and further regret that measures outlined in the Gracious Speech on housing and immigration risk adding to the divisions in society'.—(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: 32.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Michael Bates: 297.

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 Her Majesty’s Household.

15 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 5th 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 David Willetts.)

16 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the Deepings for construction of the Deepings by-pass without further delay was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Police,—Police (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3001), dated 12th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

3 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Special Parking Area) (London Borough of Croydon) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2930), dated 14th November 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

4 Town and Country Planning (Scotland),—Designation of Structure Plan Areas (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3002), dated 16th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

5 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Refund of Tax) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2999), dated 22nd November 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Other Papers:

6 Health Service Commissioner,—First Report of the Health Service Commissioner for Session 1995-96 (Selected Investigations completed April to September 1995) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

7 Treaty Series (No. 101, 1995),—International Coffee Agreement, 1994, opened for signature at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 18th April to 26th September 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 3142] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

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-four 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, 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 Patchett, 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, in pursuance of Standing Order 228 relating to Private Business (Parliamentary Panel), it had selected thirteen 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 Michael Connarty, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr George Kynoch, 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 the Session, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee, viz.: Mr William Hague, Mr Roger Knapman and Mrs Jacqui Lait.

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, Sir 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, viz.: Mr Matthew Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Michael Connarty, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr David Harris, Helen Jackson, Mr David Lidington, Mr William Ross, Mr Michael Stephen and Mr John Sykes.

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 Hartley Booth, Mr Peter Bottomley, Roseanna Cunningham, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Nijj Joseph Deva, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Don Touhig and Mr John Whittingdale.

9 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Health and Safety (Repeals and Revocations) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Robert Banks, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr John Heppell, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr David Rendel, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Peter Snape and Mr Gary Streeter.

10 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Child Support (Compensation for Recipients of Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance) Regulations 1995 and the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr David Ashby, Mr Peter Brooke, Mr John Butcher, Mrs Anne Campbell, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Judith Church, Mr David Hinchcliffe, Kate Hoey, Mr Kevin Hughes, Sir David Madel, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Michael Stephen, Mr John Townend and Mr Malcolm Wicks.

11 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr John Carlisle, Mr Churchill, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Jim Dowd, Dame Peggy Fenner, Sir Norman Fowler, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr Michael Grylls, Mr David Harris, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Robert Parry, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Ilew Smith, Mr A. Cecil Walker and Mr Timothy Wood.
12 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Bristol Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Richard Alexander, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Henry Bellingham, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Roger Berry, Sir John Cope, Jean Corston, Mr Barry Field, Mr David Jameson, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Stuart Randall, Mr Michael Stern, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Roy Thomason, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Keith Vaz and Mr Nigel Waterson.

13 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1995 and the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Michael Bates, Sir Rhodes Boyson, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Thomas Graham, Sir John Hannam, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Robert Hughes, Mr Robert Key, Mr John McAllion, Mr John MacGregor, Mr William McKelvey, Mr John Maxton, Mrs Ray Michie, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Allan Stewart and Mr Jimmy Wray.

14 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft County Courts (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr John Hutton, Mr Barry Legg, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Ken Maginnis, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr John Marshall, Mr Bill Michie, Mr Richard Needham, Mr Martin O’Neill, Mr Colin Shepherd, Sir John Stanley, Mr Roger Stott, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Tony Worthington.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 22nd November; to be printed [No. 40-i] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Environment,—(1) First Report from the Environment Committee [Single Regeneration 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. 26]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 22nd November; to be printed [No. 22-ii]
   [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 European Legislation,—First Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-i] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 22nd November; to be printed [No. 45-i] [Mr David Howell].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 22nd November; to be printed [No. 52-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 22nd November; to be printed [No. 53-i] [Mr Clive Soley].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 22nd November; to be printed [No. 39-i] [Mr James Pawsey].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Health and Personal Social Services in Northern Ireland: Transport Services]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 55];
   (2) Fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Northern Ireland: Community Economic Regeneration Scheme and Community Regeneration and Improvement Special Programme]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 56];
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 22nd November; to be printed [Nos. 57-i and 58-i]; and
Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated—

(1) the draft Health and Safety (Repeals and Revocations) Regulations 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(2) the draft Child Support (Compensation for Recipients of Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance) Regulations 1995 and the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the draft Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(4) the Bristol Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1995 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(5) the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1995 and the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1995 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(6) the draft County Courts (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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

(1) Mr Roy Hughes Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the Matter of the implications of the Gracious Speech for Wales;

(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 8273/95 and 9284/95, relating to equal opportunities for men and women;

(3) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Health and Safety (Repeals and Revocations) Regulations 1995;

(4) Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Child Support (Compensation for Recipients of Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance) Regulations 1995 and the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1995;

(5) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;

(6) Mr Donald Anderson Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Bristol Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1995;
(7) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1995 and the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1995; and

(8) Mr Edward O'Hara Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft County Courts (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

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. 10003/95, relating to the community railway policy, and two unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 8th November 1995, relating to reform of the fruit and vegetable regime, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) The unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 16th November 1995, relating to the single currency, to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 7.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Sessional Returns,—Ordered,—That there be laid before this House Returns for Session 1994–95 of—

(1) Business of the House;
(2) Closure of Debate and Allocation of Time;
(3) Private Bills and Private Business;
(4) Public Bills;
(5) Sittings of the House;
(6) Special Procedure Orders;
(7) Standing Committees; and
(8) Select Committees

in the same terms as the Orders made on 14th December 1994; and

(9) Delegated Legislation and Deregulation Proposals, &c., showing—

(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;

(B) the numbers of Statutory Instruments and other documents ordered to be treated as Statutory Instruments, other than draft deregulation orders, considered by the House and by Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c., respectively, showing—

(i) with respect to those considered by the House, the number considered before 10th January 1995, indicating the numbers subject to affirmative and negative procedure; the number which did not stand referred to Standing Committees under the Sessional Order [19th December 1994], and the number considered after 10th January 1995 to which the Sessional Order did not apply; and

(ii) with respect to those considered by Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c., the number referred to Standing Committees before 10th January 1995, indicating the numbers subject to affirmative and negative procedure; the number which stood referred to Standing Committees under the Sessional Order [19th December 1994], and the number referred to Standing Committees after 10th January 1995 to which the Sessional Order did not apply; and

(C) the number of Statutory Instruments and other documents ordered to be treated as Statutory Instruments approved etc. by the House, indicating the number upon which the Question for approval was put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.); and the number of Instruments
and other documents reported by Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c., indicating the number upon which no subsequent proceedings took place; and

(D) the number of deregulation proposals and draft orders, showing for deregulation proposals the number in respect of which the Deregulation Committee recommended that a draft order in the same terms should be laid before the House, that the proposals should be amended, and that the order-making power should not be used, respectively; and for draft orders the number in respect of which the Deregulation Committee recommended that the draft order should be approved, and whether or not the recommendation was agreed upon Division, and those which the Committee recommended should not be approved, respectively, and in each case, the decision of the House.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Armed Forces Bill,—Mr Secretary Portillo, supported by Mr Secretary Howard, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Attorney General and Mr Nicholas Soames presented a Bill to continue the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 and the Naval Discipline Act 1957; to amend those Acts and other enactments relating to the armed forces; to make further provision in relation to proceedings before service courts; to provide for the fingerprinting of offenders convicted in service proceedings; to amend the Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968; to make further provision in relation to complaints to industrial tribunals by members of the armed forces; to provide for further exemptions from the Firearms Act 1968; to make further provision in relation to Greenwich Hospital; to amend the Visiting Forces Act 1952; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 5].

6 Chemical Weapons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Chemical Weapons Bill;

And a Motion being made that the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr Secretary Lang acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Queen to acquaint the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, has consented to place Her prerogative, so far as it is affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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 Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

Committee to-morrow.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That for the purpose of any Act resulting from the Chemical Weapons Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in consequence of the Act;

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums received by the Secretary of State in consequence of the Act—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

8 Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Bill,—The Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

9 Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) 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 Richard Ottaway)—It was agreed to.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

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

Adjourned at 8.23 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Aerial Advertising) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2943), dated 15th November 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

2 Road Traffic,—Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3000), dated 17th November 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Other Papers:

3 Appropriation Accounts, 1994–95,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for 1994–95 for Classes X and XI—Education and National Heritage [by Act]; to be printed [No. 15-viii] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on the Department of the Environment: Town and Country Planning Service [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 3] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

5 Local Government Planning and Land,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st November 1995 on borrowing by the Land Authority for Wales [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [19th October, in the last Session of Parliament] from citizens of Dundee for exemption of mental disability from the assessment test for incapacity benefit [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Mr John Maxton (nominated in respect of the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1995 and the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr Thomas Graham.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) First Report from the Defence Committee [Aspects of Defence Procurement and Industrial Policy]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 61]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Defence Committee
[Mr Michael Colvin.]

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 23rd November; to be printed [No. 59-i] [Mrs Marion Roe].

3 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 23rd November; to be printed [No. 23-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 23rd November; to be printed [No. 53-ii] [Mr Clive Soley].
5 Trade and Industry.—(1) First Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Aspects of Defence Procurement and Industrial Policy]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 62]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee
[Mr Cranley Onslow].

6 Transport,—Memoranda laid before the Transport Committee [Mr Paul Channon].

[No. 8.]

Friday 24th November 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 Ryedale for the A19 junction north of Easingwold to be made into a roundabout without delay 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 Andrew MacKay);

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till Monday 27th November.

[Adjourned at 11.37 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Copyright,—Copyright (Application to Other Countries) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2987), dated 23rd November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

2 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2983), dated 23rd November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].


5 Trade Marks,—Trade Marks (Claims to Priority from Relevant Countries) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2997), dated 23rd November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

6 Railways,—Report of the Official Body Representing the Rail User in Wales for 1994–95 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

MEMORANDUM

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Bill to Standing Committee A.
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 Humber Bridge (Debts) Bill.—Secretary Sir George Young, supported by Mr Michael Jack, Ann Widdecombe and Mr John Watts, presented (under Standing Order No. 48 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to confer power on the Secretary of State to provide that sums payable to him by the Humber Bridge Board shall not be so payable. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 6].

5 Education (Student Loans) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Student Loans) 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 Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Bridget Prentice, Mr Eric Clarke: 250.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

6 Education (Student Loans) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Education (Student Loans) Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Education (Student Loans) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums required by the Secretary of State for paying subsidy in respect of private sector student loans, and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the expenses of the Secretary of State under the Education (Student Loans) Act 1990—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

7 Contracting Out.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Contracting Out (Administration of the Teachers’ Superannuation Scheme) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Mr Robin Squire);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Gary Streeter: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Joe Benton: 205.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Contracting Out (Administration of the Teachers’ Superannuation Scheme) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved.

8 Education.—Ordered, That Mr Greg Pope be discharged from the Education Committee and Mr Alan Keen be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Environment.—Ordered, That Mr John Denham and Jane Kennedy be discharged from the Environment Committee and Mr Neil Gerrard and Mr Matthew Taylor be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
10 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Ms Janet Anderson be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Jean Corston be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 National Heritage,—Ordered, That Mr Nigel Waterson be discharged from the National Heritage Committee and Mr Tim Renton be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Social Security,—Ordered, That Mr Malcolm Wicks be discharged from the Social Security Committee and Mr Alan Howarth be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Trade and Industry,—Ordered, That Ann Coffey, Mr Richard Caborn and Mr Nick Harvey be discharged from the Trade and Industry Committee and Mr Roger Berry, Mr Martin O'Neill and Joan Walley be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Transport,—Ordered, That Mr Nick Hawkins be discharged from the Transport Committee and Mr Eric Pickles be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Treasury,—Ordered, That Mr Mike O'Brien be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Mr Clive Betts be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

16 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Aberystwyth for this House to ask the Government of Myanmar to release Dr Ma Thide from prison was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office after the rising of the House on Friday 24th November 1995:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education (Scotland),—Colleges of Further Education (Changes of Name) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2960), dated 13th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

2 National Health Service,—(1) Stockport Acute Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2959), and
(2) Stockport Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2958), dated 20th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


4 Police,—Police Grant (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3025), dated 20th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


Other Papers:

6 Appropriation Accounts, 1994-95,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for 1994-95 for Classes XV and XVI—Wales and Northern Ireland [by Act]; to be printed [No. 15-xi] [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

7 British Council,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 22nd November 1995 concerning a contingent liability consequent on the loan of works of art to the British Council for the Francis Bacon Exhibition, to be held in France and Germany between 1st May 1996 and 31st January 1997 [by Act] [by Command] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
28th-28th November 1995

8 Plant Health,—Soft Fruit Plants (Scotland) Revocation Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3024), dated 21st November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 27th November 1995:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

9 Deregulation,—Draft Deregulation (Corn Returns Act 1882) Order 1995, together with a statement by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

Other Papers:

10 Deregulation,—Proposals by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for—

(1) the Deregulation (Long Pull) Order 1995, and

(2) the Deregulation (Special Hours Certificates) Order 1996, together with explanatory memoranda [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

11 Health and Safety,—Report of the Health and Safety Commission for 1994-95, together with summary and statistical appendix [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Dr Jeremy Bray to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1995 and the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1995.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 27th November; to be printed [No. 67-i] [Mr Paul Channon].

[No. 10.]

Tuesday 28th November 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 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolution:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Length of the School Day) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 3rd July 1995, a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House.

5 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Health and Safety (Repeals and Revocations) Regulations 1995. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Child Support (Compensation for Recipients of Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance) Regulations 1995 and the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1995. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
7 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Hill reported from the
Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Street Works (Northern

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill.—Secretary Sir George Young, supported by the Prime
Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Lang,
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 deemed to be read the first and second time and stood committed to
a Select Committee and was ordered to be printed, pursuant to the Standing Order of 1st
November [Bill 7].

9 Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1996-97.—Ordered, That there be laid before this
House a copy of the Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1996-97, as laid before this
House by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget. (Mr Chancellor
of the Exchequer.)

10 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) Spirits (rate of duty) (Motion No. 2);
(b) Wine and made-wine (rates of duty) (Motion No. 3);
(c) Hydrocarbon oil (rates of duty and rebate) (Motion No. 5);
(d) Tobacco products (rates of duty) (Motion No. 8);
(e) Vehicle excise duty (increase in general rate) (Motion No. 13);
(f) Vehicle excise duty (electrically propelled vehicles) (Motion No. 14);
(g) Vehicle excise duty (steam powered vehicles, etc.) (Motion No. 15);
(h) Vehicle excise duty (vehicles capable of conveying loads) (Motion No. 16);
(i) Vehicle excise duty (old vehicles) (Motion No. 17);
(j) Value added tax (supplies of gold) (Motion No. 23)
(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

11 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 otherwise
than by—
(i) zero-rating or exempting supplies of goods which are, or are to be, subjected to
a fiscal or other warehousing regime, or
(ii) zero-rating or exempting supplies of services on or in relation to such goods;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax otherwise than to persons constructing or
converting buildings in cases where the construction or conversion is not in the course or
furtherance of a business;
(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 Simon Burns.)
Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

12 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Mr Alan Milburn be discharged from the Committee of
Public Accounts and Ms Angela Eagle be added to the Committee. (Mr Simon Burns.)

13 European Legislation.—Ordered, That Mr George Stevenson be added to the European
Legislation Committee. (Mr Simon Burns.)
14 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Cash Equivalents of Car Fuel Benefits) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3035), and

(2) Manufactured Payments and Transfer of Securities (Tax Relief) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3036),
dated 28th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].


(2) Value Added Tax (Increase of Registration Limits) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3037),

(3) Value Added Tax (Place of Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3038),

(4) Value Added Tax (Ships and Aircraft) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3039),

(5) Value Added Tax (Trading Stamps) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3043), and

dated 28th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Other Papers:

5 Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1996-97,—Financial Statement and Budget Report 1996-97 [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 30] [Mr Michael Jack].

6 Housing (Scotland),—Report of Scottish Homes for 1994-95 [by Act][Mr Secretary Forsyth].

7 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on Scotland's National Museums and Galleries; Quality of Service and Safeguarding the Collections [by Act]; to be printed [No. 14] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Mr John M. Taylor (nominated in respect of the draft County Courts (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996); and had appointed in substitution Mr Jonathan Evans.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Deregulation,—First Report from the Deregulation Committee, [Proposal for the Deregulation (Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act 1868) Order 1995; Proposal for the Deregulation (Length of the School Day) Order 1995]; to be printed [No. 68] [Mr Barry Field].
MEMORANDA

1 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr Roger Sims Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, in respect of the draft County Courts (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, in place of Mr Edward O’Hara.

2 European Standing Committees,—The Select Committee on European Legislation has withdrawn its recommendation [8th March 1995] that European Community Document No. 12253/94, relating to motor vehicle safety, be further considered; and the document no longer stands referred to European Standing Committee A.

[No. 11.]

Wednesday 29th November 1995.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Eleven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to Order [21st November].

2 Selection,—Ordered, That Mr Ray Powell be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr George Mudie be added to the Committee.—(Mr Derek Conway).

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr Roy Hughes reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the Matter of the implications of the Gracious Speech for Wales, referred to it on 22nd November, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 European Standing Committee B,—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 8273/95, relating to the implementation of the Third Medium-Term Action Programme on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men 1991-95; endorses the Government view that any Community action in this field should have clear priorities and well-defined activities which can be evaluated effectively; takes note of European Community Document No. 9284/95, relating to the Fourth Medium-Term Action Programme on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men 1996-2000; shares the Government view that the programme should conform to the principles of subsidiarity; agrees with the Government that the legislative framework to ensure the principle of equality between women and men in the Community is now in place and further legislation is not justified at this time; and agrees with the Government that Member States should have an active role in the management of the programme.

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

8 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Donald Anderson reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Bristol Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Maxton reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1995 and the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
10 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Sims reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft County Courts (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

11 Asylum and Immigration Bill,—Mr Secretary Howard, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Mr Secretary Lilley, Mrs Secretary Shephard, Mr Secretary Hague and Ann Widdecombe, presented a Bill to amend and supplement the Immigration Act 1971 and the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993; to make further provision with respect to immigrants and the employment of immigrants; 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 8].

12 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but this Resolution does not extend to the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting any supply, acquisition or importation otherwise than by—

(i) zero-rating or exempting supplies of goods which are, or are to be, subjected to a fiscal or other warehousing regime; or

(ii) zero-rating or exempting supplies of services on or in relation to such goods;

(b) for refunding any amount of tax otherwise than to persons constructing or converting buildings in cases where the construction or conversion is not in the course or furtherance of a business;

(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.

13 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Brighton and other places for redress of grievances against solicitors 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 Heathcoat-Amory.)

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3022), dated 23rd November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Customs and Excise,—Travellers' Allowances Amendment Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3044), dated 28th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

3 Local Government,—(1) Kensington and Chelsea and Hammersmith and Fulham (London Borough Boundaries) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3057), dated 28th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer];

(2) Local Government Act 1988 (Defined Activities, Exemptions) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2996), dated 16th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague]; and

4 Pensions,—Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3021), dated 22nd November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


**Other Papers:**

7 Electoral Law (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 1994–95 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 12] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

8 Estonia (No. 1, 1995),—Agreement, done at Tallinn on 16th August 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Estonia on international road transport [by Command] [Cm. 3105] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


10 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on Clinical Audit in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 27] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Health Service (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 27th November 1995 on borrowing by the Stirling Royal Infirmary National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

12 Reserve Forces,—Statements by the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on— (1) the call-out of a member of the Territorial Army, and (2) the call-out of Air Force Reserve personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].


15 Treaty Series (No. 93, 1995),—Agreement, done at Kathmandu on 3rd March 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His Majesty's Government of Nepal concerning air services [by Command] [Cm. 3103] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

**APPENDIX II**

*Committee of Selection*

1 Provisional Orders (Scotland) (Panel),—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of Standing Order 228 relating to Private Business (Parliamentary Panel), it had selected two additional Members to serve on the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, viz.: Sir Hector Monro and Mr Allan Stewart.

2 Standing Committee A,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Matthew Banks, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Derek Fatchett, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Jeremy Hanley, Mr Denis MacShane, Dr John Marek, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Ian Pearson and Mr William Powell.
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 Education (Student Loans) Bill, viz.: Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Bryan Davies, Mr David Faber, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Don Foster, Marsa Fyfe, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr John Gunnell, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Greg Pope, Dr Robert Spink, Mr Gary Streeter and Mr John Whittingdale.

Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Statute of the European Schools) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Robert Atkins, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Don Foster, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Tom King, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Michael Spicer, Mr Anthony Strean, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr John Sykes and Mr Cyril D. Townsend.

Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Michael Ancram, Mr Matthew Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Peter Butler, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Tony Marlow, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Graham Riddick, Sir Wyn Roberts, Mr Llew Smith, Mr Timothy Wood and Mr Tony Worthington.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 29th November; to be printed [No. 40-ii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee

Sir Jerry Wiggin.

2 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 29th November; to be printed [No.69-i] [Mr Michael Colvin].

3 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 29th November; to be printed [No.22-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 European Legislation.—Second Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No.51-ii] [Mr Robert Hicks].

5 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 29th November; to be printed [No.52-ii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 29th November; to be printed [No.53-iii] [Mr Clive Soley].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 29th November; to be printed [No.39-ii] [Mr James Pawsey].

8 Science and Technology.—First Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Technology Foresight], 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.49] [Sir Giles Shaw].

9 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 29th November; to be printed [No.43-ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

10 Transport.—(1) First Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Observations on the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 29th November; to be printed [Nos.71 and 67-ii] [Mr Paul Channon].

11 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 29th November; to be printed [No.70] [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 Education (Student Loans) Bill to Standing Committee B;
   (2) the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Statute of the European Schools) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (3) the draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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

   (1) Mr James Hill and Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Bill;
   (2) Mr Michael J. Martin and Mr Robert Hicks Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Education (Student Loans) Bill;
   (3) Mr Roy Hughes Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the implications of the Budget for Wales;
   (4) Mr Donald Anderson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Statute of the European Schools) Order 1995;
   (5) Sir David Knox Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;
   (6) Mr Iain Mills Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 8962/94, relating to the fruit and vegetable régime: future policy, and two unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 8th November relating to reform of the fruit and vegetable régime; and
   (7) Sir Michael Shersby Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 9554/95, relating to food aid.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 10836/95, relating to state aid to the Irish steel industry, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 12.]

Thursday 30th November 1995.

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 22nd 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 I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill,—Mr Secretary Gummer, supported by Mr Secretary Lang, Mrs Secretary Bottomley, Mr Secretary Forsyth, Mr Secretary Hague, Mrs Angela Knight, Mr David Curry and Sir Paul Beresford, presented a Bill to make provision about liability for non-domestic rates in England and Wales in relation to certain caravans and boats: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 4th December and to be printed [Bill 9].
6 Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Secretary Dorrell, supported by Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr Secretary Forsyth, Mr Roger Freeman, Mr Secretary Hague and Mr Gerald Malone, presented a Bill to make provision about the Health Service Commissioners: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 4th December and to be printed [Bill 10].

7 Probation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Probation (Amendment) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2622) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Michael Bates)—It was agreed to.

8 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [28th 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 otherwise than by—

(i) zero-rating or exempting supplies of goods which are, or are to be, subjected to a fiscal or other warehousing regime; or:

(ii) zero-rating or exempting supplies of services on or in relation to such goods;

(b) for refunding any amount of tax otherwise than to persons constructing or converting buildings in cases where the construction or conversion is not in the course or furtherance of a business;

(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 4th December.

9 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Hartlepool and other places for a review of the penalties available for taking vehicles without the consent of the owner was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till Monday 4th December.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Employment and Training,—Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1996, and

(2) draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

2 Rating and Valuation,—Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Acquisition of Land,—Town and Country Planning (Limit of Annual Value) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3048), dated 14th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

4 Agriculture,—(1) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Breadalbane) Designation (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3096), and

(2) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Loch Lomond) Designation (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3097),
dated 28th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


7 Medicines,— Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3029), dated 22nd November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

8 National Health Service,—(1) National Blood Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3028), dated 24th November 1995,
  (2) National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3092), dated 30th November 1995,
  (3) National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3093), dated 30th November 1995, and
  (4) National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3091), dated 30th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

9 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Statute made by the Governing Body of Robinson College, Cambridge, on 25th July 1995, amending the Statutes of the College,
  (2) Statute made by the University of Cambridge on 11th August 1995 amending the Statutes of the University, and
  (3) Statute made by the University of Cambridge on 18th August 1995 amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

10 Arts Council,—(1) Accounts of the Arts Council of Wales for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and
  (2) Report of the Arts Council of Wales for 1994-95 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hague].

11 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Hospital Outpatient Services in Northern Ireland [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 9] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].


13 European Legislation,—Government Response to the Twenty-fourth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation, Session 1994-95, on the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference: The Agenda, Democracy and Efficiency, The Role of National Parliaments [by Command] [Cm. 3051] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

14 Export Credits Guarantee Department,—Report, Accounts and Financial Statements of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 10-I and 10-II] [Mr Secretary Lang].

15 Local Government,—(1) Report of the Residuary Body for Wales for 1994-95, and
  (2) Welsh Local Government Financial Statistics, No. 19, 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

16 Local Government Finance,—Accounts of the Welsh Office: Pooling of Non-Domestic Rates and Redistribution to Local Authorities in Wales for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 73] [Clerk of the House].
17 National Lottery.—Financial Statements of the Arts Council of Wales Lottery Distribution Account for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 75] [Clerk of the House].

18 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—(1) Account of the Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 46], and


[Mr Secretary Hague].

19 Police (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland, the Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund and the Police Property Fund for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 60] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

20 Science and Technology.—Accounts of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 74] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Probation (Amendment) Rules 1995, viz.: Ms Janet Anderson, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr David Evennett, Mr David Hinchliffe, Ms Margaret Hodge, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr David Lidington, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Clive Soley, Dr Robert Spink, Mr Don Touhig and Mr John Whittingdale.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 30th November; to be printed [No. 72-i] [Mr David Howell].

2 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 30th November; to be printed [No. 59-ii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

3 National Heritage.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 30th November; to be printed [No. 23-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Probation (Amendment) Rules 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Probation (Amendment) Rules 1995.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Selection (see Appendix II).

3 Equal Opportunities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 8273/95, relating to the implementation of the Third Medium-Term Action Programme on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men 1991-95; endorses the Government view that any Community action in this field should have clear priorities and well-defined activities which can be evaluated effectively; takes note of European Community Document No. 9284/95, relating to the Fourth Medium-Term Action Programme on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men 1996-2000; shares the Government view that the programme should conform to the principles of subsidiarity; agrees with the Government that the legislative framework to ensure the principle of equality between women and men in the Community is now in place and further legislation is not justified at this time; and agrees with the Government that Member States should have an active role in the management of the programme—(Mr Roger Knapman): It was agreed to.

4 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [28th 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 otherwise than by—

(i) zero-rating or exempting supplies of goods which are, or are to be, subjected to a fiscal or other warehousing regime; or

(ii) zero-rating or exempting supplies of services on or in relation to such goods;

(b) for refunding any amount of tax otherwise than to persons constructing or converting buildings in cases where the construction or conversion is not in the course or furtherance of a business;

(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.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.17 p.m.]

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 1st December 1995 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Local Government.—(1) Local Government (Changes for the Registration Service in Avon, Cleveland, Humberside and North Yorkshire) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3105), and

(2) Local Government (Registration Service in Wales) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3106)
dated 30th November 1995 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 4th December 1995:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


8 Sea Fisheries.—Haddock (Specified Sea Areas) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3122), dated 4th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].


Other Papers:

10 Deregulation.—Proposal by the Secretary of State for Transport under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Motor Vehicles Tests) Order 1996, with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

11 Reserve Forces.—Statements by—

(1) the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under Section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call out of a member of the Territorial Army, and

(2) the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence 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].

12 Science and Technology.—Report and Accounts of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

13 Transport.—Report by Lord Donaldson of Lymington to the Secretary of State for Transport to assess what further work should be undertaken to identify the cause of the sinking of the MV 'Derbyshire' [by Command] [Cm. 3128] [Secretary Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B, Mr Harry Greenway and Dr Robert Spink (nominated in respect of the Education (Student Loans) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Nicholas Baker and Mr Peter Luff.
Tuesday 5th December 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Estimates.—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 Votes on Account for the financial year 1996–97:

1. Vote on Account, Class XI, Vote 1, Department of Health: Hospital, community health, family health services and related services, England, in so far as it relates to the provision of NHS services for women with breast cancer, clinical research into breast cancer and the NHS Breast Screening Programme;

2. Vote on Account, Class XVI, Vote 1, Departments of the Chancellor of the Exchequer: HM Treasury, in so far as it relates to the regulation of financial services in the United Kingdom;

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

Report to lie upon the Table.

3 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Credit Unions) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 11th July, the proposal should be amended before a draft order is laid before the House.

That the draft Deregulation (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Amendment) (Time Limits) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 20th November, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

That the draft Deregulation (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Amendment) (Variation of Exempt Agreements) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 20th November, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

That the draft Deregulation (Fair Trading Act 1973) (Merger Reference Time Limits) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 20th November, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) 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. 80].

6 Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Secretary Forsyth, supported by Mr Secretary Howard, Mr Secretary Dorrell and Lord James Douglas-Hamilton presented a Bill to amend the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 to enable licensing boards to make byelaws including licensing conditions relating to certain events involving music and dancing and to make new provision for the composition of licensing boards for licensing divisions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 11].

7 Social Security,—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Income-related Benefits Schemes and Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2303) be referred to a
Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

8 Ways and Means.—Amendment of the Law.—The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [28th 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 otherwise than by—

(i) zero-rating or exempting supplies of goods which are, or are to be, subjected to a fiscal or other warehousing regime; or

(ii) zero-rating or exempting supplies of services on or in relation to such goods;

(b) for refunding any amount of tax otherwise than to persons constructing or converting buildings in cases where the construction or conversion is not in the course or furtherance of a business;

(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 5, 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'. (Mr John Prescott.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr John Cummings: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 307.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 315.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr John Cummings: 285.

So the Question 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 so as to provide—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting any supply, acquisition or importation otherwise than by—

(i) zero-rating or exempting supplies of goods which are, or are to be, subjected to a fiscal or other warehousing regime; or

(ii) zero-rating or exempting supplies of services on or in relation to such goods;

(b) for refunding any amount of tax otherwise than to persons constructing or converting buildings in cases where the construction or conversion is not in the course or furtherance of a business;

(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 the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

2. Spirits (rate of duty)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 5 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979, for “£20·60” there shall be substituted “£19·78”.
(2) This Resolution shall have effect as from 6 o'clock in the evening of 28th November 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 of duty)

Resolved, That—

(1) In the Table of rates of duty in Schedule 1 to the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979—

(a) in Part I of the Table for “200.64”, where it appears as the rate for wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 15 per cent. but not exceeding 22 per cent., there shall be substituted “187.24”; and

(b) in Part II of that Table, for “20.60” there shall be substituted “19.78”.

(2) Sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this Resolution shall come into force on 1st January 1996 and sub-paragraph (b) shall have effect as from 6 o'clock in the evening of 28th November 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.

4. Cider (rate of duty)

Resolved, That provision may be made about the rate of duty on cider under section 62 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979.

5. Hydrocarbon oil (rates of duty and rebate)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In section 6(1) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979, for “£0.3614” and “£0.3132” there shall be substituted “£0.3912” and “£0.3430”, respectively.

(2) In section 8(3) of that Act, for “£0.3314” there shall be substituted “£0.2817”.

(3) In section 11(1) of that Act, for “£0.0166” and “£0.0214” there shall be substituted “£0.0181” and “£0.0233”, respectively.

(4) In section 14(1) of that Act, for “£0.0166” there shall be substituted “£0.0181”.

(5) This Resolution shall have effect as from 6 o'clock in the evening of 28th November 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 Derek Conway: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Elfyn Llwyd: 40.

So the Question was agreed to.

6. Hydrocarbon oil (rebate on unleaded petrol)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 13A of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.

7. Hydrocarbon oil (relief for marine voyages)

Resolved, That provision may be made repealing sections 18 and 19(1)(a) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.

8. Tobacco products (rates of duty)

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 £62.52 per thousand cigarettes.
2. Cigars £91.52 per kilogram.
3. Hand-rolling tobacco £85.94 per kilogram.
4. Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco £40.24 per kilogram.”
(2) This Resolution shall have effect as from 6 o'clock in the evening of 28th November 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.

9. General betting duty (rate)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 1(2) of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981, for “7.75 per cent.” there shall be substituted “6.75 per cent.”

(2) This Resolution shall apply in relation to bets made on or after 1st March 1996.

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

10. Pool betting duty (rate)

Resolved, That in section 7(1) of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981, for “32.50 per cent.” there shall be substituted, in relation to bets the stake money on which has been or is paid on or after 3rd December 1995, “27.50 per cent.”.

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

11. Amusement machine licence duty

Resolved, That provision may be made about amusement machine licence duty.

12. Excise duties (repayments, allowances and drawbacks)

Resolved, That provision may be made restricting the repayments, drawbacks and allowances that may be made or paid in respect of excise duties on goods.

13. Vehicle excise duty (increase in general rate)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994, in paragraph 1(2) for “£135” there shall be substituted “£140”.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this Resolution applies in relation to licences taken out after 28th November 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 Roger Knapman, Mr Gary Streeter: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Don Foster: 41.

So the Question was agreed to.

14. Vehicle excise duty (electrically propelled vehicles)

Resolved, That—

(1) In Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994, in paragraph 2(1)(a), after “150 cubic centimetres” there shall be inserted “or the motorcycle is an electrically propelled vehicle”.

(2) In paragraph 4F of that Schedule—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1), after “electrically propelled vehicle” there shall be inserted “other than a motorcycle (within the meaning of Part II of this Schedule)”; and

(b) sub-paragraph (2) shall be omitted.

(3) In section 62 of that Act, after subsection (1) there shall be inserted the following subsection—

“(1A) For the purposes of this Act, a vehicle is not an electrically propelled vehicle unless the electrical motive power is derived from—

(a) a source external to the vehicle, or

(b) an electrical storage battery which is not connected to any source of power when the vehicle is in motion.”
(4) Paragraphs (1) to (3) of this Resolution apply in relation to licences taken out after 28th November 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.

15. Vehicle excise duty (steam powered vehicles, etc.)

Resolved, That—
(1) In Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994, after paragraph 4E there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

"4EE. A steam powered vehicle is a special concessionary vehicle."

(2) In paragraph 3 of that Schedule, in sub-paragraph (2)(b), after "excepted vehicle" there shall be inserted "or a special concessionary vehicle".

(3) In paragraph 4(2) of that Schedule, for "and is" there shall be substituted "which is not a special concessionary vehicle and which is".

(4) In paragraph 5 of that Schedule, after sub-paragraph (5) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—

"(5A) A vehicle is not a recovery vehicle if it is a special concessionary vehicle."

(5) In paragraph 6(1) of that Schedule, after paragraph (b) there shall be inserted—

"and which is not a special concessionary vehicle."

(6) In paragraph 7(2) of that Schedule, after "Part IV," there shall be inserted "IVA,"

(7) In paragraph 16 of that Schedule, in sub-paragraph (1)(a), after "Part II, IV," there shall be inserted "IVA,"

(8) This Resolution applies in relation to licences taken out after 28th November 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.

16. Vehicle excise duty (vehicles capable of conveying loads)

Resolved, That—
(1) Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 shall be amended as mentioned in paragraphs (2) to (8) of this Resolution.

(2) In paragraph 4(2), immediately before paragraph (c) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

"(bb) a vehicle falling within sub-paragraph (2A) or (2B),"

(3) After sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 4 there shall be inserted the following sub¬paragraphs—

"(2A) A vehicle falls within this sub-paragraph if—

(a) it is designed or adapted for use for the conveyance of goods or burden of any description; but

(b) it is not so used or is not so used for hire or reward or for or in connection with a trade or business.

(2B) A vehicle falls within this sub-paragraph if—

(a) it is designed or adapted for use with a semi-trailer attached; but

(b) it is not so used or, if it is so used, the semi-trailer is not used for the conveyance of goods or burden of any description."

(4) In paragraph 16(1), paragraph (b), and the word "or" immediately preceding it, shall be omitted.

(5) In paragraph 9(2), after paragraph (b) there shall be inserted "and

(c) to any rigid goods vehicle which is used loaded only in connection with a person learning to drive the vehicle or taking a driving test,"

(6) In paragraph 10(1), after "exceeding 12,000 kilograms" there shall be inserted "; which does not fall within paragraph 9(2)(b) or (c)"

(7) In paragraph 11(2), after paragraph (b) there shall be inserted "and

(c) to any tractive unit to which a semi-trailer is attached which is used loaded only in connection with a person learning to drive the tractive unit or taking a driving test,".

(8) After paragraph 18 there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
"Other expressions"

19. (1) In this Part "driving test" means any test of competence to drive mentioned in section 89(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

(2) For the purposes of this Part a vehicle or a semi-trailer is used loaded if the vehicle or, as the case may be, the semi-trailer is used for the conveyance of goods or burden of any description.

(9) In section 7 of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994, in subsection (2)—
(a) after "goods vehicle" there shall be inserted "or a special vehicle"; and
(b) after "goods vehicles" there shall be inserted "or, as the case may be, special vehicles".

(10) After subsection (7) of that section there shall be inserted the following subsection—
"(8) In this section "special vehicle" has the same meaning as in paragraph 4 of Schedule 1."

(11) Subject to paragraph (13) of this Resolution, paragraphs (1) to (8) of this Resolution apply in relation to licences taken out after 28th November 1995.

(12) Paragraph (13) of this Resolution applies where a vehicle licence is taken out—
(a) on or before 28th November 1995, and
(b) at the rate applicable (at the time it is taken out) under Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994.

(13) While the licence is in force duty shall not, by virtue of this Resolution, become chargeable under section 15 of that Act.

(14) Paragraphs (9) and (10) of this Resolution apply in relation to applications made after 28th November 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.

17. Vehicle excise duty (old vehicles)

Resolved, That—

(1) In Schedule 2 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994, immediately before paragraph 2 there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

"Old vehicles"

1A.—(1) A vehicle of a description mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) is an exempt vehicle at any time if it was constructed more than 25 years before the beginning of the year in which that time falls.

(2) The descriptions of vehicles are—
(a) a vehicle in respect of which no annual rate is specified by any provision of parts II to VIII of Schedule 1;
(b) a motorcycle which does not exceed 450 kilograms in weight unladen.

(3) In sub-paragraph (2)(b) "motorcycle" has the same meaning as in Part II of Schedule 1."

(2) In Schedule 1 to that Act, in paragraph 1—
(a) for paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-paragraph (1) there shall be substituted "the general rate"; and
(b) sub-paragraphs (3) to (5) shall be omitted;
and, in paragraph 2, sub-paragraph (2) shall be omitted.

(3) In section 2(4) of that Act, for the words from "whichever" to the end there shall be substituted "the general rate currently specified in paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 1".

(4) In that Act—
(a) in section 13, in subsection (3)(b),
(b) in section 13 as substituted under paragraph 8 of Schedule 4, in subsection (4)(b), and
(c) in section 36(3)(b),

for "1(1)(a)" there shall be substituted "1".

(5) This Resolution has effect in relation to times after 28th November 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.
18. Vehicle excise duty (rebates)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 19 of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994.

19. Value added tax (value of imported goods)

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 21 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (2) of that section at the end of paragraph (a) the word “and” shall be omitted.

(3) For paragraph (b) of that subsection there shall be substituted—

“(b) all incidental expenses, such as commission, packing, transport and insurance costs, up to the goods’ first destination in the United Kingdom; and

(c) if at the time of the importation of the goods from a place outside the member States a further destination for the goods is known, and that destination is within the United Kingdom or another member State, all such incidental expenses in so far as they result from the transport of the goods to that other destination; and

and in this subsection “the goods’ first destination” means the place mentioned on the consignment note or any other document by means of which the goods are imported into the United Kingdom, or in the absence of such documentation it means the place of the first transfer of cargo in the United Kingdom.”

(4) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to goods imported on or after 1st January 1996.

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

20. Value added tax (fiscal and other warehouses)

Resolved, That provision may be made imposing charges to value added tax in connection with regimes applying to fiscal and other warehouses.

21. Value added tax (anti-avoidance: groups)

Resolved, That provision may be made about the application of section 43 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 in cases where things are done otherwise than for a genuine commercial purpose.

22. Value added tax (work on materials, etc.)

Resolved, That—

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

(2) Section 22 shall be omitted.

(3) After subsection (2) of section 30 there shall be inserted the following subsection—

“(2A) A supply by a person of services which consist of applying a treatment or process to another person’s goods is zero-rated by virtue of this subsection if by doing so he produces goods, and either—

(a) those goods are of a description for the time being specified in Schedule 8; or

(b) a supply by him of those goods to the person to whom he supplies the services would be of a description so specified.”.

(4) In subsection (5) of section 55, after paragraph (b) there shall be inserted the following—

“, or

(c) any supply of services consisting in the application to another person’s goods of a treatment or process which produces goods a supply of which would fall within paragraph (a) above.”;

and the word “or” at the end of paragraph (a) shall be omitted.

(5) Paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 shall be omitted.

(6) This Resolution shall apply to supplies made on or after 1st January 1996.

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.
23. Value added tax (supplies of gold)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 55 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994, for paragraph (a) of subsection (5) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"(a) any supply of goods consisting in fine gold, in gold grain of any purity or in gold coins of any purity; or".

(2) This Resolution applies in relation to any supply after 28th November 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.

24. Value added tax (small gifts)

Resolved, That—

(1) In Schedule 4 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994, in paragraph 5(2)(a), for "£10" there shall be substituted "£15".

(2) This Resolution shall apply where a gift is made after 28th November 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.

25. Value added tax (payments on account)

Resolved, That provision amending section 28 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 may be made about the manner in which payments on account of value added tax are to be made.

26. Value added tax (penalties)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 67 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994—

(a) in subsection (1)(a), after "6" there shall be inserted "7"; and

(b) in subsection (3)(a), for "or 6" there shall be substituted "or 7".

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this Resolution, paragraph (1) of this Resolution shall apply in relation to—

(a) any person who becomes liable to be registered by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994 on or after 1st January 1996; and

(b) any person who becomes liable to be registered by virtue of that sub-paragraph before that date but who has not notified the Commissioners of Customs and Excise of the liability before that date.

(3) In relation to a person falling within paragraph (2)(b) of this Resolution, section 67 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 shall have effect as if in subsection (3)(a) for the words "the date with effect from which he is, in accordance with that paragraph, required to be registered" there were substituted "1st January 1996".

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

27. Landfill tax

Resolved, That provision may be made for charging a tax on disposals of material on or under land.

28. Income tax (charge and rates for 1996–97)

The Question being put, That—

(1) Income tax shall be charged for the year 1996–97, and for that year—

(a) the lower rate shall be 20 per cent.;

(b) the basic rate shall be 24 per cent.; and

(c) the higher rate shall be 40 per cent.

(2) For the year 1996–97 section 1(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall apply—

(a) as if the amount specified in paragraph (aa) were £3,900; and

(b) as if the amount specified in paragraph (b) were £25,500;

and, accordingly, section 1(4) of that Act shall not apply for the year 1996–97.
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 Roger Knapman, Mr Gary Streeter: 313.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Don Foster: 38.

So the Question was agreed to.

29. Lower rate tax on savings

Resolvéd, That the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be amended as follows—

(1) After section 1 there shall be inserted the following section—

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(a) in subsection (2)(b)(ii), for the words from "basic rate on" to the end of the sub-
paragraph there shall be substituted "applicable rate on any interest or bonus paid
on the account before that time;" and

(b) after subsection (2) there shall be inserted the following subsection—

"(2A) In subsection (2)(b)(ii) above "the applicable rate" means—

(a) in the case of interest or bonus paid before 6th April 1996, the basic
rate for the year of assessment in which the payment was made; and

(b) in any other case, the lower rate for the year of assessment in which it
was made."

(4) In section 350, in subsection (1), for "basic rate" there shall be substituted "applicable
rate"; and after that subsection there shall be inserted the following subsection—

"(1A) In subsection (1) above "the applicable rate" means the rate which is
applicable to the payment under section 4."

(5) In paragraph (a)(i) of subsection (2) of section 582, for "basic" there shall be substituted
"applicable"; and after that subsection there shall be inserted the following subsection—

"(2A) In subsection (2) above "the applicable rate", in relation to a year of assessment, means whichever of the basic rate or the lower rate for that year is the
rate at which the person by or through whom the bonds are issued would have had to
deduct income tax from the amount of interest in question if that amount had been
actually paid by or through him."

(6) In subsection (1) of section 737, after "shall apply" there shall be inserted "subject to
subsection (1A) below"; and for subsection (1A) of that section there shall be substituted the
following subsection—

"(1A) The deduction of tax which is deemed to have been made under subsection
(1) above shall be taken to have been made at the lower rate as if the deemed annual
payment were income to which section 1A applied; and—

(a) the reference to the applicable rate in subsection (1) of section 350, so far
as it has effect by virtue of subsection (1) above, and

(b) Schedule 16, so far as it so has effect,
shall be construed accordingly."

(7) In section 737C(6), for "basic" there shall be substituted "lower".

(8) In Schedule 3—

(a) in paragraph 1(c), for "basic" there shall be substituted "lower"; and

(b) in paragraph 6A—

(i) in sub-paragraph (1), for "applicable" there shall be substituted "lower"; and

(ii) sub-paragraph (4) shall cease to have effect.

(9) Paragraphs (1) and (5) to (7) of this Resolution have effect in relation to the year 1996–97
and subsequent years of assessment, paragraphs (2), (4) and (8) of this Resolution have effect
in relation to payments on or after 6th April 1996, and paragraph (3) of this Resolution has
effect as respects withdrawals on or after 6th April 1996.

(10) Where any subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978)
falls to be construed in accordance with section 4 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act
1988, that legislation (whenever it was made) shall be construed, in relation to payments on or
after 6th April 1996, subject to subsection (1A) of that section.

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

30. Income tax (personal allowances)

Resolved, That—

(1) For the year 1996–97, the amounts specified in the provisions mentioned in paragraph
(2) of this Resolution shall be taken to be as set out in that paragraph; and, accordingly, section
257C(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, so far as it relates to the amounts so
specified, shall not apply for the year 1996–97.

(2) In section 257 of that Act—

(a) the amount in subsection (1) shall be £3,765;

(b) the amount in subsection (2) shall be £4,910; and
(c) the amount in subsection (3) shall be £5,090.
And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

31. Blind person's allowance

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 265(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, for "£1,200" there shall be substituted "£1,250".
(2) This Resolution shall apply for the year 1996-97.
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.

32. Relief for interest (limit for 1996-97)

Resolved, That, for the year 1996-97, the qualifying maximum defined in section 367(5) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be £30,000.
And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

33. Corporation tax (charge and rate for financial year 1996)

Resolved, That corporation tax shall be charged for the financial year 1996 at the rate of 33 per cent.

34. Corporation tax (small companies: 1996)

Resolved, That, for the financial year 1996—

(a) the small companies' rate shall be 24 per cent.; and
(b) the fraction mentioned in section 13(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be nine four-hundredths.

35. Government securities, etc.

Resolved, That provision may be made about government securities and securities on which amounts are payable out of public revenue or out of the revenue of any government or of any public or local authority or institution outside the United Kingdom.

36. Loan relationships

Resolved, That provision may be made for the purposes of corporation tax about relationships in which a company stands, or is to be treated as standing, in the position of a creditor or debtor in relation to a debt arising from the lending of money.

37. Discounted securities

Resolved, That provision may be made for the purposes of income tax about securities issued at a discount.

38. Living accommodation provided for employees

Resolved, That provision may be made about the amount chargeable to income tax where living accommodation is provided for a person by reason of his employment.

39. Beneficial loans

Resolved, That provision may be made, amending the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 dealing with beneficial loan arrangements.

40. PAYE settlement agreements

Resolved, That provision may be made for modifying the effect of the Income Tax Acts in cases where an agreement is made between the Commissioners of Inland Revenue and another person as to the amount in respect of tax on the emoluments of employees or office-holders for which that other person is to be accountable to those Commissioners.

41. Self-assessment

Resolved, That provision for the purpose of facilitating the operation of self-assessment may be made about the manner in which, the periods as respects which and the times at which—

(a) assessments may be made or varied, and
(b) matters may be determined for the purposes of the making of assessments.
Resolved. That provision may be made relating to payments on account of liability to income tax.

43. Charitable donations (payroll deduction schemes)

Resolved. That, for the year 1996–97, section 202(7) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall have effect with the substitution of £1,200 for £900.

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.

44. Share option schemes

Resolved. That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about share option schemes, rights obtained under such schemes and shares obtained by the exercise of such rights.

45. Tax relief for Class 4 contributions


46. Relief for certain annual payments

Resolved. That section 347A of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall apply to any payment made on or after 6th April 1996—

(a) in pursuance of any obligation which falls within section 36(4)(a) of the Finance Act 1988, and

(b) for the benefit, maintenance or education of a person (whether or not the person to whom the payment is made) who attained the age of 21 before 6th April 1994, as if that obligation were not an existing obligation within the definition contained in section 36(4) of the Finance Act 1988.

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.

47. Government pilot schemes

Resolved. That provision may be made for the purposes of income tax about temporary arrangements made by the Secretary of State or any Northern Ireland department for the purpose of facilitating a decision as to whether, or to what extent, provision should be made on a permanent basis for or in relation to the payment of a benefit, allowance, grant or other amount.

48. Foreign income dividends

Resolved. That provision may be made about foreign income dividends.

49. Unauthorised unit trusts

Resolved. That provision may be made about the rate at which income tax is chargeable on income arising to the trustees of a unit trust scheme to which section 469 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 applies.

50. Transfer on death under the accrued income scheme


51. Paying agents and collecting agents

Resolved. That provision may be made about dividends falling to be paid or received by persons acting, or treated as acting, as paying agents or collecting agents.

52. Manufactured payments, repos, etc.

Resolved. That provision may be made about manufactured payments, about the sale and repurchase of securities and about the amount taken to be paid or payable in respect of any sale, repurchase or other transfer of securities to which a manufactured payment relates.
53. Cancellation of tax advantages (transactions in securities)
   

54. Trust management expenses
   
   **Resolved,** That provision may be made about the setting-off of trust management expenses against income.

55. Insurance and capital redemption business
   
   **Resolved,** That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made for the purposes of corporation tax about the carrying on of insurance business and about capital redemption business.

56. Insurance companies (provisional repayments)
   
   **Resolved,** That provision may be made amending Schedule 19AB to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

57. Qualifying life insurance policies
   
   **Resolved,** That provision may be made in connection with the requirements to be satisfied if a policy of life insurance is to be a qualifying policy.

58. Loans to participators, etc.
   
   **Resolved,** That provision may be made amending section 419 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

59. Chargeable gains (non-resident companies)
   
   **Resolved,** That provision may be made amending section 13 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

60. Controlled foreign companies
   

61. Directions relating to sales at an undervalue or overvalue
   
   **Resolved,** That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending subsection (3) of section 770 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and the provision re-enacted in that subsection.

62. Petroleum exploration
   
   **Resolved,** That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about the disposal of assets consisting in, or connected with, a licence or other right to search for or win petroleum.

63. Inheritance tax reliefs
   

64. Banking
   
   **Resolved,** That provision may be made in connection with banking.

65. Quotation or listing of securities
   
   **Resolved,** That provision may be made for modifying references in enactments relating to taxation to the quotation or listing of securities.

66. Copyright, designs and artists' receipts
   
   **Resolved,** That provision may be made with respect to sections 534, 535, 537, 537A and 538 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

67. Stamp duty (spoiled instruments)
   
   **Resolved,** That provision may be made about stamp duty where—
   (a) an instrument is inadvertently and undesignedly spoiled; and
   (b) another instrument is made between the same parties and for the same purpose.
Resolved, That provision may be made about stamp duty reserve tax.

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made modifying the operation of Part I of Schedule 2 to the Agriculture Act 1993.

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 provision taking effect in a future year for amending section 186 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to finance, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums payable by the Secretary of State by virtue of provisions of that Act relating to vehicle excise and registration.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions; and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr Secretary Howard, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Secretary Gummer, Mr Secretary Lilley, Mr Secretary Dorrell, Mr William Waldegrave, Mr Michael Jack, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory and Mrs Angela Knight do prepare and bring it in.

9 Finance Bill, Mr Michael Jack accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with Finance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 35].

10 Public Expenditure, The Speaker put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion relating to Public Expenditure, pursuant to Order [22nd November].

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the public expenditure plans announced by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Budget speech on 28th November; congratulates Her Majesty's Government on its continued firm control of public spending and its success in reducing bureaucracy, increasing efficiency and tackling fraud, while providing more resources for the delivery of key public services; applauds Her Majesty's Government's determination to reduce further the share of national income taken by the State; and commends the Government for the success of its Private Finance Initiative and the other innovative ways it is forming partnerships with the private sector to improve the efficiency and quality of public services—(Dr Liam Fox);

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 'rejects the waste, misallocation of resources, the wrong choice of priorities and the huge bills paid for an economic failure which has taken Britain under the Conservatives from 13th to 18th in the world prosperity league and which has brought the real cuts in front-line services now contained in the Government's public expenditure statement; recognises the unacceptable levels and effects of unemployment including the cost to public finances now at £20 billion a year and the fact that it is because the Government is spending these huge sums paying the bills of failure that it is now cutting capital investment, cutting entitlements to social security and overseas aid and cutting the school milk scheme; calls for a welfare to work programme financed by a windfall levy on the monopoly utilities that will get people back to work, reduce the costs of economic failure and release resources for front-line public services; notes that the Government's Budget proposals are a sleight of hand, because what is given with one hand is taken with the other through increases in Council Tax, prescription charges, rent levels, postal charges and transport costs; calls for an approach based on fairness and progressivity, encouraging work and opportunity, with a strategy for long-term productive investment, skills, employment and regional development; on expenditure priorities, calls on the Government to release capital receipts on a phased basis to allow local authority building and employment creation as a result; calls for switches of resources to smaller class sizes from phasing out the Assisted Places Scheme, to front line patient care from the cost of National Health Service bureaucracy and to investment in transport from the cost of rail privatisation; and calls for the
transformation of the failed private finance initiative which has become a back door for privatisation into genuine public-private partnership, with a new taskforce to get investment moving.' instead thereof. — (Mr Andrew Smith.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jane Kennedy, Mr Dennis Turner: 257.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Gary Streeter: 310.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Gary Streeter: 306.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Turner, Jane Kennedy: 276.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the public expenditure plans announced by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Budget speech on 28th November; congratulates Her Majesty's Government on its continued firm control of public spending and its success in reducing bureaucracy, increasing efficiency and tackling fraud, while providing more resources for the delivery of key public services; applauds Her Majesty's Government's determination to reduce further the share of national income taken by the State, and commends the Government for the success of its Private Finance Initiative and the other innovative ways it is forming partnerships with the private sector to improve the efficiency and quality of public services.

11 Health and Safety.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Health and Safety (Repeals and Revocations) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 20th November, be approved.—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

12 Urban Development.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Bristol Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1995, dated 6th November 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved.—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

13 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 City Chambers on Monday 11th December; and
2. in Glasgow City Chambers on Monday 18th December.—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

14 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 Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.4 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Customs and Excise,—Beer (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3059), dated 28th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

3 Ministers of the Crown,—(1) Transfer of Functions (European Parliamentary Pay and
Pensions) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2995), and
(2) Transfer of Functions (Science) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2985)
dated 23rd November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

4 Pensions,—Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3067), dated 29th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


6 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3051), dated 27th November 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

7 Weights and Measures,—Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel Delivered from Road Tankers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3117), dated 30th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

8 Pensions,—Report by the Occupational Pensions Board on the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3067), preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 3052] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

9 Science and Technology,—Report of the Medical Research Council for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees


2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 5th December, to be printed [No. 82-i] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 5th December; to be printed [No. 81-i] [Mr Robert G. Hughes].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 30th November and 5th December; to be printed [Nos. 79-i and 79-ii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDUM

European Standing Committees,— In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. COM (95) 434, relating to reform of the fruit and vegetable regime, has been referred to European Standing Committee A in place of the two unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 8th November, which were referred on 22nd November.
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr Liam Fox);

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr Secretary Forsyth presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered on Tuesday 12th December and to be printed [Bill 14].

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Probation (Amendment) Rules 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Donald Anderson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Statute of the European Schools) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Iain Mills reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 8962/94 and COM (95) 434, relating to the reform of the fruit and vegetable regime and endorses the Government's position on the reform proposals.

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

9 European Standing Committee B,—Sir Michael Shersby reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 9554/95, relating to food aid, and endorses the concerns expressed by the Government in ensuring that the regulation should take account of the United Kingdom approach to food security, provide arrangements for assuring the appropriate allocation of food-aid, its cost effective management, effective use of counterpart funds and the linking of European Community food aid programmes to its country programmes, and have a fixed duration or arrangements for comprehensive review after a fixed period.

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

10 Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—The Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 19 agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Licenses).

Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 14, line 29, to leave out subsection (5) and insert the words—

'(5) An Order under subsection (4) shall be made by Statutory Instrument and shall not be made unless a draft of the Order has been laid before and approved by Resolution of each House of Parliament.'.—(Mr Adam Ingram.)

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

Clauses Nos. 21 to 24 agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Rights of entry etc. for purposes of inspections).
Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 17, line 9, after the word 'the', to insert the words 'Convention and the'—(Mr Harry Cohen.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 26 (Offences in connection with inspections).
Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 18, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—'(d) knowingly makes a false or misleading statement to any member of the inspection team or of the in-country escort, or the observer, in the conduct of that inspection in accordance with the verification annex.'—(Mr Harry Cohen.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 27 to 30 agreed to.

Clause No. 31 (Offences: other provisions).
Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 20, line 35, to leave out the words 'section 2 or 11' and insert the words 'this Act', instead thereof.—(Mr Harry Cohen.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 32 (Disclosure of information).
Amendment (No. 11) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 33 and 34 agreed to.

Clause No. 35 (Power to amend this Act).
Amendment (No. 8) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 36 to 38 agreed to.

A Clause (Annual Reports by Secretary of State)—(Mr. Phillip Oppenheim)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Advisory Committee)—(Mr Adam Ingram)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Richard Ottaway reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

12 Criminal Injuries Compensation.—Resolved, That the draft Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved.—(Mr David Maclean.)

13 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells):—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 Delegated Legislation), That the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

15 Family Law.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Child Support (Compensation for Recipients of Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

16 Family Law.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

17 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

18 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft County Courts (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

19 Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Amendment) (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 Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

20 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom for enfranchisement of homeless people 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 Bowen Wells):

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.22 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Land Registration.—(1) Land Registration (No. 3) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3153), and
(2) Land Registration (Overriding Leases) Rules 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3154),
dated 6th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Jonathan Evans].

2 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Adopted Children Register and Parental Order Register (Form of Entry) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3158),
dated 29th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

3 Road Traffic.—Motorways Traffic (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3070),
dated 22nd November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

4 Value Added Tax.—Value Added Tax (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3147),
dated 6th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].
Other Papers:

5 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) the Protection of Scottish Fisheries, and
(2) the Sale of London Transport’s Bus Operating Companies
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 28 and 29] [Clerk of the House].

6 National Insurance Fund,—Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31st March 1995 as investments for moneys, forming part of the National Insurance Fund, paid over to them under section 161(3) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

7 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Account of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 18] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

8 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 and the Army Reserve [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

9 Science and Technology,—Report of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

10 Treaty Series (No. 95, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Kinshasa on 5th December 1994 and Brazzaville on 10th December 1994 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Congo concerning certain commercial debts (the United Kingdom/Congo Debt Agreement No. 3 (1994)) [by Command] [Cm. 3110] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

11 Treaty Series (No. 96, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Jakarta on 5th May and 21st June 1995 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 [by Command] [Cm. 3127] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

12 Treaty Series (No. 97, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Oslo on 6th June and 2nd 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 export of uranium to Norway [by Command] [Cm. 3111] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

13 Turkmenistan (No. 2, 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 on co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture [by Command] [Cm. 3121] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Uncertificated Securities Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Jonathan Aitken, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr James Couchman, Mr Iain Duncan-Smith, Mr Harold Ellettson, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Peter Griffiths, Sir Archie Hamilton, Mr Greville Janner, Mrs Angela Knight, Mr Gordon Prentice, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Richard Spring, Rachel Squire, Mr Don Touhig and Joan Walley.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Rupert Allason, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Stuart Bell, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Mr Michael Cartiss, Judith Church, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Nigel Forman, Dr Liam Fox, Dr John Gilbert, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Norman Lamont, Mr Michael Lord, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Philip Oppenheim, Mr Ian Pearson and Mr Alan Simpson.

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1995, viz.: Hilary...
Armstrong, Mr Harry Barnes, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr David Evans, Sir John Gorm, Mr Kevin Hughes, Helen Jackson, Mr Alan Keen, Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr David Martin, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Gordon Oakes, Mr David Rendel, Mr Michael Spicer, Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Mr Ray Whitney.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Income-related Benefits Schemes and Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1995, viz.:. Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr John Butcher, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Roger Evans, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr David Hunt, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Bill McInie, Mr Richard Ottaway and Mr Terry Rooney.

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances and on Gifts) (Netherlands) Order 1995, viz.: Ms Diane Abbot, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Stephen Day, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Michael Jack, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Sir Peter Lloyd, Mr Paul Marland, Mr David Mellor, Mr Mike O'Brien, Mr Barry Porter, Sir Trevor Skeet and Mr David Sumberg.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 6th December; to be printed [No. 40-iii] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 6th December, with part of a Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 89-i] [Mr Michael Colvin].

3 Education,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 6th December; to be printed [No. 63-i] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 6th December; to be printed [No. 22-iv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 European Legislation,—Third Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-iii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 6th December; to be printed [No. 53-iv] [Mr Clive Soley].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—(1) First Special Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Government Response to the Fourth and Fifth Reports from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1994-95]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 6th December;

...
MEMORANDA

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

   (1) the draft Uncertificated Securities Regulations 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;
   (2) the Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;
   (3) the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;
   (4) the Income-related Benefits Schemes and Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1995 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (5) the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances and on Gifts) (Netherlands) Order 1995 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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

   (1) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the meeting of the Scottish Grand Committee on Monday 11th December;
   (2) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the meeting of the Scottish Grand Committee on Monday 18th December;
   (3) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Uncertificated Securities Regulations 1995;
   (4) Mr Frank Cook Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 1995;
   (5) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1995;
   (6) Sir David Knox Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Income-related Benefits Schemes and Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1995;
   (7) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances and on Gifts) (Netherlands) Order 1995;
   (8) Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 6612/94, relating to environmental impact assessments;
   (9) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document COM (95) 33 and the European Monetary Institute Report, relating to the single currency;
   (10) Sir John Hunt Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of 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; and
   (11) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 10836/95, relating to state aid to the Irish steel industry.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the following referral and substitution have been made—

   (1) The unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 30th November, relating to environmental impact assessments, has been referred to European Standing Committee A; and
   (2) The European Monetary Institute Report, relating to the changeover to the single currency, has been referred to European Standing Committee B in place of the
unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 16th November, which was referred on 22nd November.

4 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 Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 16.]

Thursday 7th December 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 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir David Knox reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 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.

5 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 [5th December] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Bowen Wells)—It was agreed to.

6 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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Building Societies (Designation of Qualifying Bodies) (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3063),

(3) Building Societies (Liquid Asset) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3064), and

(4) Building Societies (Syndicated Lending) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3066), dated 4th December 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].


3 Fire Services,—Fire Services (Notification of Establishment Schemes) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3176), dated 30th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].
4 Rating and Valuation,—Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3177), dated 4th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

5 Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3095), dated 28th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

6 Trade Marks,—Community Trade Marks (Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3175), dated 5th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


Other Papers:

8 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Education and Library Boards: Maintenance of Board Property [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 16] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].


10 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—(1) Account of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 37] [Mr Secretary Forsyth], and

(2) Report of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 7th December; to be printed [No. 59-iii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 7th December; to be printed [No. 23-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 7th December; to be printed [No. 79-iii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 17.]

Friday 8th December 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

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

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 Monday 18th December, Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community Documents) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to fisheries, and the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings thereon not later than Ten o'clock.—(Mr Simon Burns.)
4 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to Three
o'clock, adjourned till Monday 11th December.

[Adjourned at 2.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Special Educational Needs Tribunal Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3113),
dated 30th November 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

2 Environmental Protection,—(1) Air Quality Standards (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I.,
1995, No. 3146), dated 4th December 1995, and
(2) Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (No. 4) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995,
No. 3099), dated 29th November 1995
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 Housing,—Approval of Codes of Management Practice (Residential Property) (No. 2) Order
1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3149), dated 5th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

4 Local Government,—(1) Local Government Act 1988 (Defined Activities) (Competition)
3108), dated 30th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer], and
(2) Local Government Changes for England (Local Management of Schools)
Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3114), dated 27th November 1995 [by Act] [Mrs
Secretary Shephard].

5 Medicines,—Medicines (Products Other Than Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only)
[Mr Secretary Dorrell].

6 New Towns,—New Town (East Kilbride) (Transfer of Property, Rights and Liabilities)
Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3068), dated 27th November 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
Forsyth].

3119), dated 4th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 Rating and Valuation,—Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (England) (Amendment)
Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3181), dated 7th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
Gummer].

Other Papers:

9 European Communities Series (No. 13, 1995),—Convention, done at Brussels on 26th July
1995, based on Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on the establishment of a
European Police Office (Europol Convention) with declarations [by Command] [Cm. 3050] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Treaty Series (No. 99, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Cairo on 13th and 19th April 1992,
between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt concerning certain commercial debts
(the United Kingdom/Egypt Debt Agreement No. 2 (1991)) [by Command] [Cm. 3109]
[Mr Secretary Rifkind].

movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal, opened for signature at Basel on
22nd March 1989, at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland in Berne
from 23rd March to 30th June 1989 and at United Nations Headquarters in New York
from 1st July 1989 to 22nd March 1990 [by Command] [Cm. 3108] [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 Asylum and Immigration Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Asylum and Immigration Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House, while recognising the need to prevent fraudulent claims for asylum, declines to give the Asylum and Immigration Bill a Second Reading because the Bill will adversely affect genuine asylum seekers; believes that designating countries as safe by order is contrary to the law and spirit of international human rights; and further condemns the removal by order of social security provision for asylum seekers, noting that social security spending on asylum seekers amounts to only 0.25 per cent. of the total social security budget, as this will result in the widespread destitution of asylum seekers awaiting the result of appeals against refusal', instead thereof.—(Mr David Alton.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Paul Tyler: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 319.

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 Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 319.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Bridget Prentice: 284.

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 special standing committee—(Mr Jack Straw);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Max Madden, Mr David Alton: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 314.

So the Question was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared that the Bill stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Scottish Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the Scottish Grand Committee shall meet at half-past Ten o'clock:

1. in the New Parliament House, Edinburgh, on Monday 15th January to take
Questions for oral answer and to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee;

2. in the Albert Halls, Stirling, on Monday 29th January to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee;

3. in the Highland Regional Council Buildings, Inverness, on Monday 5th February to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee;

4. in the Town and County Hall, Aberdeen, on Monday 19th February to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee;

5. in Scotland on Monday 4th March to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee;

6. in Scotland on Friday 15th March to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee;

7. in Scotland on Monday 22nd April to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee;

8. in Scotland on Monday 13th May to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee;

9. in Scotland on Monday 20th May to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee;

10. in Scotland on Monday 10th June to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee;

11. in Scotland on Monday 17th June to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee;

12. in Scotland on Monday 8th July to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

5 Social Security,—Ordered, That Mr Alan Duncan be discharged from the Social Security Committee and Mr Edward Leigh be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

6 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Christopher Gill be added to the Welsh Affairs Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Newburgh and other places for hastened construction of the Ormskirk and Burscough by-passes and a weight limit on the A5209 road 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 Simon Burns.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.8 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3161), and

(2) Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3160),

dated 6th December 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

3 Customs and Excise.—(1) Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Application to Customs and Excise) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3217), dated 6th December 1995 [by Act], and


[Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

4 Education.—(1) City of Sunderland College (Government) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3204), and

(2) City of Sunderland College (Incorporation) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3203), dated 11th December 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

5 Food.—(1) Bread and Flour Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3202), dated 8th December 1995,

(2) Colours in Food Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3124), dated 3rd December 1995,

(3) Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3189), dated 8th December 1995,


[by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

6 Housing.—Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3148), dated 5th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


(2) Income Tax (Manufactured Interest) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3221), dated 6th December 1995,

(3) Income Tax (Stock Lending) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3219), dated 6th December 1995,

(4) Insurance Companies (Gilt-edged Securities) (Periodic Accounting for Tax on Interest) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3223), dated 11th December 1995,

(5) Lloyd's Underwriters (Gilt-edged Securities) (Periodic Accounting for Tax on Interest) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3225), dated 11th December 1995, and


[by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

8 Judicial Retirement.—Retirement Age of General Commissioners Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3192), dated 8th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Jonathan Evans].


(2) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3150), dated 7th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague]; and

(3) Revenue Support Grant (Specified Bodies) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3184), dated 7th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].
10 Medicines.—(1) Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3215), dated 11th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell]; and
(2) Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Pharmacy and Merchants’ List) (Amendment) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3193), dated 8th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

11 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3128), dated 5th December 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

12 National Health Service (Scotland).—(1) National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3200),
(2) National Health Service (General Medical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3199), and
(3) National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3201), dated 7th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

13 Pensions.—Occupational Pension Schemes (Equal Treatment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3183), dated 7th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

14 Social Security.—Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3152), dated 5th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


Other Papers:

16 Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries.—Report and Accounts of British Shipbuilders for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

17 Deregulation.—Proposal by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the draft Deregulation (Gaming Machines and Betting Office Facilities) Order 1995, with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

18 Explosives.—Report of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland for 1994 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 17] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

19 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the petition [28th March 1995, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Coventry against the use, manufacture and export of anti-personnel mines [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Memorandum laid before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 21] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 Public Accounts.—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 11th December; to be printed [No. 96-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

3 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 11th December; to be printed [No. 79-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 Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee A.

2 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 Delegated Legislation in respect of the Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 1995, in place of Mr Frank Cook.
Tuesday 12th December 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill,—
The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Friendly Societies) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 17th July, the proposal should be amended before a draft order is laid before the House.

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Slaughterhouses Act 1974 and Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Act 1980) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 16th October, the proposal should be amended before a draft order is laid before the House.

That the draft Deregulation (Corn Returns Act 1882) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 27th November, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Uncertificated Securities Regulations 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3022).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 6612/94 and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 30th November, relating to environmental impact assessments; recognises the Government’s continuing commitment that full consideration be given to environmental matters in decision-making processes; welcomes the Government’s intention to press for the removal of a number of unnecessarily prescriptive provisions in the draft proposals; and supports the Government’s intention to seek clarification of certain provisions.

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

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)333 on the practical arrangements for the introduction of the single currency and the European Monetary Institute Report, dated November 1995, on the changeover to the single currency; and agrees with the Government that Protocol 11 annexed to the EC Treaty, which means that the United Kingdom is not committed to move to Stage 3 of Economic and Monetary Union, and can decide whether to join on the basis of the United Kingdom’s national interest given the circumstances at the time, is to be welcomed.

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

9 Education (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.L., 1995, No. 1713) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.
10 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Training for Work (Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise Programmes) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1752) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

11 Civil Aviation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Civil Aviation (Aerial Advertising) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2943) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

12 Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill.—The Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

13 Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) 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 under any other Act—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

14 Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill.—The Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

15 Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other Act—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

16 Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That any Act resulting from the Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill may make provision about liability to non-domestic rates in respect of pitches occupied by caravans and moorings occupied by boats—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

17 Sittings of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Wednesday 20th December, do adjourn till Tuesday 9th January—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

18 European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Statute of the European Schools) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

19 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

20 Reform of the Fruit and Vegetable 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. 8962/94 and COM(95) 434, relating to the reform of the fruit and vegetable regime, and endorses the Government’s position on the reform proposals—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

21 Food Aid.—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. 9554/95, relating to food aid, and endorses the concerns expressed by the Government in ensuring that the regulation should take account of the United Kingdom approach to food security, provide arrangements for assuring the appropriate allocation of food aid, its cost-effective management, effective use of counterpart funds and the linking of European Community food aid programmes
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Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Draft Potato Marketing Scheme (Commencement of Revocation Period) Order 1995 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

2 Social Security,—Draft Employer's Contributions Re-imbursement Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Housing (Scotland),—Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3185), dated 5th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


5 Social Security,—Housing Benefit (Permitted Totals) Amendment Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3151), dated 5th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

6 Road Traffic,—Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations and General Directions 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3107), dated 29th November 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Other Papers:

7 Environment,—Paper entitled: Making Waste Work—a strategy for sustainable waste management in England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 3040] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

8 Inland Revenue,—Paper entitled: The Path to Tax Simplification [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees


2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 12th December; to be printed [No. 99-i] [Mr Greville Janner].
3 Finance and Services,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Finance and Services Committee on 21st November; to be printed [No. 97] [Mr Paul Channon].

4 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 12th December; to be printed [No. 81-ii] [Mr Robert G. Hughes].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 20.]

Wednesday 13th December 1995.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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 Sir David Lincoln Lightbown, Knight, Member for South East Staffordshire. 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 Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill,—
The Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment 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 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.


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9 European Standing Committee A,—Sir John Hunt reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 9491/93 and 7511/95, and of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 2nd June 1995, relating to integrated pollution prevention and control; welcomes the Common Position achieved on this proposal on 22nd June; regrets the inclusion of certain activities in the Directive's scope, such as intensive livestock farming, food production and some industrial sectors, which do not readily lend themselves to this integrated approach; but congratulates the Government on the Common Position as a whole, which will secure the application in Europe of an innovative British approach to pollution control.

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

10 European Standing Committee B,—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee is seriously concerned regarding European Community Document No. 10836/95, relating to the restructuring of the Irish steel industry, that the proposed aid package will significantly increase production at Irish Steel, adding further
to the existing overcapacity in the European Union; notes that these proposals are a direct threat to United Kingdom jobs, particularly at Shelton and Scunthorpe; and further notes that these proposals are completely contrary to previous United Kingdom Government and European Union policy and should not be agreed.

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

11 British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill.—Mr John Butterfill, supported by Mr John MacGregor, Mr Greville Janner, Sir Terence Higgins, Mr Paul Tyler, Ann Clwyd, Sir Peter Lloyd, Mr John Maxton, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr David Rendel, Mrs Anne Campbell and Dr Tony Wright, presented a Bill to advance by one hour the time for general purposes throughout the year: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th January and to be printed [Bill 15].

12 Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill.—Mr Alan Meale, supported by Mr John McFall, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Elliot Morley, Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Eric Clarke, Sir Teddyl Taylor, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr David Winnick and Mr Tony Banks, presented a Bill to make provision for the protection of wild mammals from certain cruel acts; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th January and to be printed [Bill 16].

13 Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill.—Mr John Marshall, supported by Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Harlley Booth, Mrs Ann Winterton, Sir Michael Neubert, Mr Julian Brazier, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Donald Anderson, Mr Michael Alison and Mr Norman Hogg, presented a Bill to make provision about conspiracy, or incitement, to commit certain sexual acts outside the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 17].

14 Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill.—Mr David Winnick, supported by Mr Alex Carlile, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Hugh Dykes, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr George Foulates, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr Doug Hoyle, Mr Greville Janner, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Andrew Rowe and Mr Allan Stewart, presented a Bill to prohibit the use of upper age limits in the advertising of employment vacancies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th February and to be printed [Bill 18].

15 Noise Bill.—Mr Harry Greenway, supported by Mr Robert Atkins, Sir Michael Neubert, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Sir Marcus Fox, Mrs Lin Golding, Mr Richard Tracey, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Tony Banks, Mr John Marshall, Mr David Evennett and Mr Robin Corbett, presented a Bill to make provision about noise emitted from dwellings at night; about the forfeiture and confiscation of equipment used to make noise unlawfully; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th February and to be printed [Bill 19].

16 Public Interest Disclosure Bill.—Mr Don Touhig, supported by Mr Malcolm Bruce, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr Iain Duncan-Smith, Mr Derek Fatchett, Sir David Knox, Mr Giles Radice, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Richard Shepherd and Dr Tony Wright, 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 protect the identity of sources of information in certain cases; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 20].

17 Treasure Bill.—Sir Anthony Grant, supported by Mr Peter Brooke, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr A. J. Beith, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Andrew Faulds, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr Robert Key and Mr Richard Spring, presented a Bill to abolish treasure trove and to make fresh provision in relation to treasure: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th March and to be printed [Bill 21].

18 Trading Schemes Bill.—Sir Nicholas Scott, supported by Mr Robert Hicks, Sir David Knox and Sir David Madel, presented a Bill to make provision in respect of certain trading schemes; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 22].

19 Gender Identity (Registration and Civil Status) Bill.—Mr Alex Carlile, supported by Mrs Edwina Currie, Dr Lynne Jones, Mr Jerry Hayes and Glenda Jackson, presented a Bill to make provision in relation to sex reassignment treatment and the registration and civil status of those who have undergone such treatment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 23].

20 Offensive Weapons Bill.—Lady Olga Maitland, supported by Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Charles Wardle, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Jerry Hayes, Sir Ivan Lawrence, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Jacques Arnold, Sir Patrick Cormack, and
Sir Michael Neubert, presented a Bill to make provision about arrest without warrant, and punishment, in connection with offences under section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953 and section 139 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th January and to be printed [Bill 24].

21 Railway Heritage Bill.—Mr Mark Robinson, supported by Mr Ray Whitney, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Mr David Amess, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr Tim Smith, Mr John Whittingdale, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr David Nicholson and Mr Robert Jackson, presented a Bill to make further provision for and in connection with the preservation of railway records and artefacts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th February and to be printed [Bill 25].

22 Wildlife Bill.—Mr James Couchman, supported by Sir John Hannam, Sir John Hunt, Mr Jim Lester, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Cynog Dafis and Mr Harry Greenway, presented a Bill to make further provision for the protection of areas of special scientific interest; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th February and to be printed [Bill 26].

23 Leasehold (Reform) Bill.—Mrs Jacqui Lait, supported by Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Nigel Forman, Dr Ian Twinn and Mr Roger Gale, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to leasehold and to introduce a system of commonhold property tenure: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th March and to be printed [Bill 27].

24 Interest on Debts Bill.—Mr Jon Owen Jones, supported by Sir Wyn Roberts, Mr Peter Hain, Mr David Alton, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Doug Hoyle, Jean Corston and Ms Diane Abbott, presented a Bill to amend the law by making provision for certain debts to carry interest; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 28].

25 Non-Domestic Rating (Information) Bill.—Mr Allan Stewart, supported by Sir Hector Monro, Mr Phil Gallie and Mr Bill Walker, presented a Bill to make provision for and in connection with the disclosure by persons who are valuation officers or assessors to other such persons of information connected with non-domestic rating: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th February and to be printed [Bill 29].

26 Law Reform (Year and a Day Rule) Bill.—Mr Doug Hoyle, supported by Mr Alan Milburn, Sir Ivan Lawrence, Mr David Trimble, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Don Dixon, Dame Jill Knight, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr John Greenway, Mr John Hutton and Jean Corston, presented a Bill to abolish the "year and a day rule" and, in consequence of its abolition, to impose a restriction on the institution in certain circumstances of proceedings for a fatal offence: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th February and to be printed [Bill 30].

27 Energy Conservation Bill.—Mr Alan Simpson, supported by Alice Mahon, Sir John Hannam, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Llew Smith, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Gary Waller, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Dafydd Wigley, Mr Robert Hicks and Mr Harry Greenway, presented a Bill to make further provision for energy conservation; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 31].

28 Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill.—Mr Andrew Hunter, supported by Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, Dame Jill Knight, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Henry Bellingham and Sir David Madel, 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 19th January and to be printed [Bill 32].

29 Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill.—Mr Richard Burden, supported by Helen Jackson, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr David Nicholson, Joan Raddock, Mr David Jamison, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Peter L. Pike, Jean Corston and Mr Nick Ainger, presented a Bill to provide for the conservation of water resources by the establishment of mandatory water leakage targets for water undertakers; by requiring water undertakers to encourage the installation of water efficient fittings in homes; and by providing for the review of abstraction licences which affect sites of nature conservation value; and to give domestic consumers greater choice as to methods of charging for the supply of water: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th January and to be printed [Bill 33].
30 Prisoners' Earnings Bill.—Mr Hartley Booth, supported by Sir John Cope, Sir Peter Lloyd, Mr Michael Alison, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr John Marshall, Mr David Tredinnick, Mr Nigel Waterson, Dr Ian Twin, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Paul Flynn and Mr Douglas French: presented a Bill to authorise deductions from or levies on prisoners' earnings; to provide for the application of such deductions or levies; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th February and to be printed [Bill 34].

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

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

32 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Uncertificated Securities Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—It was agreed to.

33 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3022), a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—It was agreed to.

34 Environmental Impact Assessments.—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. 6612/94 and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 30th November 1995, relating to environmental impact assessments; recognises the Government's continuing commitment that full consideration be given to environmental matters in decision-making processes; welcomes the Government's intention to press for the removal of a number of unnecessarily prescriptive provisions in the draft proposals; and supports the Government's intention to seek clarification of certain provisions—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—It was agreed to.

35 The Single Currency.—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)333 on the practical arrangements for the introduction of the single currency and the European Monetary Institute Report, dated November 1995, on the changeover to the single currency, and agrees with the Government that Protocol 11 annexed to the EC Treaty, which means that the United Kingdom is not committed to move to Stage 3 of Economic and Monetary Union, and can decide whether to join on the basis of the United Kingdom's national interest given the circumstances at the time, is to be welcomed—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—It was agreed to.

36 Standards and Privileges.—Ordered, That Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Iain Duncan-Smith, Mr John Evans, Mr Doug Hoyle, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr Nigel Jones, Dame Jill Knight, Sir David Mitchell, Mr Tony Newton and Mrs Ann Taylor be members of the Select Committee on Standards and Privileges.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

37 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.14 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Sea Fisheries,—Saithe (Specified Sea Areas) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3245), dated 13th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

Other Papers:

3 Asylum and Immigration,—Report of the Independent Monitor of Entry Clearance Refusals for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
4 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) Separation of Younger from Older Patients in Hospital

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 41 and 25] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

5 Miscellaneous (No. 11, 1995).—Agreement, adopted by the FAO Conference on 23rd November 1993, to promote compliance with international conservation and management measures by fishing vessels on the high seas [by Command] [Cm. 3106] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

6 National Health Service (Scotland).—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust for the period 1st August 1994 to 31st July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

7 Science and Technology.—Report of the Economic and Social Research Council for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

8 Treaty Series (No. 21, 1995).—First Supplementary List of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc., for 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3048] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

9 Treaty Series (No. 102, 1995).—Notes exchanged at London on 24th June 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador concerning the United Kingdom/Ecuador Debt Rescheduling Agreement (1994) [by Command] [Cm. 3112] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Treaty Series (No. 103, 1995).—Notes exchanged at Dakar on 25th November and 26th December 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Senegal concerning certain commercial debts (The United Kingdom/Senegal Debt Agreement No. 10 (1994)) [by Command] [Cm. 3107] [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 seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Ainsworth, Hilary Armstrong, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr David Congdon, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Mr Douglas French, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Gordon Oakes, Mr Eric Pickles, Bridget Prentice, Mr David Rendel, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr Roy Thomason.

2 Standing Committee A.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Ainsworth, Hilary Armstrong, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr David Congdon, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Mr Douglas French, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Gordon Oakes, Mr Eric Pickles, Bridget Prentice, Mr David Rendel, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr Roy Thomason.

3 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 Asylum and Immigration Bill, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr David Alton, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr James Couchman, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Maria Fyfe, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Keith Hill, Mr George Howarth, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr John Hutton, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr David Lidington, Mr Max Madden, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Piers Merchant, Dr Robert Spink and Ann Widdecombe.

4 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 Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Kevin Barron, Ann Colley, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr John Horam, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Jim Lester, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Andrew Miller, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Nigel Waterston and Dr Tony Wright.
5 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Jimmy Hood, Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mrs Ray Michie, Emma Nicholson, Mr Raymond S. Robertson, Rachel Squire, Sir Donald Thompson and Mr Bill Walker.

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1996 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Michael Alison, Mr Kenneth Baker, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr William Cash, Judith Church, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr Don Foster, Mr John Greenway, Mr Mike Hall, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Robert Jackson, Alice Mahon, Mr James Paice, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Tim Rathbone and Mr Gary Streeter.

7 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Training for Work (Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise Programmes) Order 1995, viz.: Mr David Atkinson, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr George Galloway, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr George Kynoch, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr John McFall, Mr John Maxton, Mrs Ray Michie, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Mark Robinson, Mr Neville Trotter, Mr Mark Wolfson and Mr Jimmy Wray.

8 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Civil Aviation (Aerial Advertising) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Vivian Bendall, Sir Graham Bright, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr David Chidgey, Dr Michael Clark, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Jerry Hayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Colin Pickhail, Mr Stuart Randall, Sir Keith Speed, Mr George Stevenson, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr Peter Thurnham and Mr Stephen Timms.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No. 40-iv]; and (2) Memorandum laid before the Agriculture Committee [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No. 105-ij] [Mr Michael Colvin].

3 Education.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 13th December; to be printed [Nos. 63-ii and 95-i] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No. 22-v] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 European Legislation.—Fourth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-iv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No. 45-ii] [Mr David Howell].

7 Home Affairs.—(1) First Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Murder: the Mandatory Life Sentence], 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 Home Affairs Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No. 112-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].
8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No. 53-v] [Mr Clive Soley].

9 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 13th December; to be printed [No. 84-ii] [Mr James Pawsey].

10 Public Accounts,—(1) Fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Financial Controls in Training and Enterprise Councils 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. 108];

(2) Sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [A Review of the Financial Controls over Indirectly Funded Operations of the Metropolitan Police Service]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 109];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 13th December; to be printed [No. 110-i]; and

(4) Memorandum laid before the Committee of Public Accounts [Mr Robert Sheldon].

11 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No. 104] [Mr William McKelvey].

12 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No. 90-ii] [Mr Frank Field].

13 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No. 87-ii] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

14 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 13th December; to be printed [No. 106-i] [Mr Paul Channon].

15 Treasury,—(1) Second Report from the Treasury Committee [The 1996 Inter-Governmental Conference]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 107];

(2) First Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee of Session 1994-95 (The Regulation of Financial Services in the UK)]; to be printed [No. 98]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 13th December to be printed [No. 79-v]

[Sir Thomas Arnold].

16 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 13th December; to be printed [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 Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill to Standing Committee A;

(2) the Asylum and Immigration Bill to Standing Committee D;

(3) the Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee E;

(4) the Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(5) the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1996 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(6) the Training for Work (Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise Programmes) Order 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(7) the Civil Aviation (Aerial Advertising) Regulations 1995 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed—
(1) Mr John McWilliam and Sir Giles Shaw Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill;

(2) Sir Michael Shersby and Mr Edward O'Hara Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Asylum and Immigration Bill;

(3) Mr Nicholas Winterton and Mr Donald Anderson Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill;

(4) Mr Iain Mills Chairman of the first Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Regulations;

(5) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1996 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1996;

(6) Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Training for Work (Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise Programmes) Order 1995; and

(7) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Civil Aviation (Aerial Advertising) Regulations 1995.

3 European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), The unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 8th December 1995, relating to Fisheries total allowable catches and quotas for 1996, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

[No. 21.]

Thursday 14th December 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Promoters of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the last Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as were made by him in the last Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 any previous Session—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means);

And objection being taken to further proceeding, the debate stood adjourned;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 11th January.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances and on Gifts) (Netherlands) Order 1995.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee consisting of twelve Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills; that they have ordered that such Committee have power to agree with the Committee of the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman; and that the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee from time to time be printed and, if the Committee think fit, be delivered out.

7 Estimates [1st allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Resolution [7th December], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee).

Vote on Account, 1996–97 (Class XI, Vote 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a sum not exceeding £13,948,653,000 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 1997 for expenditure by the Department of Health on or in relation to hospital, community health, mental health, family health and family health service administration services, National Health Service trusts, and on related services—(Mr John Horam);

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, 1996–97 (Class XVI, Vote 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a sum not exceeding £30,079,000 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 1997 for expenditure by Her Majesty’s Treasury on economic, financial and related administration, including debt management; payments to certain parliamentary bodies; and certain other services including expenses in connection with Honours and Dignities and a grant in aid to the Private Finance Panel Executive—(Mrs Angela Knight);

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).

8 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 19th December, the Speaker shall—

(i) put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to Fisheries not later than three hours after their commencement or Seven o’clock, whichever is the later, and Standing Order No. 14B (Procedures under an Act or on European Community documents) shall not apply; and

(ii) put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to Scottish Business not later than one and a half hours after their commencement, such Questions including those on any amendments to the Motion which she may have selected which may then be moved.—(Mr Tony Newton.)

9 Humber Bridge (Debts) Bill.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Humber Bridge (Debts) 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.)

10 European Standing Committees.—Ordered, That the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 8th December 1995, relating to fisheries: total allowable catches and quotas for 1996, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee A.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)
11 Estimates [1st allotted day].—It being Ten o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), put the deferred Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on Vote on Account, 1996–97 (Class XI, Vote 1 and Class XVI, Vote 1).

Class XI, Vote 1

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £13,948,653,000 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 1997 for expenditure by the Department of Health on or in relation to hospital, community health, mental health, family health and family health service administration services, National Health Service trusts, and on related services.

Class XVI, Vote 1

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30,079,000 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 1997 for expenditure by Her Majesty’s Treasury on economic, financial and related administration, including debt management; payments to certain parliamentary bodies; and certain other services including expenses in connection with Honours and Dignities and a grant in aid to the Private Finance Panel Executive.

12 Estimates.—The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions required to be put, pursuant to paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 53 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Supplementary Estimates, 1995–96

Resolved, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £1,915,196,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges for defence and civil services which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1996, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 4 of Session 1995–96.

Estimates, 1996–97 (Vote on Account)

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £81,414,396,000 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 X; Class XI, Votes 2 and 3; Classes XII to XV; Class XVI, Votes 2 to 15; Classes XVII and XVIII; and Classes XVIII, A and XVIII, B for the year ending on 31st March 1997, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 5, 6 and 7 of Session 1995–96.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in on the foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr William Waldegrave, Mr Michael Jack, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory and Mrs Angela Knight do prepare and bring it in.

13 Consolidated Fund Bill.—Mr Michael Jack accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 1996 and 1997: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 18th December and to be printed [Bill 13].

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 Ten o’clock, adjourned till Monday 18th December.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Health and Safety.—Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3163), dated 6th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


4 Rating and Valuation.—Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3235), dated 12th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].
5 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1995 (SI., 1995, No. 3162), dated 6th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Other Papers:

6 British Library,—Report of the British Library for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

7 Churches Conservation,—Report and Accounts of the Churches Conservation Trust for 1994-95 [by Measure] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

8 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation),—Report of the Secretary of State for Health on Development of Services for People with Learning Disabilities (Mental Handicap) or Mental Illness in England for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 76] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

9 Environmental Protection,—Report and Accounts of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummed.

10 Fair Employment (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Fair Employment Commission for Northern Ireland for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 8] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

11 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Code of Practice of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

12 International Labour Conference,—Presentation of a Convention and a Recommendation adopted at the 81st Session of the International Labour Conference (1994) and the proposed action by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Convention and Recommendation [by Command] [Cm. 3129] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

13 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce: Preventing, Detecting and Acting on Irregularities [by Act]; to be printed [No. 78] [Clerk of the House].

14 Prisons (Northern Ireland),—Report on the work of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 65] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

15 Science and Technology,—Accounts of—

(1) the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, and

(2) the Economic and Social Research Council,

for 1994-95, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 114 and 113] [Clerk of the House].


APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Mr Patrick McLoughlin (nominated in respect of the Civil Aviation (Aerial Advertising) Regulations 1995) and had appointed in substitution Mr Gyles Brandreth.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 14th December; to be printed [No. 59-iv] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 14th December; to be printed [No. 23-v] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].
18th December 1995

[No. 22.]

Monday 18th December 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in accordance with Standing Order 81 relating to Private Business (Division of bills between this House and the House of Lords), he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Lords, viz:

- Australia and New Zealand Banking Group
- Belfast Charitable Society
- City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage)

and that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Commons, viz:

- Allied Irish Banks
- Henry Johnson, Sons & Co., Limited
- University College London.

2 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:

- Allied Irish Banks
- Australia and New Zealand Banking Group
- Belfast Charitable Society
- City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage)
- Henry Johnson, Sons & Co., Limited
- University College London.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

- Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.
- Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Consolidated Fund Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund 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.

7 Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

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

8 Copyright,—Resolved, That the draft Duration of Copyright and Rights in Performances Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 20th November, be approved.—(Mr Ian Taylor.)
9 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1995, which were laid before this House on 30th November, be approved—(Mr Roger Freeman):—It was agreed to.

10 Taxes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances and on Gifts) (Netherlands) Order 1995 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 16th October, in the last Session of Parliament—(Mr Roger Freeman):—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.

11 Pollution.—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. 9491/93 and 7511/95, and of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 2nd June 1995, relating to integrated pollution prevention and control; welcomes the Common Position achieved on this proposal on 22nd June; regrets the inclusion of certain activities in the Directive’s scope, such as intensive livestock farming, food production and some industrial sectors, which do not readily lend themselves to this integrated approach; but congratulates the Government on the Common Position as a whole, which will secure the application in Europe of an innovative British approach to pollution control—(Mr Roger Freeman):—It was agreed to.

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

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

13 Broadcasting.—Ordered, That Mr Patrick McLoughlin be discharged from the Select Committee on Broadcasting and Mr Derek Conway be added to the Committee.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

14 Public Service.—Ordered, That Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Hartley Booth, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr John Gunnell, Mr David Hanson, Mr David Hunt, Sir Peter Lloyd, Mr Giles Radice and Dr Tony Wright be members of the Public Service Committee.—(Mr Andrew Mackay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Rochdale and other places for an improved system of funding nursery education was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of York for a moratorium on mahogany imports was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 15th December 1995 (Non-sitting Friday, S. O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Miscellaneous (No. 13, 1995).—Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Foreign Compensation Commission for the financial year ended 31st March 1995 [Cm. 3123] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

2 Rural Scotland,—Paper entitled, Rural Scotland, People, Prosperity and Partnership: The Government’s Policies for the Rural Communities of Scotland [Cm. 3041] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].
3 Treaty Series (No. 98, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Oslo on 12th and 16th May 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 [Cm. 3111] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


5 Treaty Series (No. 105, 1995),—Notes exchanged between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bolivia concerning the United Kingdom/Bolivia Debt Agreement No. 5 (1995) [Cm. 3117] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


7 Treaty Series (No. 112, 1995),—Agreement, done at Vientiane on 1st June 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic for the promotion and protection of investments [Cm. 3054] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 15th December 1995 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

8 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Dog Racecourse Totalisator Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3232), dated 10th December 1995 [Mr Secretary Howard].

9 Insurance,—Insurance Companies (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3248), dated 14th December 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 National Health Service,—Sussex Ambulance Service National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3182), dated 7th December 1995 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 18th December 1995:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


12 Northern Ireland,—Draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


14 Dangerous Drugs,—Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3244), dated 10th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

15 Environmental Protection,—Environmental Protection (Prescribed Processes and Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3247), dated 13th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

16 Financial Services,—(1) Financial Services Act 1986 (EEA Regulated Markets) (Exemption) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3273), and

(2) Investment Services Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3275), dated 18th December 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].
17 Food.—Food (Miscellaneous Revocations and Amendments) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3267), dated 18th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].


19 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) 1995 (S.R. (N.I.), 1995, No. 462), dated 14th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Jonathan Evans].

Other Papers:

20 Education.—Report and Accounts of the Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales for the year ended 31st March 1995, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

21 Friendly Societies.—Report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for 1994-95 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

22 Greenwich Hospital.—Accounts of Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 102] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

23 Industrial Organisation and Development.—Report and Accounts of the Apple and Pear Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1995 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

24 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Management of Sickness Absence in Her Majesty’s Land Registry [by Act] to be printed [No. 94] [Clerk of the House].

25 National Loans.—(1) Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 47] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Supplementary Statements of Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 48] [Mr Michael Jack].

26 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—Account of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 66] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

27 Public Lending Right.—Report by the Secretary of State for National Heritage on the Public Lending Right Scheme for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 77] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

28 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 a member of the Air Force Reserve [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

29 Science and Technology.—Accounts of the Medical Research Council for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 117] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 18th December; to be printed [No. 85-ii] [Mr William Mckelvey].

2 Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 18th December; to be printed [No. 81-iii] [Mr Robert G. Hughes].

3 Transport.—Memoranda laid before the Transport Committee [Mr Paul Channon].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
Tuesday 19th December 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 Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill,—Mr John McWilliam reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Rating (Caravans and Boats) 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. 121].

5 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Iain Mills reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1713).

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1996 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1996.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Training for Work (Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise Programmes) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 1752).

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Hill reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Civil Aviation (Aerial Advertising) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2943).

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee 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 Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

   The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund Bill, without Amendment.

10 Employment (Homeworkers) Bill,—Mr Dafydd Wigley, supported by Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Andrew Welsh, Mr Alex Salmond, Mrs Margaret Ewing and Roseanna Cunningham, presented a Bill to provide safeguards for homeworkers and for associated workers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th January and to be printed [Bill 36].

11 Fisheries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 8th December 1995, relating to the fixing of total allowable catches for 1996 and certain conditions under which they may be fished; and supports the Government's intention to negotiate the best possible fishing opportunities for British fishermen consistent with scientific advice and the need to sustain the stocks for the benefit of future generations of fishermen—(Mr Secretary Forsyth);

   An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'believes that the agreements of the Council of Fisheries Ministers, allowing Spanish fishing vessels into the Irish Box and allowing increased access for Spanish fishing vessels to the waters of the west of the United Kingdom, present an unacceptable threat to the long-term economic viability of fishing communities in England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and place unsustainable pressure upon the fish stocks in these already sensitive waters; recognises the failure of the United Kingdom Government to implement a decommissioning policy until 1993, and
notes that Ministers only abandoned their unfair, unpopular and unworkable days-at-sea proposal after the National Federation of Fishermen’s Organisations challenged the Government in the European Court of Justice; concludes that the United Kingdom Government has not effectively represented in Europe the interests of the United Kingdom fishing industry, and has failed to implement in the United Kingdom a fisheries policy that is in the interests of the United Kingdom fishing industry; recognises that the over-riding priority of the Common Fisheries Policy must be the conservation of fish stocks, for only through healthy stocks can the fishing industry survive; believes that the Common Fisheries Policy in its present form does not adequately meet this priority; and calls on the United Kingdom Government to work in Europe to secure reforms of the Common Fisheries Policy to ensure the conservation and fair allocation of fish stocks throughout the European Union, with effective enforcement by all member states; instead thereof.—(Dr Gavin Strang.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Seven o’clock, the Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion, pursuant to Order [14th December].

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 305.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 299.

So the Question was negatived.

12 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 (No. 2) Act 1995
Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order Confirmation Act 1995.

13 Scottish Business,—Ordered, That—

(1) Standing Order No. 94A (Scottish Grand Committee (composition and business)) be amended, as follows:

line 17, after ‘consideration’, insert ‘or further consideration’;
line 30, leave out from ‘committee,’ to ‘Standing’ in line 32 and insert ‘made under paragraph (6) of’;
line 33, at the end, add—

‘(3) Any Minister of the Crown, being a Member of the House, though not a member of the committee, may take part in the deliberations of the committee and may make a motion, but shall not vote or be counted in the quorum.’;

(2) Standing Order No. 94C (Scottish Grand Committee (short debates)) be amended as follows:

line 8, leave out from ‘to’ to the end of line 9 and insert ‘Scotland’;
line 19, leave out from ‘No’ to ‘replying’ in line 20 and insert ‘Member except the Minister of the Crown’;
line 24, leave out ‘minister or law officer’ and insert ‘Minister of the Crown’;
line 25, leave out ‘members of the committee’ and insert ‘Members’;
line 27, leave out ‘member of the committee’ and insert ‘Member’;

(3) Standing Order No. 94D (Scottish Grand Committee (ministerial statements)) be amended, as follows:

line 2, leave out ‘Scottish Office minister or a Scottish law officer’ and insert ‘Minister of the Crown’;
line 3, leave out 'member of the committee' and insert 'Member of the House';
line 10, leave out 'minister or law officer, as the case may be,' and insert 'Minister of the Crown';
line 12, after 'responsibilities', insert 'so far as they relate to Scotland, which, in the case of a Scottish law officer, shall be';
line 13, leave out 'thirteenth' and insert 'relevant';
line 17, after 'conclusion', insert 'either at an hour appointed by an order of the committee, for which a motion may be made without notice by a member of the government immediately before the commencement of such proceedings, on which motion the question shall be put forthwith, or, if no such motion is made,';
line 31, leave out 'minister or law officer' and insert 'Minister of the Crown';
line 32, leave out 'member of the committee' and insert 'Member of the House';
line 34, leave out 'such a minister or law officer';

(4) Standing Order No. 94E (Scottish Grand Committee (bills in relation to their principle)) be amended in line 52, at the end, by adding the following paragraphs:

'(7) At the conclusion of proceedings on consideration on report of a bill in respect of which a report has been made under paragraph (3) above, or on the order being read for the third reading of such a bill, a motion may be made by a member of the government (or in the case of a private Member’s bill, by the Member in charge of the bill), "That the Bill be referred again to the Scottish Grand Committee"; and the question thereon shall be put forthwith and may be decided at any hour, though opposed:
Provided that such a motion may be made by a private Member only with the leave of the House.

(8) A bill so referred again to the Scottish Grand Committee shall be considered on a motion, "That the Committee has further considered the bill in relation to its principle"; and, when the committee has considered that question for a total of one and a half hours (whether on one or more than one day), the chairman shall put the question necessary to dispose of the motion, and shall then report accordingly to the House (or shall report that the committee has come to no resolution), without any further question being put thereon:
Provided that a member of the government may, immediately before the motion "That the Committee has further considered the bill in relation to its principle" is made, make without notice a motion to extend the time-limit specified in this paragraph; and the question on such motion shall be put forthwith.

(9) A bill in respect of which a report has been made under paragraph (8) above shall be ordered to be read the third time on a future day.

(10) When a motion shall have been made for the third reading of a bill to which paragraph (9) above applies, the question thereon shall be put forthwith and may be decided at any hour, though opposed.';

(5) Standing Order No. 94H (Scottish Grand Committee (sittings)) be amended, as follows:
line 43, after 'proceedings', insert '(other than on a motion made under paragraph (6) below)';
line 55, after 'proceedings', insert 'or on the completion of the business appointed for consideration at that sitting, whichever is the earlier,';

(6) Standing Order No. 87 (Attendance of law officers and ministers in standing committees) be amended, in line 7, after 'than', by inserting 'a motion in the Scottish Grand Committee under Standing Order No. 94A (Scottish Grand Committee (composition and business)) or'; and

(7) Standing Order No. 91 (Special standing committees) be amended, as follows:
line 18, leave out 'morning sittings' and insert 'sittings at which oral evidence may be given',
line 19, after 'Scotland', insert 'in which case those sittings need not be held in the morning'.—(Mr Tony Newton.)

14 Humber Bridge (Debts) Bill,—Ordered, That, if the Humber Bridge (Debts) 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 Humber Bridge (Debts) Bill [Money] have been concluded, this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr Michael Bates.)
15 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Gloucester seeking the preservation from demolition of college premises at Oxstalls and their use for educational purposes 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 Michael Bates.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security.—(1) Draft Housing Benefit, Supply of Information and Council Tax Benefit (Amendment) Regulations 1996,

(2) draft Income Support (General) (Jobseeker’s Allowance Consequential Amendments) Regulations 1996, and

(3) draft Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Building and Buildings,—Draft Noise Insulation (Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].


4 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Fund-holding Practices) (Functions of Family Health Services Authorities) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3280), dated 18th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


Other Papers:

6 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Performance Report for 1994-95 [by Command] [Cm. 3055] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

7 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation),—Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on Care in Wales for People with a Mental Illness and People with a Mental Handicap [by Act]; to be printed [No. 116] [Mr Secretary Hague].

8 Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission on Fiduciary Duties and Regulatory Rules [by Command] [Cm. 3049] [Mr Jonathan Evans].

9 Merchant Shipping,—Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 93] [Secretary Sir George Young].

10 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the Wallace Collection for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 123] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Vehicle Excise Duty: Evasion and Enforcement [by Act]; to be printed [No. 120] [Clerk of the House].

12 Natural Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of Scottish Natural Heritage for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 122] [Clerk of the House].

13 Post Office,—Report of the Post Office Users’ Council for Wales for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
14 Science and Technology.—Accounts of the Natural Environment Research Council for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 124] [Clerk of the House].

15 Treaty Series (No. 81, 1995).—Second Supplementary List of ratifications, accessions and withdrawals, etc., for 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3063] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr Gordon Oakes and Mr David Hinchliffe (nominated in respect of the Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Clive Betts and Mr Ken Livingstone.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 19th December; to be printed [No. 125] [Mr Greville Janner].

2 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 19th December; to be printed [No. 45-iii] [Mr David Howell].

3 Statutory Instruments.—(1) Fourth 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. 34-iv and 35-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr Patrick Thompson and Mr Barry Jones Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

[No. 24.]

Wednesday 20th December 1995.

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

PRAYERS.

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

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

3 Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill.—The Order for reading the Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill a second time on Friday 19th January was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 1st March.

4 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill.—Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Howard, Mr Secretary Portillo and Sir John Wheeler, presented a Bill to re-enact, with omissions and amendments, the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1991; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday 9th January and to be printed [Bill 37].
5 Security Service Bill.—Mr Secretary Howard, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr Secretary Forsyth and Mr David Maclean, presented a Bill to give the Security Service the function of acting in support of the prevention and detection of serious crime, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday 9th January and to be printed [Bill 38].

6 State Aid for Irish Steel.—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. 10836/95, relating to the restructuring of the Irish steel industry; considers that the proposal in the Document is unacceptable as it stands; and judges that any package that provides for aid for Irish Steel could only be agreed if further stringent conditions are attached in the interest of safeguarding employment in the United Kingdom—(Mr Bowen Wells).—It was agreed to.

7 Humber Bridge (Debts) Bill.—The Humber Bridge (Debts) 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 Michael Bates).—It was agreed to.

Further proceedings on the Bill stood postponed pursuant to Order [yesterday].

8 Humber Bridge (Debts) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Humber Bridge (Debts) Bill [Money],

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Humber Bridge (Debts) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the Secretary of State to provide that sums which would otherwise be payable to him by the Humber Bridge Board shall not be so payable—(Mr Michael Bates).—It was agreed to.

9 Humber Bridge (Debts) Bill.—The House pursuant to Order [yesterday], resolved itself into a Committee on the Humber Bridge (Debts) Bill.

(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.

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mr J. Conn and others for the replacement of lost or stolen medals was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from constituents of North Durham for the abolition of standing charges for domestic gas, electricity, water and telephones was presented; 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-five minutes to Eight o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 9th January, pursuant to Resolution [12th December].

[Adjourned at 7.35 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Draft Companies Act 1985 (Miscellaneous Accounting Amendments) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Family Law,—Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3265), dated 18th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

3 Sea Fisheries,—Cod and Whiting (Specified Sea Areas) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3293), dated 19th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

4 Social Security,—Jobseeker’s Allowance (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3276), dated 18th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

5 European Communities (No. 10, 1995),—Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 20th July 1995, to the Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part [by Command] [Cm. 3124] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

6 European Communities (No. 11, 1995),—Notes exchanged at Brussels on 30th June 1994 between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria amending 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, and the Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part, both as amended by the Additional Protocol signed on 21st December 1993 [by Command] [Cm. 3122] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 Intelligence Services,—Report by the Intelligence and Security Committee on Security Service Work Against Organised Crime (Intelligence Services Act 1994, Chapter 13) [by Command] [Cm. 3065] [The Prime Minister].

8 Natural Heritage (Scotland),—Report of Scottish Natural Heritage for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

9 Treaty Series (No. 107, 1995),—Amendments to the Annex to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic 1965, as amended [by Command] [Cm. 3118] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Treaty Series (No. 108, 1995),—Amendments to the Annex to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic 1965, as amended [by Command] [Cm. 3119] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

11 Treaty Series (No. 109, 1995),—Amendments to the Annex to the Protocol relating to the Intervention on the High Seas in cases of Marine Pollution by Substances other than Oil, 1973 [by Command] [Cm. 3115] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

12 Treaty Series (No. 110, 1995),—Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 [by Command] [Cm. 3116] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

13 Treaty Series (No. 111, 1995),—Amendments to the Annex to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic 1965, as amended [by Command] [Cm. 3120] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
Tuesday 9th January 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Hemsworth 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 Hemsworth, in the room of Derek Anthony Enright, Esquire, deceased. — (Mr Donald Dewar.)

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolution:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Resolutions of Private Companies) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 23rd October, the proposal should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Education (Student Loans) Bill,—Mr Michael Martin reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Education (Student Loans) Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 40].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 135].

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

Western European Time Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the adoption of Western European Time in the United Kingdom; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Western European Time Bill [Lords].—The Western European Time Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th January and to be printed [Bill 42].

8 Offensive Weapons Bill,—The Order for reading the Offensive Weapons Bill a second time on Friday 19th January was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26th January.

9 House of Commons (Reform),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a United Kingdom Convention for Parliamentary Reform; to require it to take evidence and to make proposals; and for connected purposes: And that Mr David Rendel, Emma Nicholson, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Menzies Campbell, Diana Maddock, Mr Matthew Taylor, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Don Foster, Mr Robert Maclemann and Mrs Ray Michie do prepare and bring it in.

10 House of Commons (Reform) Bill,—Mr David Rendel accordingly presented a Bill to establish a United Kingdom Convention for Parliamentary Reform; to require it to take evidence and to make proposals; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th February and to be printed [Bill 39].

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

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House, whilst asserting the need to maintain confidence in the rule of law and in the administration of justice as the fundamental basis for achieving a just and stable society in Northern Ireland, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which fails to implement the main recommendations of Mr John Rowe's review of the current legislation by refusing to remove internment without trial from the statute book and by failing to introduce tape recording of interviews with terrorist suspects, which fails to give this House the power to amend the statute when subject to
annual renewal, which fails to make the statute subject to annual review, which fails to introduce "certifying in" of scheduled offences, and which fails to establish a full time legal advice unit at holding centres', instead thereof.—(Marjorie Mowlam.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 206.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 295.

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 Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 295.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 205.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State under that Act—(Dr Liam Fox):—

It was agreed to.

13 Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Amendment) (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—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

The Bill was deemed to have been read a second time and stood committed to a special standing committee.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.53 p.m.

APPENDIX I

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

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Statement of changes in Immigration Rules [Cm. 3073] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

2 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Diplomatic Wing and ODA) Fundamental Expenditure Reviews and ODA Senior Management Review [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 Miscellaneous (No. 2, 1996).—Agreement, done at Brussels on 14th September 1994, on the status of missions and representatives of Third States to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization [Cm. 3137] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Miscellaneous (No. 5, 1996).—International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994 [Cm. 3067] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on Nutricia Holdings Ltd and Valio International UK Ltd [Cm. 3064] [Mr Secretary Lang].
6 Police.—(1) Account of the Metropolitan Police Fund for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Cm. 3057], and
(2) Metropolitan Police Fund Estimates for 1995-96 [Cm. 3056] [Mr Secretary Howard].

7 Treaty Series (No. 1, 1996),—Amendments to Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 22 and Annex of the European Agreement concerning the work of crews of vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) [Cm. 3042] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

8 Treaty Series (No. 2, 1996),—Notes exchanged at Minsk on 20th July and 24th July 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Belarus terminating the agreement constituted by an exchange of notes between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning the mutual abolition of consular fees on visas signed at Moscow on 13th April 1964, as between the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Belarus [Cm. 3132] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

9 Treaty Series (No. 3, 1996),—Agreement, done at Minsk on 25th July 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Belarus on co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture [Cm. 3133] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Treaty Series (No. 4, 1996),—Notes exchanged at Almaty on 31st July and 14th August 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan terminating the agreement constituted by an exchange of notes between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning the mutual abolition of consular fees on visas signed at Moscow on 13th April 1964, as between the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Kazakhstan [Cm. 3134] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

11 Treaty Series (No. 5, 1996),—Amendments to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) [Cm. 3135] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

12 Treaty Series (No. 10, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights [Cm. 3046] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

13 Treaty Series (No. 11, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade [Cm. 3044] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

14 Treaty Series (No. 12, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 [Cm. 3045] [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:

21st December 1995

15 Customs and Excise,—Dual-Use and Related Goods (Export Control) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3298), dated 19th December 1995 [Mr Secretary Lang].


17 Local Government,—Local Government Changes (Rent Act Registration Areas) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3264), dated 14th December 1995 [Mr Secretary Gummer].


19 National Health Service,—Hinchingbrooke Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3256), dated 14th December 1995 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

22nd December 1995

21 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 4) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3207), dated 13th December 1995 [Mr Tony Newton].


28th December 1995

27 Local Government (Scotland),—Local Government (Superannuation and Compensation for Redundancy or Premature Retirement) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3294), dated 15th December 1995 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


29th December 1995


3rd January 1996


4th January 1996


5th January 1996


34 National Health Service,—Sandwell Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3285), dated 18th December 1995 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

35 Road Traffic,—Cycle Racing on Highways (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3241), dated 8th December 1995 [Secretary Sir George Young].

8th January 1996


37 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 16), dated 5th January 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 9th January 1996:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

39 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Account of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 133] [Clerk of the House].

40 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on Belfast International Airport Limited and Belfast City Airport Limited [by Command] [Cm. 3068] [Mr Secretary Lang].

41 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [27th November] from residents of Aberystwyth for this House to ask the Government of Myanmar to release Dr Ma Thide from prison, and

(2) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [31st October, in the last Session of Parliament] from members of the British Pensioners and Trade Union Action Association for the continuance of the NHS Care in the Community programme [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

42 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].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—Fourth Report from the Deregulation Committee, [Proposal For The Deregulation (Resolutions of Private Companies) Order 1995: Proposal For The Deregulation (Long Pull) Order 1995]; to be printed [No. 134] [Mr Barry Field].

2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 9th January; to be printed [No. 99-ii] [Mr Greville Janner].
The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill.—Mrs Secretary Shephard, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Lilley, Mr Secretary Dorrell, Mr Secretary Hague, Mr Robin Squire and Cheryl Gillan, presented a Bill to provide for the making of grants in respect of nursery education and to permit borrowing by grant-maintained schools: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 41].

6 Fire Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the North Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3218) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Derek Conway):—It was agreed to.

7 Fire Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the South Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3230) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Derek Conway):—It was agreed to.

8 Regional Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish elected Parliaments in each of the regions of England; to define the powers and authority of these bodies; and for related purposes—(Mr Chris Davies);

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 Simon Hughes, Mr Nigel Jones: 29.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Cranley Onslow, Mr Jacques Arnold: 61.

So the Question was negatived.

9 Security Service Bill.—The Security Service Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Security Service Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under the Security Service Act 1989—(Mr David Maclean):—It was agreed to.

11 Employment and Training.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.
12 Employment and Training.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

13 Armed Forces Bill.—Ordered, That Mr John Evans, Mr Bruce George, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Robert Key, Mr Keith Mans, Dr John Reid, Mr Peter Snape, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mr Richard Spring, Mr Dennis Turner and Mr Peter Viggers be members of the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill:
That Three be the Quorum of the Committee:
That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records:
That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place.—(Mr Gary Streeter.)

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gary Streeter.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.24 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Back to Work Bonus) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Police,—(1) Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 4), and
dated 9th January 1996 [by Statutory Instrument] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

3 Roads and Bridges (Scotland),—Roads (Transitional Powers) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3328), dated 19th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:

4 Law Commission (Scotland),—Report by the Scottish Law Commission on Three Bad Rules in Contract Law [by Act]; to be printed [No. 118] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


6 Miscellaneous (No. 1, 1996),—Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978 [by Command] [Cm. 3136] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Management of Telephones in the Benefits Agency [by Act]; to be printed [No. 126] [Clerk of the House].

8 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 1994-95, on Human Genetics: the Science and its Consequences [by Command] [Cm. 3061] [Mr Secretary Lang].

9 Treaty Series (No. 6, 1996),—Amendments to the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC) 1972, as amended [by Command] [Cm. 3138] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee B,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Joe Benton, Sir Sydney Chapman, Judith Church, Mr James Cran, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Jim Dowd, Mr Harold Elletson, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Thomas Mcavoy, Mr Robert McCartney, The Reverend William McCrea, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr Seamus Mallon, Sir John Wheeler, Mr John Whittingdale, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Timothy Wood and Mr Tony Worthington.
2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Financial Services Act 1986 (Investment Services) (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Alistair Darling, Mr Bill Etherington, Dr Liam Fox, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr Keith Hill, Mrs Angela Knight, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Eddie Loyden, Sir Michael Marshall, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr David Porter, Mr John Redwood, Sir Dudley Smith and Mr Stephen Timms.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the North Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995 and the South Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Alex Carlile, Jean Corston, Mr Bob Dunn, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr George Howarth, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Andrew Miller, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, Mr Stuart Randall, Mr Tim Renton, Mr Tom Sackville, Sir Nicholas Scott, Mr Tim Smith and Mr Paddy Tipping.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Michael Ancram, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Roy Beag, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr James Cran, Mr George Galloway, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Max Madden, Mr Richard Ryder, Sir Tim Sainsbury, Mr Michael Trend, Dr Ian Twinn, Mr George Walden, Mr Charles Wardle, Mr Malcolm Wicks, Mr Timothy Wood and Mr Tim Yeo.

5 European Standing Committee A.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from European Standing Committee A Mr Jamie Cann and had appointed in substitution Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—(1) First Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Reply to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1994–95 (Pesticides Safety Directorate and Veterinary Medicines Directorate)]; to be printed [No. 136];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 10th January; to be printed [No. 40-v]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Education.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 10th January; to be printed [No. 63-iii] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

3 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 10th January; to be printed [No. 22-vi] [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. 51-v] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 10th January; to be printed [No. 39-iii] [Mr James Pawsay].

6 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 10th January; to be printed [No. 137] [Mr William McKelvey].

7 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 10th January; to be printed [No. 43-iii] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

8 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 10th January; to be printed [No. 67-iv] [Mr Paul Channon].

9 Treasury.—Third Report from the Treasury Committee [The 1995 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—

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

(2) the Financial Services Act 1986 (Investment Services) (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1995 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the North Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995 and the South Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(4) the draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

2 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Documents Nos. 10380/95, relating to employment in Europe 1995, 11987/95, relating to progress towards convergence, 11417/95, relating to the impact of currency fluctuations on the internal market, 11478/95, relating to the future of social protection, 12633/95, relating to exchange rate relations in stage three of EMU, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 8th December 1995, relating to the report of the Study Group preparing for the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference, have been allocated to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 27.]

Thursday 11th January 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill (Standing Orders not 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 certain Amendments made by the Select Committee to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with.

Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

2 City of Westminster Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 14th December, That the Promoters of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the last Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as were made by him in the last Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 any previous Session;

And the Question being again proposed;

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 18th January.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
6 Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) 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. 139].

7 Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

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

Mr Secretary Hague, 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.

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

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

9 Business of the House,—Ordered. That, at the sitting on Wednesday 17th January, the Speaker shall put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Lilley relating to draft Regulations on Social Security not later than Seven o’clock.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 15th January.

[Adjourned at 7.15 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—(1) Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 27), dated 9th January 1996, and

   [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

2 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 22), dated 9th January 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

3 European Communities,—Rural Diversification Programme (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3295), dated 14th December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

4 Pensions,—Occupational Pension Schemes (Deficiency on Winding Up etc.) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 5), dated 4th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

5 Plant Health,—(1) Plant Health (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 25), and

   (2) Plant Health (Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 26),
   dated 10th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].


Other Papers:

8 British Railways Board,—Statement of determination of the bonus payments for the Chairman and members of the British Railways Board [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

9 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment and salary of a new member of the English Tourist Board [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

10 Public Health,—Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) Partial Revocation Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 31), dated 10th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

11 Social Security,—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee and Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Social Security (Persons From Abroad) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 30) [by Command] [Cm. 3062] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee A, Mr Douglas French and Mr Eric Pickles (nominated in respect of the Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown and Mr David Evennett.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Andrew Miller and Mr Paddy Tipping (nominated in respect of the North Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995 and the South Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Win Griffiths and Dr John Marek.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 11th January; to be printed [No. 59-v] [Mrs Marion Roe].

MEMORANDUM

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

(1) Mr John McWilliam a Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, in place of Mr Barry Jones;
(2) Sir David Knox and Mr John Maxton Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill;
(3) Mr William McKelvey Chairman of the Special Standing Committee on the Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill;
(4) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the meeting of the Scottish Grand Committee on Monday 15th January;
(5) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Financial Services Act 1986 (Investment Services) (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1995;
(6) Mr Roy Hughes Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the North Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995 and the South Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995;
(7) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1995; and
(8) Mr Iain Mills Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Documents A4—0102/95, SEC (95) 731, Cm 2866, the unnumbered Report of the Court of Auditors relating to the operation and functioning of the Treaty on European Union, and the unnumbered Report of the Court of Justice on certain aspects of the application of the Treaty on European Union.
Monday 15th January 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Finance Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance Bill;
   And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read
   a second time;

   An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to
   the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading
   to the Finance Bill because it fails to address the needs of the country for long-term
   investment, jobs and fairness in the interests of opportunities for all, and in particular
   does not include a welfare to work strategy paid for by a windfall levy on the monopolistic
   profits of the privatised utilities, fairness measures to cut VAT on fuel for domestic and
   charitable use or to implement in full the Greenbury Report, investment measures
   including adequate reform of the Private Finance Initiative and does not address the
   burdens on tax-payers, especially small businesses and the self-employed, arising from the
   introduction of self-assessment’, instead thereof. —(Mr Andrew Smith.)

   And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Eric Clarke: 251.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 309.
   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 Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 309.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Eric Clarke: 274.
   So the Question was agreed to.

   The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
   Ordered, That Clauses Nos. 36, 105, 112 and 139 and Schedule No. 15 be committed
   to a Committee of the whole House;

   That the remainder of the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee;

   That when the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the
   whole House and by the Standing Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill be
   proceeded with as if the Bill had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing
   Committee.—(Mr Michael Jack.)

   Committee to-morrow.

3 Agriculture.—Ordered, That Jean Corston and Mr George Stevenson be discharged from the
   Agriculture Committee and Mr Robin Corbett and Mr Martyn Jones be added to the
   Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

4 Treasury.—Ordered, That Mr Giles Radice be discharged from the Treasury Committee and
   Mr Stephen Timms be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of
   the Committee of Selection.)

5 Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr David Hanson be discharged from the Welsh Affairs
   Committee and Mr Don Touhig be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery,
   on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 12th January 1996 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Scottish Affairs.—Government Response to the First Report of the Scottish Affairs Committee, Session 1994-95, on The Operation of the Enterprise Agencies and the LECs [Cm. 3036] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

2 Treaty Series (No. 7, 1996).—Amendments to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea done at London on 20th October 1972 [Cm. 3139] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 Treaty Series (No. 8, 1996).—Amendment to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea done at London on 20th October 1972 [Cm. 3140] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Treaty Series (No. 9, 1996).—Amendments to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea done at London on 20th October 1972 [Cm. 3141] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 12th January 1996 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6 Pensions.—(1) Judicial Pensions (Additional Voluntary Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 52), and

dated 11th January 1996 [Mr Jonathan Evans].

Other Papers:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 15th January 1996

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

8 Deregulation.—Draft Deregulation (Length of the School Day) Order 1996 together with a statement from the Department for Education and Employment [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shepherd].

9 Northern Ireland.—Draft Business Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


11 Community Charges.—Local Government Changes for England (Valuation and Community Charge Tribunals) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 43), dated 11th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

12 Prisons.—Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 32), dated 10th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

13 Trades Descriptions.—Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3342), dated 13th December 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].
Other Papers:


16 Covent Garden Market.—Report and Accounts of Covent Garden Market Authority for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

17 Deregulation.—Proposal by the Secretary of State for Health under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Still-Birth and Death Registration) Order 1996, with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

18 Science and Technology.—Report and Accounts of the Natural Environment Research Council for 1994–95, with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

19 Treaty (No. 13, 1996).—Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat, Ramsar, 2nd February 1971, as amended by the Paris Protocol of 3rd December 1982, with amendments to Articles 6 and 7 of the Convention adopted at the Extraordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties at Regina, Canada, 28th May to 3rd June 1987 [by Command] [Cm. 3053] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

20 Treaty Series (No. 14, 1996).—Agreement, done at London on 22nd April 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on Co-operation in the Fields of Education, Culture and Science [by Command] [Cm. 3059] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

21 Treaty Series (No. 15, 1996).—Notes exchanged at London on 20th July 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ukraine, regarding the proposed Transfer by the British Antarctic Survey of their Research Station at Faraday in the British Antarctic Territory to the Antarctic Research Centre of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine [by Command] [Cm. 3060] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

[No. 29.]

Tuesday 16th January 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Deregulation Committee.—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolution:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act 1868) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 30th October, a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House.

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Maxton reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Financial Services Act 1986 (Investment Services) (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3271).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Roy Hughes reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the North Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3218) and the South Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3230).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
6 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—The Lords propose that, pursuant to their message of 14th December 1995, the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills do meet to-morrow at half-past Four o'clock in Committee Room 4.

7 Road Traffic,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2869) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

8 Road Traffic,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3000) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

9 Tobacco (Protection of Children and Restriction of Promotion),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect children, young people and others from the harmful effects of tobacco by restricting the advertising, sponsorship and promotion of tobacco and tightening existing legislation on enforcement of illegal sales to minors; and for connected purposes—(Mr Simon Hughes);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, 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 Archy Kirkwood, Mr Don Foster: 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Harry Greenway: 39.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Simon Hughes, Sir Peter Emery, Mr Kevin Barron, Mrs Edwina Currie, Tessa Jowell, Mr Roger Sims, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Dafydd Wigley, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Eddie McGrady and Mr Andrew Welsh do prepare and bring in the Bill.

10 Tobacco (Protection of Children and Restriction of Promotion) Bill,—Mr Simon Hughes accordingly presented a Bill to protect children, young people and others from the harmful effects of tobacco by restricting the advertising, sponsorship and promotion of tobacco and tightening existing legislation on enforcement of illegal sales to minors; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th February and to be printed [Bill 12].

11 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.

BBC World Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House congratulates the BBC World Service on its international reputation for objective news and comment and records its appreciation of the valuable contribution it makes to promoting respect and goodwill for Britain; expresses its concern at the effects of cuts imposed on the World Service and its alarm at the likely reduction in the range of foreign language broadcasts; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to ensure that policies on the Private Finance Initiative and public support for the World Service enable it to maintain its present level of services and to build on their success—(Mr Robin Cook);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'congratulates the BBC World Service on its international reputation for objective news and comment and records its appreciation of the valuable contribution it makes to promoting respect and goodwill for Britain; expresses its welcome for the 50 per cent. growth in real terms of its resources since 1979 as well as the significant increase in foreign language broadcasts over the same period; and shares Her Majesty's Government's determination to ensure that the World Service will continue to enjoy unrivalled success', instead thereof—(Mr Secretary Rifkind.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Ann Coffey: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Michael Bates: 310.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments)—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates the BBC World Service on its international reputation for objective news and comment and records its appreciation of the valuable contribution it makes to promoting respect and goodwill for Britain; expresses its welcome for the 50 per cent. growth in real terms of its resources since 1979 as well as the significant increase in foreign language broadcasts over the same period; and shares Her Majesty’s Government’s determination to ensure that the World Service will continue to enjoy unrivalled success.

Training Budget and Community Action Programme.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the Government has failed to offer all members of society the chance to participate in building future prosperity; further believes that the Government has failed to achieve the investment in skills the British people need; deplores the cuts that have been made to the budgets of training and enterprise councils and the abandonment of the community action programme; and calls on the Government to ensure the workforce is equipped with the skills and training necessary to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century—(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 fall in unemployment and rise in employment that have enabled more people to share in the benefits of economic growth; supports the Government’s determination to give unemployed people the help they need to find work; and welcomes the Government’s initiatives to raise standards of education and training and enhance the nation’s competitiveness’, 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, Ann Coffey: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 306.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments)—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the fall in unemployment and rise in employment that have enabled more people to share in the benefits of economic growth; supports the Government’s determination to give unemployed people the help they need to find work; and welcomes the Government’s initiatives to raise standards of education and training and enhance the nation’s competitiveness.

12 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Roger Knapman);

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 to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies.—Draft Companies Act 1985 (Miscellaneous Accounting Amendments) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
2 Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Management Functions in relation to certain Community Homes) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Local Government,—Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Council Tax Reduction Scheme) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 56), dated 12th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].


5 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) (Standard Daily Amount) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 24), dated 8th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:


Paper withdrawn:

8 Companies,—Draft Companies Act 1985 (Miscellaneous Accounting Amendments) Regulations 1996 [laid 20th December 1995].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 16th January; to be printed [No. 143-i] [Mr Peter Viggers].

2 Deregulation,—Fifth Report from the Deregulation Committee [Proposal For The Deregulation (Motor Vehicles Tests) Order 1996; Proposal For The Deregulation (Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act 1868) Order 1995]; to be printed [No. 144] [Mr Barry Field].

3 Public Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 16th January; to be be printed [No. 147] [Mr Giles Radice].

4 Standards and Privileges,—First Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Patrick Nicholls]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 148] [Mr Tony Newton].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 16th January and Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-v] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

6 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 16th January; to be printed [No. 146-i] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 30.]

Wednesday 17th January 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.
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 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 made amendments to the second 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 17th January.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 153-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 153-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 153-II].

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Iain Mills reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Parliament Resolution A4-0102/95 on the functioning of the Treaty on European Union with a view to the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference; the Report of the Council on the functioning of the Treaty on European Union, Cm. 2866; the Report by the Commission on the operation of the Treaty on European Union, SEC(95)731; the Report by the Court of Auditors on the operation of the Treaty on European Union; the Report by the Court of Justice on certain aspects of the application of the Treaty on European Union; and the Report of the Study Group preparing for the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference.

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

8 Standing Orders (Public Business),—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business, as amended on 19th December, be printed [No. 100].

9 Consolidation &c., Bills,—Ordered, That the Lords Message [yesterday] 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.

10 Water Charges (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in 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 1997; to provide for charging by water undertakers in accordance with council tax bands; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Paul Tyler, Helen Jackson, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Richard Burden, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Peter L. Pike, Mr A. J. Beith, Jean Corston, Mr Simon Hughes and Mr Dafydd Wigley do prepare and bring it in.

11 Water Charges (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Paul Tyler accordingly 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 1997; 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 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 43].

12 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 19th December, be approved—(Mr Eric Forth);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 282.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 260.
So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved. That the draft Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 19th December, be approved.

13 Social Security.—Resolved. That the draft Income Support (General) (Jobseeker's Allowance Consequential Amendments) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 19th December, be approved. — (Mr Eric Forth.)

14 Social Security.—Resolved. That the draft Social Security (Back to Work Bonus) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 10th January, be approved. — (Mr Eric Forth.)

15 Social Security.—Resolved. That the draft Housing Benefit, Supply of Information and Council Tax Benefit (Amendment) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 19th December, be approved. — (Mr Eric Forth.)

16 Social Security.—Resolved. That the draft Employer's Contributions Re-imbursement Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 12th December, be approved. — (Mr Eric Forth.)

17 Education (Student Loans) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Education (Student Loans) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Commitment to pay subsidy for private sector student loans not to be made before 31st May 1997)—(Mr Stephen Byers)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Establishment of appeals panel in respect of student loans)—(Mr Stephen Byers)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1B) The Secretary of State shall, as soon as any arrangements under subsection (1A) above have been concluded, lay before each House of Parliament a statement containing the names of any person with whom those arrangements have been concluded and the terms of the arrangements, including the amount of subsidy to be paid to each such person under that subsection'.—(Mr Bryan Davies.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Bridget Prentice: 247.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Bowen Wells: 278.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Cummings, Bridget Prentice: 247.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

18 Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Potato Marketing Scheme (Commencement of Revocation Period) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 12th December, be approved—(Mr Tim Boswell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 193.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Eric Martlew: 161.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved. That the draft Potato Marketing Scheme (Commencement of Revocation Period) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 12th December, be approved.
19 Financial Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Financial Services Act 1986 (Investment Services) (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3271), dated 18th December 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th December, be approved—(Mr Gyles Brandreth).—It was agreed to.

20 Liaison,—Ordered, That Mr Richard Caborn and Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith be discharged from the Liaison Committee and Mr Martin O'Neill and Mr Giles Radice be added to the Committee—(Mr Gyles Brandreth).

21 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.41 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agricultural Holdings,—Draft Agricultural Holdings (Fee) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 National Health Service,—King's Mill Centre for Health Care Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 35), dated 10th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Other Papers:

3 Malta (No. 1, 1996),—Convention on Social Security, done at London on 19th October 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Malta [by Command] [Cm. 3074] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Miscellaneous (No. 3, 1996),—Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT) [by Command] [Cm. 3069] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Miscellaneous (No. 4, 1996),—Amendments to the Operating Agreement on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT) [by Command] [Cm. 3070] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

6 Treaty Series (No. 16, 1996),—Amendments to Appendix I to the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, done at Berne on 19th September 1979, adopted by the Standing Committee on 3rd December 1993 [by Command] [Cm. 3071] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 Treaty Series (No. 17, 1996),—Agreement, done at London on 30th March 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Albania for the Promotion and Protection of Investments [by Command] [Cm. 3072] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Security Service Bill, viz.: Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr David Evennett, Mr David Faber, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr John Greenway, Mr Charles Hendry, Margaret Hodge, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Peter Luff, Mr John MacGregor, Mr David Maclean, Mr Eric Martle, Mr Alan Michael, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr David Winnick and Mr Tim Yeo.

2 Standing Committee E,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated twenty-nine Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 36, 105, 112 and 139 and Schedule No. 15), viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Peter Butler, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Alistair Darling, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Nigel
Forman, Dr Liam Fox, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr David Hunt, Mr Michael Jack, Helen Jackson, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Nigel Jones, Mrs Angela Knight, Mr Barry Legg, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Gordon Prentice, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Mark Robinson, Mr David Shaw, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Tim Smith, Mr Paddy Tipping and Mr William Waldegrave.

3 Special Standing Committee.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Special Standing Committee on the Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Michael Connarty, Roseanna Cunningham, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Tim Devlin, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Maria Fyfe, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr George Kynoch, Mr John McFall, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Raymond S. Robertson, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Bill Walker and Mr Mike Watson.

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution) (Law of the Sea Convention) Order 1995, the draft International Sea-Bed Authority (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1995, and the draft International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1995, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Graham Allen, Mr John Biffen, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr Hartley Booth, Mr Peter Bottomley, Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr John Heppell, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr David Jameson, Sir Michael Neubert, Mr John Patten, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr David Shaw, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr James Wallace and Joan Walley.

5 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Companies Act 1985 (Miscellaneous Accounting Amendments) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Richard Alexander, Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Michael Clapham, Sir John Cope, Dr Liam Fox, Sir George Gardiner, Dr John Gilbert, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Douglas Hurd, Mr Michael Jopling, Mrs Helen Liddell, Sir Roger Moate, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr Jimmy Wray.

6 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Regulations 1995 and the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Fees) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Graham Allen, Mr John Carlisle, Mr David Chidgey, Jean Corston, Mr Paul Flynn, Sir Norman Fowler, Mr George Galloway, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, Sir John Hannam, Mr John Heppell, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Keith Mans, Mr David Marshall, Mr Richard Needham, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Gordon Prentice, Sir Colin Shepherd and Mr John Townend.

7 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Mr Michael Ancram (nominated in respect of the draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr Malcolm Moss.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 17th January; to be printed [No. 40-vi] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—Memorandum laid before the Defence Committee [Mr Michael Colvin].

3 Education,—(1) First Special Report from the Education Committee (Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95 (Department for Education’s Expenditure Plans 1995-96 to 1997-98)); and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 17th January; to be printed [Nos. 156 and 63-iv] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 17th January; to be printed [No. 149-i] [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. 51-vi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].
6 Home Affairs,—(1) First Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, on Organised Crime]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 17th January;
to be printed [Nos. 154 and 155-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 17th January: to be printed [Nos. 53-vi and -vii] [Mr Clive Soley].

8 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 17th January; to be printed [No. 84-iii] [Mr James Pawsey].

9 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 17th January; to be printed [No. 152-i] [Sir Peter Emery].

10 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 17th January; to be printed [No. 151-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

11 Social Security,—First Report from the Social Security Committee [Benefits for Asylum Seekers], 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. 81] [Mr Frank Field].

12 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 17th January; to be printed [No. 87-iii] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

13 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 17th January; to be printed [No. 67-v] [Mr Paul Channon].

14 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 17th January; to be printed [No. 146-ii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

15 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 17th January; to be printed [No. 150-i] and
(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 Security Service Bill to Standing Committee A;
(2) the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 36, 105, 112 and 139 and Schedule No. 15) to Standing Committee E;
(4) the draft Companies Act 1985 (Miscellaneous Accounting Amendments) Regulations 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed—
(1) Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody and Mr Roger Sims Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Security Service Bill;
(2) Mr Norman Hogg and Mr James Hill Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 36, 105, 112 and 139 and Schedule No. 15);
(3) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the meeting of the Scottish Grand Committee on Monday 29th January;


(5) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Companies Act 1985 (Miscellaneous Accounting Amendments) Regulations 1996; and


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. 12503/95, relating to agricultural strategy: European Union and the associated countries, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Document No. COM(95)541, relating to co-operation with Gulf States, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by H.M. Treasury on 15th December 1995, relating to the European Court of Auditors' Annual Report for the financial year 1994, together with the replies from the Institutions, to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 31.]

Thursday 18th January 1996.

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 14th December, That the Promoters of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the last Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as were made by him in the last Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 any previous Session;

And the Question being again proposed;

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 25th January.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Housing Bill,—Mr Secretary Gummer, supported by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Lilley, Mr Secretary Forsyth, Mr Secretary Hague, Mr David Curry, Mr Jonathan Evans and Mr James Clappison, presented a Bill to make provision about housing, including provision about the social rented sector, houses in multiple occupation, landlord and tenant matters, the administration of housing benefit, the
conducted of tenants, the allocation of housing accommodation by local housing authorities and homelessness; 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 44].

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

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

6 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Finchley for legislation to abolish standing charges for gas, electricity, water and telephones 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—(Mr Bowen Wells);

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, it being then half-past Ten o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—Draft Leicestershire (City of Leicester and District of Rutland) (Structural Change) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 National Health Service,—(1) National Blood Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 33), and

(2) National Blood Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) (No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 34),

dated 10th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Other Papers:


4 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on Stagecoach Holdings plc and Chesterfield Transport (1989) Limited, the merger situation [by Command] [Cm. 3086] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Ministry of Defence: Management of Fire Risks, and

(2) PSA Services: The Transfer of PSA Building Management to the Private Sector [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 129 and 130] [Clerk of the House].

6 Superannuation,—(1) Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1996,

(2) Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1996, and

(3) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1996,

[by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 18th January; to be printed [No. 59-vi] [Mrs Marion Roe].
2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 18th January; to be printed [No. 23-vi] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 18th January; to be printed [No. 53-viii] [Mr Clive Soley].

[No. 32.]

Friday 19th January 1996.

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 Stockton for legislation to abolish standing charges for gas, electricity, water and telephones was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

3 British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill;

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

Sir Peter Lloyd rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Paul Flynn: 93.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr John Home Robertson: 82.

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 26th January.

4 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.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd January.

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Finance) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 88), dated 16th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

Other Papers:

2 Parliamentary Commissioner (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Ombudsman, Northern Ireland, for 1995, being the Annual Report of the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Commissioner for Complaints for 1995 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 131] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].
Monday 22nd January 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Public Passenger Transport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2908) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

4 Public Passenger Transport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2909) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

5 Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Derek Conway, Dr Liam Fox: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 253.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

6 Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) any sums required by the Secretary of State for making grants in respect of nursery education or for making payments to any person exercising any function by virtue of the Act.

(b) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under the Act, and

(c) any increase attributable to the Act in sums payable out of money provided by Parliament 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 and of fees received by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England or Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in Wales under the Act—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

7 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 18th December, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.
8 The Treaty on 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 European Parliament Resolution A4-0102/95 on the functioning of the Treaty on European Union with a view to the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference; the Report of the Council on the functioning of the Treaty on European Union, Cm. 2866; the Report by the Commission on the operation of the Treaty on European Union, SEC(95) 731; the Report by the Court of Auditors on the operation of the Treaty on European Union; the Report of the Court of Justice on certain aspects of the application of the Treaty on European Union; and the Report of the Study Group preparing for the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference—(Mr Gary Streeter)—It was agreed to.

9 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Solihull against the introduction of nursery vouchers was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Nuneaton for legislation to abolish standing charges for gas, electricity, water and telephones was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 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 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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 22nd January; to be printed [No. 158-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 22nd January; to be printed [No. 146-iii] [Mr Nigel Forman].

[No. 34.]

Tuesday 23rd January 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Allied Irish Banks Bill,—A Bill to provide for the transfer to AIB Group Northern Ireland plc of part of the undertakings of Allied Irish Banks plc, AIB Capital Markets plc and AIB Finance Limited; and for related purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

2 Henry Johnson, Sons and Co., Limited Bill,—A Bill to make provision for the transfer to the Republic of France of the incorporation of Henry Johnson, Sons and Co., Limited; for the ceaser of application to the company of provisions of the Companies Act 1985; and for purposes incidental thereto, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
3 University College London Bill.—A Bill to unite the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, the Institute of Neurology (Queen Square) and The Institute of Child Health with University College London; to transfer all rights, properties and liabilities from the said school and institutes to the said college; and for connected and other purposes, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Selection (see Appendix II).

6 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

7 Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows:

A Bill to extend the functions of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales; to alter the financial year of that Commission and of the Accounts Commission for Scotland; to make provision about the manner of publication of certain information required to be published in pursuance of a direction of either Commission; and to repeal paragraph 5(4) of Schedule 3 to the Local Government Finance Act 1982.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 46].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 160].


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 Child Support (Appeal),—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable liabilities of absent parents assessed by the Child Support Agency to be reduced on appeal where those assessments can be shown to cause exceptional hardship; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Archy Kirkwood and Mr A. J. Beith, Mrs Ray Michie, Mr Paul Tyler, Diana Maddock, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Chris Davies, Mr David Rendel, Mr Don Foster and Mr Simon Hughes do prepare and bring it in.

10 Child Support (Appeal) Bill,—Mr Archy Kirkwood accordingly presented a Bill to enable liabilities of absent parents assessed by the Child Support Agency to be reduced on appeal where those assessments can be shown to cause exceptional hardship; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th February and to be printed [Bill 45].

11 Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 36, 105, 112 and 139 and Schedule No. 15),—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 36, 105, 112 and 139 and Schedule No. 15.)

(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 Clause No. 36, Clause No. 105, Schedule No. 15, Clause No. 139, Clause No. 112.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

Clause No. 36 (Charge to tax.)

Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 24, line 32, at the end to insert the words 'provided that the tax shall not be charged until such time as a matching cut in the main rate of employers national insurance contributions has been made'.—(Dawn Primarolo.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 24, line 35, at the end to add the words '(4) A disposal is not a taxable disposal if the material disposed of consists entirely of soil derived from the processing of agricultural produce'.—(Mrs Ann Winterton.)

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Timothy Wood: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Eric Martlew: 260.

Clause No. 105 (Requirements to be satisfied by approved schemes).

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 69, line 37, to leave out the words 'subsections (2) and (3) below' and insert the words 'subsections (1A), (2) and (3) below'.—(Mr Alistair Darling.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Martlewe, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 276.

Amendment (No. 3) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 15 (Share option schemes approved before passing of this Act).

Amendment (No. 4) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

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.

12 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Social Security (Persons From Abroad) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 30), dated 11th January 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th January, be annulled.—(Mr Chris Smith.)

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Delegated legislation (negative procedure)).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Dennis Turner: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Gary Streeter: 279.

So the Question was negatived.

13 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 fourteen minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.14 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation Act (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 76), dated 16th January 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

2 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 75), dated 16th January 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].
Other Papers:

3 Defence (Territorial Army and Volunteer Reserve).—Order, dated 18th January 1996, amending the Territorial Army Regulations 1978 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

4 Health.—Government Response to the First Report of the Health Committee, on Long-Term Care [by Command] [Cm. 3146] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Sir Colin Shepherd and Mr John Townend (nominated in respect of the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Regulations 1995 and the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Fees) Regulations 1995); and had appointed in substitution Mr Michael Brown and Mr David Martin.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Deregulation Committee on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 159-i] [Mr Barry Field].

2 Privileges.—First Report from the Committee of Privileges [Complaint concerning the alleged action of 'The Guardian' newspaper in representing that a letter sent by it to The Ritz Hotel, Paris, was sent in the name of a Member of this House]; to be printed, with part of the Minutes of Evidence, Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence and the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 161] [Mr Tony Newton].

3 Statutory Instruments.—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-vi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 43-iv] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

[No. 35.]

Wednesday 24th January 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr Liam Fox);

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Edinburgh Assay Office Order Confirmation Bill, Mr Secretary Forsyth presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to the Edinburgh Assay Office: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered on Tuesday 30th January and to be printed [Bill 47].

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 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 Police Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill and made amendments thereto; and had agreed to a Report which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 24th January.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 173—I].
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 173—II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 173—II].

6 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

7 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Companies Act 1985 (Miscellaneous Accounting Amendments) Regulations 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Frank Cook reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2869) and the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3000), referred to a Committee on 16th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 Registration of Immigration Advice Practitioners.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a system of registration for approved immigration advice practitioners; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Sir Ivan Lawrence, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Simon Hughes and Mr James Pawsey do prepare and bring it in.

10 Registration of Immigration Advice Practitioners Bill,—Mr Nirj Joseph Deva accordingly presented a Bill to establish a system of registration for approved immigration advice practitioners; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th March and to be printed [Bill 48].

11 Opposition day [2nd allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

The National Health Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with alarm the mounting evidence of inadequate patient care and of overstretched staff and facilities in the NHS; deplores the relentless cuts in NHS beds; condemns the increased amount of money spent on internal market bureaucracy rather than on front line services and staff; and calls on the Government to announce an immediate moratorium on bed closures; nominate someone in each health authority to identify bed shortages and take appropriate action locally; monitor and publish a weekly report on the number of beds and staff available; and issue clear national guidelines to end the uncertainty about who pays for continuing care (Ms Harriet Harman);

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 NHS is a great British success story which delivers health care of international quality, which is and will remain available free at the point of use on the basis of medical need and provides excellent value for money for taxpayers; congratulates all NHS staff for their hard work and dedication, particularly during the exceptional period of increased demand for NHS services over recent weeks; welcomes the increasing number of qualified nurses and midwives over the last seventeen years; and looks forward to the NHS continuing to flourish under the policies of a Government which has backed its commitment to the service with year-on-year increases in real resources', instead thereof. (Mr Secretary Dorrell)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Jane Kennedy: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Timothy Wood: 285.

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 NHS is a great British success story which delivers health care of international quality, which is and will remain available free at the point of use on the basis of medical need and provides excellent value for money for taxpayers; congratulates all NHS staff for their hard work and dedication, particularly during the exceptional period of increased demand for NHS services over recent weeks; welcomes the increasing number of qualified nurses and midwives over the last seventeen years; and looks forward to the NHS continuing to flourish under the policies of a Government which has backed its commitment to the service with year-on-year increases in real resources.

12 Marine Pollution.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution) (Law of the Sea Convention) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

13 International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft International Sea-Bed Authority (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—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 Delegated Legislation), That the draft International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

15 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from residents of (1) Essex and (2) South East Cornwall for legislation to abolish standing charges for gas, electricity, water and telephones were 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 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 to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—Local Government Finance (Scotland) Notional Amounts Report 1996 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 145] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education (Scotland),—The Glasgow School of Art (Scotland) Order of Council 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 120), dated 22nd January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

3 Appropriation Accounts, 1994-95,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for 1994-95, for—

(1) Classes V and VI (Employment and Transport), and
(2) Classes VII and VIII (Environment and Home Office and Charity Commission)
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 15-V and 15-VI] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Employment Protection,—Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, the Certification Officer, and the Central Arbitration Committee for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 169] [Clerk of the House].

5 European Communities (No. 1, 1996),—Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 30th June 1995, to the Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part [by Command] [Cm. 3081] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
6 European Communities (No. 2, 1996).—Second Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 22nd December 1994, to the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, 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 Romania, of the other part [by Command] [Cm. 3082] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 Sex Discrimination.—Account of the Equal Opportunities Commission for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 170] [Clerk of the House].

8 Treaty Series (No. 18, 1996).—Agreement, done at Quito on 10th May 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 3076] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

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 Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill, viz.: Mr David Congdon, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Don Foster, Cheryl Gillan, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr Mike Hall, Dr Keith Hampson, Margaret Hodge, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Estelle Morris, Mr David Nicholson, Mr James Pawsey, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Rod Richards, Mr Graham Riddick, Mr Nigel Spearin, Mr Robin Squire, Mr Gary Streeter and Mr Nigel Waterson.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Agricultural Holdings (Fee) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr David Ashby, Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Robin Corbett, Jean Corston, Dame Peggy Fenner, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Charles Hendry, Margaret Hodge, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Edward Leigh, Sir Jim Lester, Sir David Madel, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr George Stevenson and Mr Paul Tyler.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Contracting Out (Management Functions in relation to certain Community Homes) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr John Bowis, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Terry Davis, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr David Harris, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Alan Milburn, Sir David Mitchell, Mr William Powell, Sir Gerard Vaughan, Mr John Wilkinson, Audrey Wise and Mr Jimmy Wray.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 and the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Peter Brooke, Mr David Chidgey, Mr Churchill, Mr Bill Etherington, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Barry Legg, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Peter Snape, Sir John Stanley, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Richard Tracey.

5 European Standing Committee B.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from European Standing Committee B Mr Don Touhig; and had appointed in substitution Mr Alan Simpson.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 24th January; to be printed [No. 40-viii]; and (2) Memorandum laid before the Agriculture Committee [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Education.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 24th January; to be printed [No. 63-v] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].
3 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 24th January; to be printed [No. 163-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 European Legislation,—Seventh Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed [No. 51-vii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 24th January; to be printed [No. 172-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 24th January; to be printed [No. 53-ix] [Mr Clive Soley].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 24th January; to be printed [Nos. 176-i and 177-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

8 Public Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 24th January; to be printed [No. 168] [Mr Giles Radice].

9 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 24th January; to be printed [No. 175] [Sir Giles Shaw].

10 Social Security,—Second Report from the Social Security Committee [The Performance and Operation of the Child Support Agency], 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. 50] [Mr Frank Field].

11 Trade and Industry,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 24th January; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [Nos. 87-iv and 43-II] [Mr Martin O'Neil].

12 Treasury,—(1) Second Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee (The Cross Border Market in Excise Products)]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 24th January; to be printed [Nos. 174 and 146-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 Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill to Standing Committee C;
(2) the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill to Standing Committee F;
(3) the draft Agricultural Holdings (Fee) Regulations 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;
(4) the draft Contracting Out (Management Functions in relation to certain Community Homes) Order 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(5) the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 and the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed—
(1) Sir Giles Shaw and Mr Barry Jones Chairmen of Standing Committee F in respect of the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill;
(2) Mr Donald Anderson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Agricultural Holdings (Fee) Regulations 1996;
(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Contracting Out (Management Functions in relation to certain Community Homes) Order 1996; and

(4) Mr Iain Mills Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 and the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995.

[No. 36.]

Thursday 25th January 1996.

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 14th December, That the Promoters of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the last Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as were made by him in the last Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 any previous Session;

And the Question being again proposed;

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 1st February.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 36, 105, 112 and 139 and Schedule No. 15).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 139 agreed to.

Clause No. 112 (Returns and self-assessment).

Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 76, line 37, at the end to add the words—

"(9) In subsection (2) of section 199 of the Finance Act 1994, for "1996-97" there shall be substituted "1997-98"."

"(10) In subsection (3) of section 199 of the Finance Act 1994, for "1996" there shall be substituted "1997"."—(Mr Mike O'Brien.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Greg Pope: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 268.

Clause agreed to.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 36, 105, 112 and 139 and Schedule No. 15), as amended, to be reported.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Richard Ottaway reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 36, 105, 112 and 139 and Schedule No. 15), and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 36, 105, 112 and 139 and Schedule No. 15), as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

5 Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Guidelines for investigations (matters of clinical judgment))—(Mr Sam Galbraith)—was brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 32, to leave out the word 'In' and insert'(1)—instead thereof.—(Mr David Hinchliffe.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 44, at the end to insert the words—

'(2A) After subsection (1) insert—

"(1A) Before making the report of the results of an investigation the Commissioner—

(a) shall send a draft factual summary of the matters investigated, excluding his findings and recommendations, to the person and body referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) in subsection (1) above, and shall give them an opportunity to indicate any factual inaccuracies or omissions;

(b) may, for purposes specified by him, send to the person and body referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) in subsection (1) above, a draft of either his findings or his proposed recommendations or both, but shall not send such draft to one party only".—(Mr Henry McLeish.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) constituents of Chipping Barnet for legislation to abolish standing charges for utilities for old age pensioners; and

(2) residents of Huddersfield for maintenance of economic position of older people.

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

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Industrial Development,—Draft Financial Assistance For Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 National Health Service,—(1) Hull and Holderness Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 92), and

(2) Sussex Ambulance Service National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 91),
dated 17th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].
Other Papers:

3 Appropriation Accounts, 1994-95.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for 1994-95, for—
   (1) Class IX (Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departments), and
   (2) Class XIV (Scotland and the Forestry Commission)
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 15-VII and 15-X] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Compliance Cost Assessments.—List of Compliance Cost Assessments produced in the period 1st January 1995 to 30th June 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3075] [Mr Roger Freeman].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 25th January; to be printed [No. 59-vii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 25th January; to be printed [No. 23-vii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Public Accounts,—Memorandum laid before the Committee of Public Accounts [Mr Robert Sheldon].

Friday 26th January 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill,—The Wild Mammals (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 Alan Meale)—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 7 agreed to.

   Bill to be reported.

   The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Gyles Brandreth 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.

3 Employment (Homeworkers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment (Homeworkers) Bill;

   A Motion was made, and the Question, That the Bill be now read a second time, was put and negatived.

4 Offensive Weapons Bill,—The Offensive Weapons Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.
5 British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 19th January, That the British Time (Extra Daylight) 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 it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 2nd February.

6 Standards and Privileges,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Privileges on 1st November 1995, in the last session of Parliament, and not reported to the House and the related Memorandum be laid upon the Table and referred to the Committee on Standards and Privileges for examination by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

7 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 31st January, not withstanding Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community Documents, 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.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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 29th January.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 95), dated 15th January 1996, and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


Other Papers:

3 European Communities (No. 3, 1996),—Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 24th August 1995, to the Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part [by Command] [Cm. 3083] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 European Communities (No. 4, 1996),—Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 17th July 1995, to the Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Poland, of the other part [by Command] [Cm. 3084] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 European Communities (No. 5, 1996),—Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 13th July 1995, to the Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Hungary, of the other part, with Declaration [by Command] [Cm. 3085] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
Monday 29th January 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Housing Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Bill;
   A Motion was made and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 290.
   Tellers for the Noes, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Joe Benton: 259.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Housing Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Housing Bill [Money];
   A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session resulting from the Housing Bill, it is expedient to authorise—
   (a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
      (i) any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred 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 enactment;
   (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of the National Loans Fund under any other enactment; and
   (c) the payment into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund of any sums received under or by virtue of the Act—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

5 Companies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Companies Act 1985 (Miscellaneous Accounting Amendments) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 16th January, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

6 Scottish Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 94H (Scottish Grand Committee (Sittings)), That—
   (1) in respect of the meeting of the Scottish Grand Committee in the Highland Regional Council Buildings, Inverness, on Monday 5th February, the Order of the House [11th December] shall have effect with the substitution of the words 'half-past Eleven o'clock' for the words 'half-past Ten o'clock' and the Chairman shall interrupt the proceedings at Two o'clock, and—
   (2) the Chairman shall interrupt the proceedings at One o'clock at the subsequent meetings of the Scottish Grand Committee specified in paragraphs 4 to 12 of the said Order—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gary Streeter.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Local Government Finance, (1) Limitation of Council Tax and Precepts (Relevant Notional Amounts) Report (England) 1996-97,(2) Local Government Finance Report (England) 1996-97, and (3) Special Grant Report (No. 16) [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 166, 164 and 165] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

2. Local Government Planning and Land, National Parks Supplementary Grant Report (England) 1996-97 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 167] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3. Police, Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 1996-97 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 162] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6. Sea Fisheries, Draft Sussex Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

Other Papers:

7. Deregulation, Proposal by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, together with an explanatory memorandum, for the Deregulation (Gun Barrel Proving) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts, Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 29th January; to be printed [No. 181-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 39.]

Tuesday 30th January 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1. Allied Irish Banks Bill, The Allied Irish Banks Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

2. Henry Johnson, Sons and Co., Limited Bill, The Henry Johnson, Sons and Co., Limited Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

3. University College London Bill, The University College London Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

4. Edinburgh Assay Office Order Confirmation Bill, The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Edinburgh Assay Office Order Confirmation Bill. Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

5. Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

6. Deregulation Committee, Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:
That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Parking Equipment) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 20th November, a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House.

That the draft Deregulation (Length of the School Day) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 15th January, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

7 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

8 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Donald Anderson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Agricultural Holdings (Fee) Regulations 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Management Functions in relation to certain Community Homes) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

10 Merchant Shipping.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3128) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Gyles Brandreth)—It was agreed to.

11 Access to the Countryside.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law of trespass and to enable members of the public to resort on foot to open country in England and Wales for their recreation; and for connected purposes—(Mr Paddy Tipping);

And the Question 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, Rachel Squire, Mr Mike Hall: 144.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Greenway, Sir Kenneth Carlisle: 60.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Paddy Tipping, Mr John Battle, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Ann Coffey, Helen Jackson, Jane Kennedy, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Stephen Timms and Joan Walley do prepare and bring in the Bill.

12 Access to the Countryside Bill.—Mr Paddy Tipping accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law of trespass and to enable members of the public to resort on foot to open country in England and Wales for their recreation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th March and to be printed [Bill 49].

13 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.

Privatised Water Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the deplorable record of the privatised water companies in England and Wales who have been allowed to use their monopoly position to drive up prices, profits and the pay and perks of directors while reducing investment, wasting water and harming the environment; and calls upon the Government not to proceed with setting up water agencies in Scotland which are clearly precursors of the same things happening in Scotland and to abandon its secret agenda to force metering on every household.—(Mr Frank Dobson);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the higher water quality, the improved standards of service to consumers, the increased availability of information and the increased exports which have been achieved as a result of substantially higher levels of investment and the removal from political control of the water industry through privatisation in England and Wales; looks forward to improved services in Scotland from the new public water authorities; and contrasts this with the arbitrary cuts from the investment plans of the nationalised water companies by the last Labour Government,
including the six month moratorium on the letting of new construction contracts, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Gummer.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ann Coffey, Mr Eric Martlew: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Gary Streeter: 303.

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 higher water quality, the improved standards of service to consumers, the increased availability of information and the increased exports which have been achieved as a result of substantially higher levels of investment and the removal from political control of the water industry through privatisation in England and Wales; looks forward to improved services in Scotland from the new public water authorities; and contrasts this with the arbitrary cuts from the investment plans of the nationalised water companies by the last Labour Government, including the six month moratorium on the letting of new construction contracts.

Overseas Aid,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House fully recognises and accepts the United Kingdom's share of global responsibility towards the elimination of poverty and calls on the Government to make steady and measurable progress towards honouring its pledge of the United Nations overseas aid target of 0.7 per cent. GNP; deprecates the Government's failure to play a more central role in the delivery of multilateral aid, both within the EU and other multilateral organisations, and the damaging effects of its policy on the bilateral programme at a time when global poverty is increasing; and calls on the Government to establish an aid programme which is better equipped to meet the needs of the world's poor.—(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 acknowledges the United Kingdom's important role in helping reduce poverty and suffering in poorer countries and commends the Government for maintaining a substantial and effective aid programme which is the fifth largest in the world; applauds the Government's intention to maintain a bilateral aid programme next year which will be as large as that which had been previously planned; welcomes the central role the United Kingdom plays in seeking to make multilateral aid more effective; and commends the Government for the increasing poverty focus of the aid programme and for the leading role it has played in seeking a comprehensive solution to the debt burden of the poorest countries, instead thereof. —(Mr Jeremy Hanley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Ann Coffey: 270.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Richard Ottaway: 310.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House acknowledges the United Kingdom's important role in helping reduce poverty and suffering in poorer countries and commends the Government for maintaining a substantial and effective aid programme which is the fifth largest in the world; applauds the Government's intention to maintain a bilateral aid programme next year which will be as large as that which had been previously planned; welcomes the central role the United Kingdom plays in seeking to make multilateral aid more effective; and commends the Government for the increasing poverty focus of the aid programme and for the leading role it has played in seeking a comprehensive solution to the debt burden of the poorest countries.

Police,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 1996-97 (House of Commons Paper No. 162), which was laid before this House on 29th 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 Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 1996–97 (House of Commons Paper No. 162), which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved.

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.15 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Aviation, Maritime and Channel Tunnel Security,—Reports by the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to—

(1) Section 44 of the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990,

(2) Section 23 of the Aviation Security Act 1982 as amended by the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990, and

(3) Article 35 of the Channel Tunnel (Security) Order 1994 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].


4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Petition [1st November, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Kyle of Lochalsh for a continued ambulance service based in the area [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

5 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].

6 Royal Artillery Range Hebrides,—Ministry of Defence Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent on the further contractorisation of additional functions at the Royal Artillery Range Hebrides [by Command] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees


(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Deregulation Committee on 30th January; to be printed [Nos. 182 and 183-i] [Mr Barry Field].

2 Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Committee on 30th January; to be printed [No. 82-ii] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-vii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
Wednesday 31st January 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Edinburgh Assay Office Order Confirmation Bill.—The Edinburgh Assay Office Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, 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 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2908) and the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2902), referred to a Committee on 22nd January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Protection of Privacy Bill.—Sir Patrick Cormack presented a Bill to make it an offence to sell or to buy tapes or transcripts of private conversations otherwise than with the consent of both parties; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th February and to be printed [Bill 50].

8 Regulation of Funding of Political Parties.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the funding of political parties—(Mr John Spellar);

And the Question 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, Ms Angela Eagle: 163.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Paul Marland, Mr Jacques Arnold: 62.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, 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, Mr Chris Mullin and Mr Denis MacShane do prepare and bring in the Bill.

9 Regulation of Funding of Political Parties Bill.—Mr John Spellar accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the funding of political parties: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 51].

10 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 1996–97 (House of Commons Paper No. 164), which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Gummer);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Roger Knapman: 300.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Joe Benton: 264.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 1996–97 (House of Commons Paper No. 164), which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved.
11 Local Government, Planning and Land, — **Resolved**, That the National Parks Supplementary Grant Report (England) 1996-97 (House of Commons Paper No. 167), which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved. — *(Mr Gyles Brandreth).*

12 Local Government Finance, — **Resolved**, That the Limitation of Council Tax and Precepts (Relevant Notional Amounts) Report (England) 1996-97 (House of Commons Paper No. 166), which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved. — *(Mr Gyles Brandreth).*

13 Local Government Finance, — **Resolved**, That the Special Grant Report (No. 16) (House of Commons Paper No. 165), which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved. — *(Mr Gyles Brandreth).*

14 Public Petitions, — A Public Petition from residents of Walsall for improved protection for sites of special scientific interest was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment, — **Resolved**, That this House do now adjourn. — *(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)*

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

[Adjourned at 10.33 p.m.]

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### APPENDIX I

**Papers presented or laid upon the Table:**

**Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:**

1 Broadcasting, — Copy of the Agreement dated the 25th day of January 1996 between Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for National Heritage and the British Broadcasting Corporation [by Command] [Cm. 3152] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

2 Family Law and Social Security, — Draft Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) and Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

3 Northern Ireland, — Draft Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Jonathan Evans].

4 Pensions, — Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


   *(2) draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1996,*

   *(3) draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Fund Payments) Order 1996,* and

   *(4) draft Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (General) Amendment Regulations 1996* [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**


7 Housing (Scotland), — Housing Revenue Account General Fund Contribution Limits (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 115), dated 18th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


9 National Health Service, — Health Authorities (Wales) Establishment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 146), dated 28th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

10 Rating and Valuation, — Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 103), dated 17th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:


13 Gas Levy,—Account of the Gas Levy for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 194] [Clerk of the House].

14 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 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 192] [Clerk of the House].

15 Insolvency,—Statements prepared pursuant to the Insolvency Act 1986 of the sums received and paid by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under the Act and of the sums credited and debited to the Investment Account by the National Debt Commissioners for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 191] [Clerk of the House].

16 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the National Portrait Gallery for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 193] [Clerk of the House].

17 National Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of the National Galleries of Scotland for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 195] [Clerk of the House].

18 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Second Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1995-96, Selected Cases 1996—Volume I [by Act]; to be printed [No. 157] [Clerk of the House].

19 Social Security,—Government Reply to the Fifth Report from the Social Security Committee, Session 1994-95, on the Work of the Department of Social Security and its Agencies [by Command] [Cm. 3148] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

20 Social Security Administration,—Report by the Government Actuary on the drafts of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1996 and the Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Fund Payments) Order 1996 [by Command] [Cm. 3149] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

21 Treaty Series (No. 19, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, Establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures [by Command] [Cm. 3077] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

22 Treaty Series (No. 20, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, Establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Safeguards [by Command] [Cm. 3078] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

23 Treaty Series (No. 29, 1996),—European Union, The Treaty on European Union, The Treaty establishing the European Community [by Command] [Cm. 3151] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

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 Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Matthew Banks, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr James Clappison, Ann Coffey, Mr John Denham, Mr Harold Ebleton, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Douglas French, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Andrew Hunter, Helen Jackson, Alice Mahon, Lady Olga Maitland and Mr Peter L. Pike.

2 Standing Committee G,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated twenty-seven Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Housing Bill, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr David Amess, Mr David Ashby, Mr Matthew Banks, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Peter Brooke, Mr Richard Burden, Mr James Clappison, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr David Curry, Mr Harold Ebleton, Mr Douglas French, Mr David
Hanson, Glenda Jackson, Mr Gwilym Jones, Diana Maddock, Mr William O’Brien, Bridget Prentice, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr John Sykes, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Keith Vaz and Mr A. Cecil Walker.

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Leicestershire (City of Leicester and District of Rutland) (Structural Change) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Jonathan Aitken, Hilary Armstrong, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Chris Davies, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr Neil Gerrard, Sir Archibald Hamilton, Ms Margaret Hodge, Helen Jackson, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Eric Pickles, Sir Keith Speed, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Keith Vaz.

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Business Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Michael Alison, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Nicholas Badgen, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr George Galloway, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr John MacGregor, Sir James Spicer, Sir Michael Spicer, Mr John D. Taylor, Mr Cyril D. Townsend, Sir John Wheeler and Mr Timothy Wood.

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Regulations 1995, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Vivian Bendall, Sir Graham Bright, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Eddie Loyden, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Paul Marland, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Peter Snape, Mr James Wallace and Mr Ray Whitney.

APPENDIX III

Reports from the Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) First Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Reply to the Eleventh Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, on Gulf War Syndrome]; to be printed [No. 187];

(2) Second Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Replies to the Twelfth and Thirteenth Reports from the Committee, Session 1994-95, on the Reserve Forces; and Market Testing and Contracting Out of Defence Support Functions]; to be printed [No. 188];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 31st January; to be printed [No. 189-i]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Defence Committee [Mr Michael Colvin].

2 Environment,—(1) First Special Report from the Environment Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, on DoE Estimates 1995-96 and Annual Report 1995]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 31st January; to be printed [Nos. 184 and 149-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 European Legislation,—(1) Eighth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-viii]; and

(2) First Special Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation [Government Reply to Twentieth Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, on the United Kingdom and the Community: Who makes the law on road safety?]; to be printed [No. 190] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 31st January; to be printed [No. 172-ii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 31st January; to be printed [No. 53-x] [Mr Clive Soley].
MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Offensive Weapons Bill to Standing Committee C;
(2) the Housing Bill to Standing Committee G;
(3) the draft Leicestershire (City of Leicester and District of Rutland) (Structural Change) Order 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;
(4) the draft Business Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(5) the Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Regulations 1995 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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 John McWilliam and Mrs Ann Winterton Chairmen of Standing Committee G in respect of the Housing Bill;
(3) Mr John Maxton and Mr Michael J. Martin Chairmen of the meeting of the Scottish Grand Committee on Monday 5th February;
(4) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Leicestershire (City of Leicester and District of Rutland) (Structural Change) Order 1996;
(5) Mr Donald Anderson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Business Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;
(6) Sir John Hunt Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Regulations 1995; and
(7) Mr James Hill an additional Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Public Service Vehicles (Operators’ Licences) Regulations 1995 and the Public Service Vehicles (Operators’ Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995.

3 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 Department of the Environment on 19th January 1996, relating to wild animals: trapping methods, to European Standing Committee A; and
(2) European Community Document No. 11954/95, relating to worker information and consultation, to European Standing Committee B.
[No. 41.]

Thursday 1st February 1996.

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 14th December, That the Promoters of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the last Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as were made by him in the last Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 any previous Session;

And the Question being again proposed;

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 8th February.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Security Service Bill,—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Security Service Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 52].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 203].

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

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

6 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.

7 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Carmarthen for legislation to abolish standing charges on utilities for old age pensioners and others was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds,—Draft Hydrographic Office Trading Fund Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].
2 Housing (Scotland),—(1) Draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1996, and
(2) draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation Order 1996
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

3 Local Government Finance (Wales),—(1) Local Government Finance Report (Wales) 1996-
97, and
(2) Limitation of Council Tax and Precepts (Notional Amounts) Report (Wales) 1996-97
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 141 and 142] [Mr Secretary Hague].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Council Tax,—Local Government Changes for England (Council Tax) (Transitional
Reduction) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 176), dated 1st February 1996 [by Act] [Mr
Secretary Gummer].

5 Education,—Education (Grant-maintained Special Schools) (Amendment) Regulations 1996
(S.I., 1996, No. 111), dated 16th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

6 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) Regulations
1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 175), dated 1st February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

7 National Health Service,—(1) North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare National Health
Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 124), dated 23rd
January 1996, and
(2) Worthing and Southlands Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

8 Road Traffic,—Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations
Young].

Other Papers:

9 Food,—Account of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for
1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
be printed [No. 202] [Clerk of the House].

10 Housing (Scotland),—Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—
(1) the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1996, and
(2) the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation Order 1996
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 178 and 179] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

11 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on
Performing rights: the supply in the UK of the services of administering performing
rights and film synchronisation rights [by Command] [Cm. 3147] [Mr Secretary Lang].

12 Public Libraries and Museums,—Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on Library
Services in Wales for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

13 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs on the Petition [18th December] from citizens of York for a moratorium on
mahogany imports [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 1st February; to be
printed [No. 59-viii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on
1st February; to be printed [No. 23-viii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].
Friday 2nd February 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).
2 Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill.—The Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.
3 Trading Schemes Bill.—The Trading Schemes Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.
4 Gender Identity (Registration and Civil Status) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gender Identity (Registration and Civil Status) 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 9th February.
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 16th February.
6 British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 26th January, That the British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill be now read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 9th February.
7 Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Speaker shall—
   (1) at the sitting on Tuesday 6th February—
      (i) put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to General Practitioner Fundholding not later than Seven o'clock, and
      (ii) put the Question on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Blair relating to the Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 not later than Ten o'clock; and
   (2) at the sitting on Thursday 8th February, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community Documents), put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Hague relating to Local Government Finance (Wales) not later than Seven o'clock.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)
8 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 5th February.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on The Go-Ahead Group plc and OK Motor Services Limited [by Command] [Cm. 3150] [Mr Secretary Lang].
4 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 and the Army Reserve [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].
Monday 5th February 1996.

The House met at half-past Two 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 Timothy Wood);

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

4 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of North Devon against standing charges for utilities for old age pensioners and persons on low incomes was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And the Motion having being 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, it being then half-past Ten o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Coast Protection,—Coast Protection (Notices) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 141), dated 24th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


Other Papers:

3 Development of Tourism,—Statement by the Secretary of State for National Heritage on the appointment of a new member of the British Tourist Authority [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

4 Education,—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 127] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

5 Miscellaneous (No. 6, 1996),—General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, signed at Paris on 14th December 1995, and Annexes with related agreements and conclusions of the Peace Implementation Conference held in London on 8th and 9th December 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3154] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Employment on the Petition [19th December] from citizens of Gloucester seeking the preservation from demolition of college premises at Oxstalls and their use for educational purposes [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 5th February; to be printed [No. 206-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
2 Selection (see Appendix II).
3 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:
   That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Special Hours Certificates) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 27th November, 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 (Long Pull) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 27th November, 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 (Motor Vehicles Tests) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 4th December, a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House.
4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
5 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill,—Mr John Maxton reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 55].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 208].
6 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Leicestershire (City of Leicester and District of Rutland) (Structural Change) Order 1996.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
7 New Member makes Affirmation,—Jon Hedley Trickett, Esquire, Member for Hemsworth, made the Affirmation required by law.
8 Regulation of Diet Industry Bill,—Alice Mahon, supported by 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 Tessa Jowell, 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 22nd March and to be printed [Bill 53].
9 Periodicals (Protection of Children).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require publishers of periodicals to display prominently on the front cover of their publications their own assessment of the youngest age for which they consider that publication to be suitable; and for related purposes—(Mr Peter Luff);—
   And the Question 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 Peter Luff, Mr Michael Alison, Mr David Alton, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr James Cran, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Frank Field, Mr Andrew Rowe, Sir Timothy Sainsbury, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Tessa Jowell and Estelle Morris do prepare and bring in the Bill.
10 Periodicals (Protection of Children) Bill,—Mr Peter Luff accordingly presented a Bill to require publishers of periodicals to display prominently on the front cover of their publications their own assessment of the youngest age for which they consider that publication to be suitable; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 54].
11 Future of GP Fundholding.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House pays tribute to the role that GP fundholders have played in kick-starting and developing innovative practice in both primary care and the acute sector; welcomes the advances that fundholding has brought to many patients; accepts that fundholding has acted as a lever to improve services; and consequently remains committed to the further development of GP fundholding.—(Mr Secretary Dorrell);

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 'pays tribute to the role all GPs have played in developing innovative practice in both primary care and the acute sector; regrets that the system of GP fundholding leads to two-tier health care and a massive increase in bureaucracy; believes that the unfairness of the internal market should be ended and GP fundholding replaced by GP commissioning in which all patients get excellent primary care, access to hospitals on the basis of clinical need, and in which all GPs have a say in the planning and development of primary and hospital care', instead thereof.—(Ms Harriet Harman).

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Ann Coffey: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 320.

So the Question was negatived.

Resolved, That this House pays tribute to the role that GP fundholders have played in kick-starting and developing innovative practice in both primary care and the acute sector; welcomes the advances that fundholding has brought to many patients; accepts that fundholding has acted as a lever to improve services; and consequently remains committed to the further development of GP fundholding.

12 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2587), dated 2nd October 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th October, in the last session of Parliament, be revoked—(Mr Michael Meacher);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Joe Benton: 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 295.

So the Question was negatived.

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out,—Draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the provision of Guardians Ad Litem and Reporting Officers Panels) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Delegation of Type Approval) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 147), dated 29th January 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

3 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 211), and

dated 5th February 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C, Mr John Denham and Helen Jackson (nominated in respect of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Harry Barnes and Kate Hoey.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation.—Seventh Report from the Deregulation Committee, [Proposal For The Deregulation (Special Hours Certificates) Order 1996; Proposal For The Deregulation (Long Pull) Order 1995; Proposal For The Deregulation (Motor Vehicles Tests) Order 1996]; to be printed [No. 207] [Mr Barry Field].

2 Employment.—First Report from the Employment Committee [The Work of TECs], 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. 99] [Mr Greville Janner].

3 Statutory Instruments.—Eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-viii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 45.]

Wednesday 7th February 1996.

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

PRayers.

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

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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 that it had chosen the Fourth Report from the Agriculture Committee, Session 1994–95, on Horticulture, and the First Report from the Northern Ireland Committee, Session 1994–95, on Employment Creation in Northern Ireland, to be debated on Wednesday 7th February pursuant to Standing Order No. 10 (Wednesday sittings).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 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 directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 22nd March. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 211].

7 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Donald Anderson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Business Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 1996. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
8 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir John Hunt reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 3128), referred to a Committee on 30th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 Cold Climate Allowance.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for more equitable heating allowances to reflect the increased cost of domestic heating in colder climates; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mrs Margaret Ewing, Roseanna Cunningham, Mr Robert Hicks, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Diana Maddock, Mr Eddie McGrady, Sir James Molyneaux, Mr Alex Salmond, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Andrew Welsh and Mr Dafydd Wigley do prepare and bring it in.

10 Cold Climate Allowance Bill,—Mrs Margaret Ewing accordingly presented a Bill to provide for more equitable heating allowances to reflect the increased cost of domestic heating in colder climates; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 56].

11 Opposition day [4th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Rail Privatisation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with grave concern the very serious allegations of fraud against the management team which has been awarded the franchise to operate the London, Tilbury and Southend rail line; is concerned that this fraud was discovered by British Rail staff only days before the franchise was handed over and would not have been subject to British Rail audit thereafter; believes that this development reveals flaws in the franchising system and the effectiveness of the franchise director; calls on the Government to acknowledge that the process of rail privatisation is costing the taxpayer more for a lesser service, has led to a slump in investment, and is undermining through ticketing and connections between services; and therefore calls on the Government to halt the process of rail privatisation which is driven by dogma rather than the transport needs of the nation.—(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 'congratulates the Government on the progress that it is making with privatisation, particularly with the start of private passenger services on the South West and Great Western lines, offering the prospects of better services and higher investment at less cost to the taxpayer; recognising that this demonstrates that the Opposition's attempt to halt privatisation has failed; and looks forward to the flotation of Railtrack in May as an opportunity for the railways to access private finance for investment', 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 John Cummings, Mr Greg Pope: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Gary Streeter: 298.

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 the Government on the progress that it is making with privatisation, particularly with the start of private passenger services on the South West and Great Western lines, offering the prospects of better services and higher investment at less cost to the taxpayer; recognising that this demonstrates that the Opposition's attempt to halt privatisation has failed; and looks forward to the flotation of Railtrack in May as an opportunity for the railways to access private finance for investment.

Post Office Privatisation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House opposes the Prime Minister's stated intention to reopen the question of the privatisation of Royal Mail and Parcelforce; records its concern that such a privatisation by Her Majesty's Government would threaten the close co-operation which exists between the Royal Mail, Parcelforce and Post Office Counters and places in commercial jeopardy post offices and sub post offices in communities where presently they play a vital role; believes that the Government should safeguard the universal access and uniform pricing of this country's postal services; recognises that the Post Office does not
call for or receive a subsidy from the public purse; and is of the view that British customers will continue to have the best opportunity of enjoying this standard of service only if the Post Office remains as a single corporation within public ownership. — (Margaret Beckett.)

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the substantial benefits which have flowed to customers from the Government’s programme of privatisation; recognises that 19,000 of the 20,000 post offices in the United Kingdom are already in the private sector; and endorses the Government’s continuing commitment to a universal postal service at a uniform and affordable tariff and a nationwide network of post offices’, 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 Eric Clarke, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 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): — 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 benefits which have flowed to customers from the Government’s programme of privatisation; recognises that 19,000 of the 20,000 post offices in the United Kingdom are already in the private sector; and endorses the Government’s continuing commitment to a universal postal service at a uniform and affordable tariff and a nationwide network of post offices.

12 Deregulation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Amendment) (Time Limits) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Mr Roger Knapman): — It was agreed to.

13 Deregulation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Corn Returns Act 1882) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 27th November, be approved—(Mr Roger Knapman): — It was agreed to.

14 Deregulation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Fair Trading Act 1973) (Amendment) (Merger Reference Time Limits) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Mr Roger Knapman): — It was agreed to.

15 Deregulation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976) (Amendment) (Variation of Exempt Agreements) Order 1995, which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Mr Roger Knapman): — It was agreed to.

16 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of York for improved protection for sites of special scientific interest, and
(2) residents of Plumstead and Shooters Hill against the proposed closure of Shooters Hill Fire Station
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Roger Knapman);

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 minutes to Eleven o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.49 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Family Law and Social Security,—Social Security (Adjudication) and Child Support Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 182), dated 31st January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


5 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Appropriate Pension Fund) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 185), dated 31st January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

6 Merchant Shipping,—Report by the Department of Transport on exemptions granted under section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906 during 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

7 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Forty-first to Forty-fourth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1994-95 [by Command] [Cm. 3166] [Mr Michael Jack].

8 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 an officer of the Air Force Reserve [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

9 Treaty Series (No. 21, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures [by Command] [Cm. 3079] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Treaty Series (No. 22, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Rules of Origin [by Command] [Cm. 3080] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

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 Trading Schemes Bill, viz.: Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Kevin Hughes, Jane Kennedy, Sir Jim Lester, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Andrew Rowe, Sir Nicholas Scott, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Peter Temple-Morris.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Stuart Bell, Sir Rhodes Boyson, Mr John Butterfill, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr David Evennett, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Ken Purchase, Sir Wyn Roberts, Mr Andrew Rowe, Rachel Squire, Mr Michael Stephen, Mr Michael Stern, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Keith Vaz.
APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—(1) Third Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Reply to the First Reports from the Defence and Trade and Industry Committees, on Aspects of Defence Procurement and Industrial Policy]; and
   (2) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 7th February;
   to be printed [Nos. 209 and 215] [Mr Michael Colvin].

2 Education.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Committee on 7th February; to be printed [No. 205-i] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

3 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 7th February; to be printed [No. 163-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Foreign Affairs.—Memoranda laid before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Mr David Howell].

5 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 7th February; to be printed [No. 172-iii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

6 National Heritage.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 7th February; to be printed [No. 23-ix] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs.—(1) First Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Response by the Government, Northern Ireland Electricity and the Director General of Electricity Supply for Northern Ireland to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, Electricity Prices in Northern Ireland]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 7th February;
   to be printed [Nos. 214 and 53-xi] [Mr Clive Soley].

8 Procedure.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 7th February; to be printed [No. 152-iii] [Sir Peter Emery].

9 Public Accounts.—(1) Seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Meteorological Office Executive Agency: Evaluation of Performance]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 216], and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 7th February; to be printed [No. 217-i]
   [Mr Robert Sheldon].

10 Public Service.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 7th February; to be printed [No. 213] [Mr Giles Radice].

11 Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 7th February; to be printed [No. 90-iv] [Mr Frank Field].

12 Trade and Industry.—First Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Reply to the First Reports from the Defence and Trade and Industry Committees, on Aspects of Defence Procurement and Industrial Policy]; to be printed [No. 210] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

13 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 7th February; to be printed [No. 67-vii] [Mr Paul Channon].

14 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 7th February; to be printed [No. 186-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

MEMORANDUM
Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.
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 14th December, That the Promoters of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the last Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as were made by him in the last Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 any previous Session;

And the Question being again proposed;

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 15th February.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Standing Orders, The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee the following Resolution:

That, in the case of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill, Petition for amendment of Provisions, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the Parties be permitted to insert their proposed amendment of Provisions, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

The Resolution was agreed to.

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Asylum and Immigration Bill,—Mr Edward O'Hara reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Asylum and Immigration Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 222].

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

The Lords agree to the Edinburgh Assay Office Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

8 Wildlife Bill,—The Order for reading the Wildlife Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 16th February.

9 Local Government Finance (Wales),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Local Government Finance Report (Wales) 1996-97 (House of Commons Paper No. 141), which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved—(Mr Secretary Hague);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Bridget Prentice: 196.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance Report (Wales) 1996-97 (House of Commons Paper No. 141), which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved.

10 Local Government Finance (Wales).—Resolved, That the Limitation of Council Tax and Precepts (Notional Amounts) Report (Wales) 1996-97 (House of Commons Paper No. 142), which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Hague.)

11 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Business Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved.—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

12 Contracting Out.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracting Out (Management Functions in relation to certain Community Homes) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 16th January, be approved.—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

13 Agricultural Holdings.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Agricultural Holdings (Fee) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 17th January, be approved.—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

14 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Leicestershire (City of Leicester and District of Rutland) (Structural Change) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved.—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

15 Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 5, at the end to insert the words—

‘(OA) The relevant body may publish the information in accordance with a Code of Practice issued by the Secretary of State under section 2(2) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1990’.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Westbury for legislation to abolish standing charges on utilities for old age pensioners and others was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.49 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2. Housing,—Housing (Change of Landlord) (Payment of Disposal Cost by Installments) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 184), dated 31st January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3. National Health Service,—National Health Service (Clinical Negligence Scheme) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 251), dated 7th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


   (2) Drivers' Hours (Passenger and Goods Vehicles) (Exemption) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 240), dated 8th February 1996, and
   (3) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 163), dated 31st January 1996
   [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Other Papers:

6. Armed Forces Pay,—(1) Annex to the Twenty-fifth Report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay, on Valuation of the Armed Forces Pension Scheme, and
   (2) Twenty-fifth Report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay
   [by Command] [Cm. 3091-II and 3091-I] [The Prime Minister].

7. Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration,—Twenty-fifth Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration [by Command] [Cm. 3090] [The Prime Minister].

8. Local Government Finance,—Account of the Pooling of Non-Domestic Rates and Redistribution to Local Authorities in England for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 219] [Clerk of the House].

   (1) Nursing Staff, Midwives and Health Visitors, and
   (2) Professions Allied to Medicine
   [by Command] [Cm. 3092 and 3093] [The Prime Minister].

10. Prisons,—Prison Statistics for England and Wales for 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 3087] [Mr Secretary Howard].

11. Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petitions [20th December, 18th, 19th, 22nd and 24th January and 1st February] from constituents of North Durham and residents of Finchley, Stockton, Nuneaton, Carmarthen, Essex and South East Cornwall for the abolition of standing charges in respect of utilities for pensioners and low income households [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12. Race Relations,—Account of the Commission for Racial Equality for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 221] [Clerk of the House].
13 School Teachers.—Fifth Report of the School Teachers' Review Body [by Command] [Cm. 3095] [The Prime Minister].

14 Senior Salaries.—Eighteenth Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries [by Command] [Cm. 3094] [The Prime Minister].

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 Offensive Weapons Bill, viz.: Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr John Hutton, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr David Lidington, Mr Robert McCartney, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Alun Michael, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Giles Radice and Mr Don Touhig.

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 Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill, viz.: Mr Michael Alison, Mr David Amess, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Tom Cox, Mr David Evennett, Mrs Lin Golding, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr David Maclean, Mr John Marshall, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Alun Michael, Sir Michael Neubert, the Reverend Martin Smyth and Mr Don Touhig.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

National Heritage.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 8th February; to be printed [No. 23-x] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill and the Trading Schemes Bill to Standing Committee 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 Trading Schemes Bill;

(2) Mr Norman Hogg and Mr Michael J. Martin Chairmen of the meeting of the Scottish Grand Committee on Monday 19th February; and

(3) Sir David Knox Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 1996.

[No. 47.]

Friday 9th February 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill;

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

Mr David Winnick 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 Ayen, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr John McWilliam: 63. 
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Michael Stern: 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 half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned. 

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 19th April.

3 Non-Domestic Rating (Information) Bill.—The Non-Domestic Rating (Information) 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 Allan Stewart):—It was agreed to. 

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee. 

(In the Committee) 

Clause 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. 

4 Law Reform (Year and a Day Rule) Bill.—The Law Reform (Year and a Day Rule) 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 Doug Hoyle):—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. 

5 Prisoners’ Earnings Bill.—The Prisoners’ Earnings Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee. 

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th February. 

7 British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 26th January, That the British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill be now read a second time; 

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 16th February. 

8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That— 

(1) at the sitting on Wednesday 14th February, the Speaker shall put the Question on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Blair relating to the Local Government Reorganisation (Compensation for Loss of Remuneration) Regulations 1995 not later than Ten o’clock;
(2) at the sitting on Thursday 15th February, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mrs Secretary Bottomley relating to the Agreement between the Secretary of State for National Heritage and the British Broadcasting Corporation not later than Ten o'clock; and

(3) at the sitting on Monday 19th February, Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community Documents) shall apply to the Motion in the name of Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew relating to the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 with the substitution of the words 'three hours' for the words 'one and a half hours' in line 4.—(Mr Andrew MacKay.)

9 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 five minutes past Three o'clock, till Monday 12th February.

[Adjourned at 3.5 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 230), dated 5th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Charities,—Charities (Exception from Registration) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 180), dated 1st February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Education,—(1) Education (Grant) (Henrietta Barnet School) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 205), dated 3rd February 1996, and

(2) Hinckley College (Dissolution) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 249), dated 7th February 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


5 Police,—Police (Promotion) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 221), dated 2nd February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

6 Sea Fisheries,—(1) Fishing Boats (European Economic Community) Designation (Variation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 248), and


Other Papers:

7 Environment Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 138] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

8 Treaty Series (No. 23, 1996),—Notes, exchanged at Lima on 27th January 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Peru concerning the United Kingdom/Peru Retrospective Terms Agreement 1995 [by Command][Cm. 3144] [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 Opposition day [5th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Ministerial Responsibility.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the erosion by Her Majesty's Government of the principle of ministerial responsibility. —(Mr Menzies Campbell.)

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the Government's policies for discharging Ministerial accountability to Parliament, for improving the management and delivery of public services, for maintaining high standards in public bodies, and for improving the openness and responsiveness of the public sector, thus creating a framework for good Government', instead thereof. —(Mr Roger Freeman.)

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: 39.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 247.

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 Government's policies for discharging Ministerial accountability to Parliament, for improving the management and delivery of public services, for maintaining high standards in public bodies, and for improving the openness and responsiveness of the public sector, thus creating a framework for good Government.

Local Government Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls for reform of the financing of local councils so that they can realistically meet needs within the communities they serve; condemns the Government's financial priorities which are leading directly to the imposition of higher council taxes and cuts in local services; and believes that the Government's assault on local authorities, which continues year after year, is directly related to the massive reduction in Conservative representation at a local level. —(Mr David Rendel.)

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'congratulates the Government on the priority they have given to education and the police in the 1996-97 settlement for local government; approves the rigorous approach that Government takes towards all public expenditure, including that of local government; commends the flexibility they have given to local authorities to respond to local priorities; and urges local authorities to make the most efficient use of the resources available and to use their freedom responsibly in providing local services', instead thereof. —(Mr David Curry.)

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: 28.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Bowen Wells: 179.

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 the Government on the priority they have given to education and the police in the 1996–97 settlement for local government; approves the rigorous approach that Government takes towards all public expenditure, including that of local government; commends the flexibility they have given to local authorities to respond to local priorities; and urges local authorities to make the most efficient use of the resources available and to use their freedom responsibly in providing local services.

4 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in the Finance Statement and Budget Report 1996–97 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—(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 Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Gary Streeter: 75.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nigel Spearing, Mr Harry Barnes: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.


5 Trading Schemes Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Trading Schemes Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Trading Schemes 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 under the Fair Trading Act 1973.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes past Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.16 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Children and Young Persons,—Draft Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Children’s Services Planning) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

2 Deregulation.—(1) Draft Deregulation (Friendly Societies Act 1992) Order 1996, together with a statement from the Treasury [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave]; and

(2) draft Deregulation (Slaughterhouses Act 1974 and Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Act 1980) Order 1996, together with a statement from the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Local Government,—Charter Trustees Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 263), dated 10th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

4 British Council,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 8th February 1996, concerning the indemnification of works of art lent to the British Council for new
exhibitions to be held in a number of overseas locations during the first half of the financial year 1996-97 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Coal Investments plc,—Departmental Minute from the Department of Trade and Industry, dated 12th February 1996, concerning a contingent liability consequent on the administration of Coal Investments plc and certain of its subsidiaries [by Command] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 Defence (Royal Air Force),—Amendment List No. 22 to Major Revision 1985 to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Employment on the Petition [22nd January] from residents of Solihull against the introduction of nursery vouchers [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—(1) Second Report from the Environment Committee [Housing Need], 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. 22]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Committee
   [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 12th February; to be printed [No. 224-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

3 Treasury,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 12th February; to be printed [No. 223-i]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Treasury Committee
   [Sir Thomas Arnold].

Tuesday 13th February 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Taxes,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Address of 18th December relating to Taxes 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 and on Gifts) (Netherlands) Order 1995 be made in the form of the draft laid before your House.

   I will comply with your request.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir David Knox reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 1996.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Protection of Privacy Bill,—The Order for reading the Protection of Privacy Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 22nd March.

6 Commonwealth of Britain Bill,—Mr Tony Benn presented a Bill to establish a democratic, federal and secular Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Wales dedicated to the
welfare of all its citizens; to establish fundamental human rights within that Commonwealth; to lower the voting age to 16 years and to make other provision with respect to elections, including equal representation for women; to prescribe a constitutional oath; to establish a Commonwealth Parliament consisting of the House of Commons and the House of the People and to make provision for the term of a Parliament and for legislative and other procedure; to establish the office of President, and a Council of State, and to prescribe the powers of each; to provide for the formation of governments; to amend the law relating to official information, the armed forces and the security services; to make fresh provision for the participation of Britain in the United Nations Organisation and the European Communities and European Union; to make the basing of foreign forces in Britain dependent upon the approval of the House of Commons; to make new provision with respect to the judicial system and to establish a National Legal Service; to set up national Parliaments for England, Scotland and Wales; to amend the law relating to local government, the district auditor and the accountability of police forces; to end the constitutional status of the Crown and to make certain consequential provision; to abolish the House of Lords and the Privy Council, to end the recognition in law of personal titles, and to provide for the acknowledgement of service to the community; to disestablish the Church of England, abolish the offence of blasphemy, and to provide for equality under the law for all religions and beliefs; to end British jurisdiction in Northern Ireland; to provide for a Constitution and for constitutional amendment; and to make transitional and related provision: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 57].

7 Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Bill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 27) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin):—It was agreed to.

8 Prisons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 32) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin):—It was agreed to.

9 National Parks (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer upon the Secretary of State powers to establish national parks in Scotland—(Mr Sam Galbraith);

And the Question 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 Sam Galbraith, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr John Maxton, Mr John McFall, Mr Brian Wilson, Dr Lewis Moonie, Mr Elliot Morley, Joan Ruddock and Maria Fyfe do prepare and bring in the Bill.

10 National Parks (Scotland) Bill.—Mr Sam Galbraith accordingly presented a Bill to confer upon the Secretary of State powers to establish national parks in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 59].

11 Opposition day [6th 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.

Morale of National Health Service Staff.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the growing demoralisation of those who work in the National Health Service; recognises that those who work in the NHS are dismayed that they cannot provide the quality of care that they and their patients want and that they feel that, without consultation, changes in the NHS detrimental to patient care are forced upon them; notes that NHS staff are concerned that they are spending more time on paperwork and less time with patients; notes that the number of managers is growing while the number of beds and nurses is cut; deplores the unfairness that saw the pay of chief executives rise by more than twice that of nurses; notes that there are now staff shortages both in hospitals and in the community and there is an increasing reliance on unpaid overtime, locums and agency staff; and calls on the Government to recognise demoralisation in the NHS, affirm that the NHS staff are its most precious resource, affirm that there should be fair pay and proper attention to staff security, end the growing use of short-term contracts, ensure that all NHS staff should be able to speak out about their professional concerns, and that at all levels of the NHS the views of staff should be heard and acted upon.—(Ms Harriet Harman.)
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 'pays tribute to the dedication and commitment of the NHS's staff; welcomes the investment in professional development for all NHS staff made by the Government since 1979, in particular the investment in high quality nurse training represented by Project 2000, the development of new nursing specialties, for example, in general practice and paediatric intensive care nursing, the increase in the number of doctors, nurses, midwives and consultants, the reduction in on-call hours for junior hospital doctors, the establishment of an independent Pay Review Body for nurses, the increase of nearly 70 per cent. in nurses' earnings, the establishment of the principle of local pay for nurses which has delivered fair and flexible settlements and the development of high quality NHS general management; commends the recent announcement by the Secretary of State for Health of an 8 per cent. real terms cut in administration budgets for health authorities and trusts next year, together with an efficiency scrutiny which will identify and eradicate unnecessary paperwork; and looks forward to the further development of the National Health Service', instead thereof. (Mr Secretary Dorrell.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr Malcolm Chisholm: 272.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 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 pays tribute to the dedication and commitment of the NHS's staff; welcomes the investment in professional development for all NHS staff made by the Government since 1979, in particular the investment in high quality nurse training represented by Project 2000, the development of new nursing specialties, for example, in general practice and paediatric intensive care nursing, the increase in the number of doctors, nurses, midwives and consultants, the reduction in on-call hours for junior hospital doctors, the establishment of an independent Pay Review Body for nurses, the increase of nearly 70 per cent. in nurses' earnings, the establishment of the principle of local pay for nurses which has delivered fair and flexible settlements and the development of high quality NHS general management; commends the recent announcement by the Secretary of State for Health of an 8 per cent. real terms cut in administration budgets for health authorities and trusts next year, together with an efficiency scrutiny which will identify and eradicate unnecessary paperwork; and looks forward to the further development of the National Health Service.

Private Security Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House requires Her Majesty's Government to implement the recommendations of the Home Affairs Committee contained in its First Report of Session 1994-95 (House of Commons Paper No. 17) on the private security industry. (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 'recognises the valuable work done by the Home Affairs Committee in its First Report, Session 1994-95, on the private security industry (House of Commons Paper No. 17), welcomes the Government's plans to introduce the White Paper which will allow greater access to criminal records; and congratulates the Government on its firm and positive commitment to ensuring that standards throughout the industry are raised to the level of the best', instead thereof. (Mr David Maclean.)

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: 263.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 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 recognises the valuable work done by the Home Affairs Committee in its First Report, Session 1994-95, on the private security industry (House
of Commons Paper No. 17), welcomes the Government’s plans to introduce the White Paper which will allow greater access to criminal records, and congratulates the Government on its firm and positive commitment to ensuring that standards throughout the industry are raised to the level of the best.

12 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Coventry for preservation of the level of pensions was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Wembley against the reduction of police presence in Chalkhill and Brownhill Road, Wembley, 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 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 fourteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out.—Draft Secretary of State’s Trunk Road Functions (Contracting Out) (Scotland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

2 Northern Ireland.—Draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

3 Urban Development.—Central Manchester Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1996, dated 6th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Urban Development.—Central Manchester Development Corporation (Planning Functions) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 232), dated 6th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

6 Audit (Northern Ireland).—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Castle Court Shopping Centre in Belfast: Arrangements for Clawback of Urban Development Grant [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 180] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

7 National Health Service.—Summarised Accounts of the Health Authorities, Family Health Services Authorities and 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 for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 225] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 13th February; to be printed [Nos. 143-ii and -iii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill [Mr Peter Viggers].

2 Deregulation.—Eighth Report from the Deregulation Committee, [Proposal For The Deregulation (Gun Barrel Proving) Order 1996: Proposal For The Deregulation
MEMORANDUM

European Standing Committees,—European Community Document No. 4198/96, relating to wild animals: trapping methods, has been referred to European Standing Committee A in place of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of the Environment on 19th January, which was referred on 31st January.

[No. 50.]

Wednesday 14th February 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

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

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill,—Sir Anthony Durant reported from the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be re-committed to a Standing Committee; and be printed [Bill 58].

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Trading Schemes Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Trading Schemes Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 29th March. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 230].

7 Bull Bars (Prohibition),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the prohibition of the use on roads of motor vehicles fitted with bull bars; and for other related purposes: And that Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Richard Spring, Jean Corston, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Andrew Miller and Mr David Hanson do prepare and bring it in.

8 Bull Bars (Prohibition) Bill,—Mr Paul Flynn accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the prohibition of the use on roads of motor vehicles fitted with bull bars; and for other related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th March and to be printed [Bill 60].
9 Security Service Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Security Service Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Powers of Police Complaints Authority)—(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 Alex Carlile: 31.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 267.

Another Clause (Intelligence and Security Committee and the prevention and detection of serious crime)—(Mr Jack Straw)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Review of Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984)—(Mr Alun Michael)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words 'except that the Service shall not so act with regard to any industrial relations dispute unless that dispute involves any offence for which a person who has attained the age of twenty-one and has no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of three years or more'.—(Mr Harry Cohen.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2A) After subsection (3) of section 2 of that Act there shall be added—

"(3ZA) The arrangements referred to in subsection (2)(c) above shall specify that any request for support made by a law enforcement agency or a police force shall be subject to the approval of the person designated in accordance with subsection (3B) below who shall be responsible for agreeing to the specific arrangements of any operation or operators resulting from each individual request, which shall include arrangements as to the accountability of the persons and bodies involved."'.—(Mr Alun Michael.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, to leave out lines 23 and 24 and insert the words—

'(2) Subject to subsection (3) below, this Act shall come into force on such day or days as the Secretary of State may appoint by order made by statutory instrument, and different orders may appoint different days for different sections of this Act.

(3) No order under subsection (2) above shall be made in respect of section 2 above unless the Secretary of State is satisfied that any power to be extended to, or obligation to be placed upon, the Security Service by that section is a power or obligation (as the case may be) which also extends to or is placed upon police forces', instead thereof.—(Mr A. J. Beith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 24, at the end, to add the words—

'(3) Section 1 of this Act shall be repealed twenty four months after this Act has come into force in accordance with subsection (2) above unless the body known at the time of this Act receiving Royal Assent as the National Criminal Intelligence Service is within that period established upon a statutory basis and the person appointed as chief officer of that body is or was a chief constable who has been designated by the Secretary of State in accordance with subsection (3B) of section 2 of the Security Service Act 1989'.—(Mr Alun Michael.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
10 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Local Government Reorganisation (Compensation for Loss of Remuneration) Regulations 1995 (S.I., 1995, No. 2837), dated 3rd November 1995, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th November, be revoked—(Mr Frank Dobson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Eric Martlew: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 293.

So the Question was negatived.

11 Scottish Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the Order of the House [11th December] relating to sittings of the Scottish Grand Committee be further amended as follows—

(a) in paragraph 5, by leaving out the words 'in Scotland on Monday 4th March' and inserting the words 'in the Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock, on Monday 4th March to take Questions for oral answer and';

(b) in paragraph 6, by leaving out the words 'in Scotland' and inserting the words 'in the City Chambers, Glasgow,'; and

(c) in paragraph 7, by leaving out the words 'in Scotland on Monday 22nd April' and inserting the words 'in the Highland Council Building, Inverness, on Monday 22nd April to take Questions for oral answer and';

(2) in respect of the meeting of the Scottish Grand Committee in the Highland Council Building, Inverness, on Monday 22nd April, the Order of the House [11th December] shall have effect with the substitution of the words 'half-past Eleven o'clock' for the words 'half-past Ten o'clock', and the Chairman shall interrupt the proceedings at Two o'clock; and

(3) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 94B (Scottish Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)), notices of questions for Monday 4th March may be given on Tuesday 20th February.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from branches of (1) the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in England and Wales and (2) the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in favour of the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill 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 Roger Knapman.)

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 or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—(1) Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 1996, and

(2) Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1996, dated 12th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Urban Development,—Central Manchester Development Corporation (Transfer of Property, Rights and Liabilities) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 233), dated 7th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

3 Law Commission (Scotland),—Report of the Scottish Law Commission for 1994–95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 119] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

4 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—

(1) the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 1996, and
(2) the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1996
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 200 and 201] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported
from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on
the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft
Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the provision of Guardians Ad Litem and
Reporting Officers Panels) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Robert Atkins, Mr Hugh
Bayley, Mr John Bowis, Mr Sebastian Coe, Sir Marcus Fox, Sir Peter Fry, Mr
John Gunnell, Mr David Hanson, Mr John Heppell, Margaret Hodge, Mr Kevin
Hughes, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr David Lidington, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Alice Mahon,
Mr Alan Milburn, Mrs Elisabeth Peacock and Dr Robert Spink.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture and Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken jointly before the Agriculture
and Welsh Affairs Committees on 14th February; to be printed [No. 40-viii] [Sir Jerry
Wiggin].

2 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 14th February; to
be printed [No. 105-ii] [Mr Michael Colvin].

3 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill.—(1) Special Report from the Select Committee on the
Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the
Committee, and of the Committee in the last Session of Parliament; to be printed [No.
204]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Rail
Link Bill on 5th, 12th and 13th December, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th and 31st January
and 14th February; to be printed [No. 204-i to -x]
[Sir Anthony Durant].

4 Education.—First Report from the Education Committee [Education and Training for 14 to
19 Year Olds], 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. 63-I]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Education Committee
[Sir Malcolm Thornton].

5 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 14th
February; to be printed [No. 149-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

6 European Legislation.—Ninth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation;
to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-ix] [Mr
Jimmy Hood].

7 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 14th
February; to be printed [No. 172-iv] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

8 Public Accounts.—(1) Eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Department
of Social Security and Benefits Agency: Purchase of Postal and Courier Services]; to be
printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No.
232];

(2) Ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Protecting and Presenting
Scotland’s Heritage Properties]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the
Committee relating to the Report [No. 233]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 14th
February; to be printed [No. 234-i]
[Mr Robert Sheldon].

9 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology
Committee on 14th February; to be printed [No. 231-i] [Sir Giles Shaw].
10 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 12th and 13th February; to be printed [No. 229-i, ii and iii] [Mr William McKelvey].

11 Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 14th February; to be printed [No. 90-v] [Mr Frank Field].

12 Trade and Industry.—(1) Second Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Nuclear Privatisation]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 43-I];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 14th February; to be printed [No. 87-v]; and
   (3) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee
       [Mr Martin O'Neill].

13 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 14th February; to be printed [No. 67-viii] [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 Prisoners' Earnings Bill to Standing Committee C; and
   (2) the draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the provision of Guardians Ad Litem and Reporting Officers Panels) Order 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed—
   (1) Mr Michael J. Martin and Mr Iain Mills Chairmen of the Special Standing Committee on the Licensing (Amendment) Scotland Bill; and
   (2) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the provision of Guardians Ad Litem and Reporting Officers Panels) Order 1996.

3 European Standing Committees,—(1) In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 12377/95, relating to equal opportunities for men and women, has been referred to European Standing Committee B; and
   (2) The Select Committee on European Legislation has withdrawn its recommendation [8th March 1995] that European Community Document No. 12254/94, relating to motor vehicle safety, be further considered; and the Document no longer stands referred to European Standing Committee A.

[No. 51.]

Thursday 15th February 1996.

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 14th December, That the Promoters of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the last Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill
shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as were made by him in the last Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 any previous Session;

And the Question being again proposed;

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 22nd February.

2 Export of Defence Equipment and Dual-Use Goods to Iraq and Related Prosecutions,—

Resolved, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there will be laid before this House a Return of the Report of an Inquiry into the Export of Defence Equipment and Dual-Use Goods to Iraq and Related Prosecutions.—(Mr Ian Taylor.)

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:

Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to constitute the Bodmin Moor Commoners' Council for the maintenance of and the promotion of proper standards of livestock husbandry on the commons in and about Bodmin Moor; to promote conservation of the commons; to confer powers on that Council and on the Cornwall County Council with reference to those commons; and for connected and other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].—The Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

7 Broadcasting,—Resolved, That the Agreement between the Secretary of State for National Heritage and the British Broadcasting Corporation (Cm. 3152), dated 25th January 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mrs Secretary Bottomley.)

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

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 subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Electricity,—Fossil Fuel Levy (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 293), dated 15th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

2 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 266), dated 14th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].


4 Mental Health,—(1) Mental Health (After-care under Supervision) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 294), dated 14th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell];

(2) Mental Health (Patients in the Community) (Transfers from Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 295), dated 14th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell]; and

Other Papers:

5 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 15th February 1996, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

6 Defence (Votes A), 1996-97,—Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces during 1996-97 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 198] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

7 Education (Schools),—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in Wales: Review of Educational Provision in Wales 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

8 Export of Defence Equipment and Dual-Use Goods to Iraq and Related Prosecutions,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day for a Return of the Report of the Inquiry into the Export of Defence Equipment and Dual-Use Goods to Iraq and Related Prosecutions, by The Right Honourable Sir Richard Scott; to be printed [Nos. 115 I-V and Index] [Mr Secretary Lang].

9 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland),—Summary of Health and Personal Social Services and Northern Ireland Health Promotion Agency Accounts for 1992-93, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cm. 3037] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

10 Mental Health,—Guidance on supervised discharge (after-care under supervision) and related provisions [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Change Management in the Inland Revenue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 140] [Clerk of the House].

12 Supply Estimates, 1994-95,—Statement of the sums required to be voted in order to make good excesses on certain grants for 1994-95 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 196] [Mr Michael Jack].

13 Supply Estimates, 1995-96,—Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1995-96 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 197] [Mr Michael Jack].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 15th February; to be printed [No. 235-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 Standing Committee C in respect of the Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill.

[No. 52.]

Friday 16th February 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Noise Bill,—The Noise Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

3 Railway Heritage Bill,—The Railway Heritage Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Tobacco (Protection of Children and Restriction of Promotion) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tobacco (Protection of Children and Restriction of Promotion) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 22nd March.

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 1st March.

6 Wildlife Bill.—The Wildlife Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 1st March.

8 British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 26th January, That the British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 1st March.

9 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 20th February, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community Documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Lilley relating to Social Security, Family Law and Pensions not later than Ten o'clock.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 19th February.

[Adjourned at 3.5 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Miscellaneous (No. 7, 1996).—Amendment to the Agreement on Conservation of Bats in Europe signed at London on 4th December 1991 [by Command] [Cm. 3155] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 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].

4 Ukraine (No. 1, 1996).—Agreement, done at London on 13th December 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ukraine on international road transport [by Command] [Cm. 3158] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
Monday 19th February 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (Video recording)—(Sir John Wheeler)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Codes of practice: supplementary)—(Sir John Wheeler)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Extension of Act beyond 24th August 1998)—(Mr David Wilshire)—brought up and read the first time.

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

   Another Clause (Codes of practice: exercise of powers by Her Majesty's Forces)—(Mr Jim Dowd)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

   Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 17, to leave out the word 'forty-eight' and insert the word 'six', instead thereof.—(Mr Jim Dowd.)

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

   Amendments (Nos. 21 to 23) made to the Bill.

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

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

4 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 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

5 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill be now read the third time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

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

6 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Sir John Wheeler);

   Tuesday 20th February 1996

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.30 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the Welfare Food Scheme) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

2 Deregulation.—(1) Draft Deregulation (Credit Unions) Order 1996, together with a statement from the Treasury [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave];

(2) draft Deregulation (Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act 1868) Order 1996, together with a statement from the Secretary of State for Scotland [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth]; and

(3) draft Deregulation (Special Hours Certificates) Order 1996, together with a statement from the Secretary of State for the Home Department [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Council Tax.—(1) Council Tax (Demand Notices) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 310), dated 15th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague];

(2) Local Government Changes for England (Council Tax) (Transitional Reduction) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 333), dated 19th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer]; and


5 National Health Service (Scotland).—National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 177), dated 28th January 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

6 Rating and Valuation.—Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 311), dated 15th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

7 Telegraphs.—Wireless Telegraphy (Cordless Telephone Apparatus) (Exemption) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 316), dated 15th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

8 Water Supply (Scotland).—(1) Domestic Sewerage Charges (Reduction) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 326), and

(2) Water Services Charges (Billing and Collection) (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 325), dated 16th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:

9 Treaty Series (No. 24, 1996).—Constitution and Convention, done at Geneva on 22nd December 1992, of the International Telecommunication Union, with Optional Protocol, Resolutions and Recommendation [by Command] [Cm. 3145] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 19th February; to be printed [No. 238-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 19th February; to be printed [No. 237-i] [Sir Thomas Arnold].
Tuesday 20th February 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolution:
   That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Gaming Machines and Betting Office Facilities) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 11th December, the proposal should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

3 Estimates,—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 an allotted day (being the second allotted day (first part) in the present Session):
   That a half day not later than 18th March be allotted for the consideration of the following Spring Supplementary Estimate for the financial year 1995-96:
   Class XIII, Vote 4, Department of Social Security: administration and miscellaneous services.

   Report to lie upon the Table.

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the Special Standing Committee on the Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to amend the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 to require licensing boards to attach to licences conditions relating to certain events involving music and dancing and to make new provision for the composition of licensing boards for licensing divisions.

   Bill, as amended in the Special Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 62].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 241].

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the provision of Guardians Ad Litem and Reporting Officers Panels) Order 1996.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Message from the Lords, —A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows: Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords], —The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision about criminal procedure and criminal investigations; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

   Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords], —The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable local authorities responsible for community care services to make payments to persons in respect of their securing the provision of such services; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords], —The Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 63].

9 Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords], —The Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 64].

10 Journalistic Corrupt Practices,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it an offence, subject to a public interest defence, for any newspaper or other media outlet to obtain or seek to obtain, by means of any financial or other inducement, information from a third party concerning the private affairs of an individual; to prohibit the making by newspapers and other media of payments, whether on a contingent basis or otherwise, to any actual or prospective
witness in any court proceeding in return for information relating to those proceedings; and for connected purposes—(Mr Quentin Davies);

And the Question 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):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Alex Carlile, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Nigel Forman, Sir Archibald Hamilton, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr David Hunt, Sir Jim Lester, Mr Giles Radice, Mr Richard Shepherd and Mr Clive Soley do prepare and bring in the Bill.

11 Journalistic Corrupt Practices Bill.—Mr Quentin Davies accordingly presented a Bill to make it an offence, subject to a public interest defence, for any newspaper or other media outlet to obtain or seek to obtain, by means of any financial or other inducement, information from a third party concerning the private affairs of an individual; to prohibit the making by newspapers and other media of payments, whether on a contingent basis or otherwise, to any actual or prospective witness in any court proceedings in return for information relating to those proceedings; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 61].

12 Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Lilley).

13 Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Fund Payments) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Lilley.)

14 Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 31st January, be approved. —(Mr Secretary Lilley.)

15 Pensions,—Resolved, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Lilley.)

16 Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (General) Amendment Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Lilley.)

17 Family Law and Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) and Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Lilley);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Richard Ottaway: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Jane Kennedy: 261.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) and Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations, which were laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Companies (Revision of Defective Accounts and Report) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 315), dated 13th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
2 Local Government,—(1) Local Government Changes for England (Property Transfer and Transitional Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 312), dated 13th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer]; and
(2) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Calculation of Basic Amount of Council Tax) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 335), dated 19th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

3 Restrictive Trade Practices,—(1) Restrictive Trade Practices (Non-notifiable Agreements) (EC Block Exemptions) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 349), and

4 Sea Fisheries,—Draft North Eastern Sea Fisheries District (Constitution of Committee and Expenses) (Variation) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

5 Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 236), dated 6th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:

6 English Heritage,—Department of National Heritage Minute, dated 2nd February 1996, concerning the transfer of the Historical Research Library to English Heritage [by Command] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

7 National Health Service,—Treasury Minute concerning the dissolution and reconfiguration of certain NHS Trusts: remission of outstanding debt [by Command] [Mr Michael Jack].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [7th November, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Plymouth and Devon for redress for illness caused by exposure to asbestos at Devonport Dockyard [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—Ninth Report from the Deregulation Committee [Proposal For The Deregulation (Gaming Machines and Betting Office Facilities) Order 1996]; to be printed [No. 245] [Mr Barry Field].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 20th February; to be printed [No. 240] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-x] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 55.]

Wednesday 21st February 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Constitutional Change,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for consultation of the people by referendum before the implementation of any
constitutional change approved by Parliament: And that Mr Bill Walker, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr William Cash, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Barry Field and Sir George Gardiner do prepare and bring it in.

6 Constitutional Change Bill.—Mr Bill Walker accordingly presented a Bill to provide for consultation of the people by referendum before the implementation of any constitutional change approved by Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th March and to be printed [Bill 65].

7 Asylum and Immigration Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Asylum and Immigration Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Registration of immigration practitioners)—(Mr Jack Straw) brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Consultation)—(Mr Doug Henderson) brought up and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bridget Prentice, Mr Malcolm Chisholm: 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 273.

Another Clause (Victims of Torture)—(Mr David Alton) brought up and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Archy Kirkwood: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 279.

Another Clause (Deportation on grounds of national security, etc.)—(Mr Max Madden) brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 27 to 30) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 18, after the word 'territory' to insert the words 'which is not a country or territory listed in the Appendix to this Schedule'.—(Mr David Alton.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 31 to 34) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 39, to leave out the words 'an asylum claimant', and insert the words 'intending to make a claim for asylum which is without foundation', instead thereof.—(Mr Doug Henderson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 43) made to the Bill.
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Joe Benton: 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 284.

And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Bill to be further considered tomorrow.

8 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Bristol against the Asylum and Immigration Bill was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, this House do now adjourn. —(Mr Roger Knapman.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds,—Draft Meteorological Office Trading Fund Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

5 Local Government (Scotland),—Scottish Local Government Financial Statistics for 1993–94 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

6 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Forty-fifth to Forty-seventh Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1994–95 [by Command] [Cm. 3167] [Mr Michael Jack].

7 Training and Enterprise Councils,—Account of the income and expenditure of Training and Enterprise Councils in England for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 218] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

8 Treaty Series (No. 26, 1996),—Agreement, done at London on 8th November 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia concerning scheduled air services [by Command] [Cm. 3160] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

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 Noise Bill, viz.: Mr Donald Anderson, Mr Robert Atkins, Mr Tony Banks, Mr John Carlisle, Mr James Clappison, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Tom Cox, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr David Evenett, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Harry Greenway, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr John Marshall, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Peter L. Pike and the Reverend Martin Smyth.

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 Wildlife
Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Matthew Banks, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Julian Brazier, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Mr James Clappison, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr James Couchman, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Thomas McCavey, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Elliot Morley and Mr Paul Tyler.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Secretary of State's Trunk Road Functions (Contracting Out) (Scotland) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Rupert Allason, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Michael Bates, Mr John Butcher, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr David Evans, Mr Barry Field, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr Norman Hogg, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Thomas McCavey, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr John McFall, Mrs Ray Michie, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Bill Walker and Mr Mike Watson.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Jonathan Evans, Mr David Faber, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Warren Hawksley, Margaret Hodge, Mr Jimmy Hood, Sir Ralph Howell, Mr Robert Key, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr David Mellor, Mr Gordon Prentice, Dame Angela Rumbold, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Peter Viggers, Mr David Winnick and Mr Tony Worthington.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1996, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Tom King, Mr Roger Knappman, Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr Michael Lord, Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, Dr John Marek, Mr Rhodri Morgan, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Tim Rathbone, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Paul Tyler and Mr Alan W. Williams.

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Central Manchester Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1996, viz.: Hilary Armstrong, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Chris Davies, Mr Ken Eastham, Dr John Gilbert, Mr Thomas Graham, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr Norman Lamont, Mr Robert Litherland, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Eddie Loyden, Sir Trevor Skeet, Mr David Sumberg, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr Roy Thomason, Sir Donald Thompson, Mr Keith Vaz and Mr Mark Wolfson.

7 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Children's Services Planning) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr John Bowis, Mr Hugh Dykes, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Paul Gazzard, Mr John Greenway, Mr John Gunnell, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Alice Mahon, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Tony Marlow, Mr Bill Michie, Mr Alan Milburn and Mr Andrew Robathan.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 21st February; to be printed [No. 40-ix]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee
      [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Education,—(1) Second Report from the Education Committee [Special Educational Needs: the Operation of the Code of Practice and the Tribunal], 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. 205]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Education Committee
      [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

3 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 21st February; to be printed [No. 163-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
4 European Legislation.—Tenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-x] [Mr Robert Hicks].

5 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 21st February; to be printed [No. 235-ii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

6 Procedure.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 21st February; to be printed [No. 252-i] [Sir Peter Emery].

7 Public Accounts.—(1) Tenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Annual Report of the European Court of Auditors and the Statements of Assurance], with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 250]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 21st February; to be printed [No. 251-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

8 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 21st February; to be printed [No. 249-i] [Sir Giles Shaw].

9 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 21st February; to be printed [No. 246-i and -ii] [Mr William McKelvey].

10 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 21st February; to be printed [No. 87-vi] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

11 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 21st February; to be printed [No. 67-ix] [Mr Paul Channon].

12 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 21st February; to be printed [No. 237-ii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

13 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 21st February; to be printed [No. 247] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

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MEMORANDA

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

(1) the draft Secretary of State's Trunk Road Functions (Contracting Out) (Scotland) Order 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(2) the draft Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(4) the Central Manchester Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(5) the draft Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Children's Services Planning) Order 1996 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

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

(1) Mr Frank Cook Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Secretary of State's Trunk Road Functions (Contracting Out) (Scotland) Order 1996;

(2) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;

(3) Mr Robert Hicks Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1996;

(4) Sir John Hunt Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Central Manchester Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1996;

(5) Mr Edward O'Hara Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Children's Services Planning) Order 1996; and

3 European Standing Committees.—(1) In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), Official Journal No. OJ C352 of 30th December 1995, relating to the European Court of Auditors' Statements of Assurance for the financial year 1994, has been referred to European Standing Committee B; and

(2) Official Journal No. OJ C303 of 14th November 1995, relating to the European Court of Auditors' Annual Report for the financial year 1994, together with the replies from the Institutions, has been referred to European Standing Committee B in place of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 15th December, which was referred on 17th January.

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[No. 56.]

Thursday 22nd February 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously enquired 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 enquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 14th December, That the Promoters of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the last Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as were made by him in the last Session, and shall report the Bill, as amended, to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 any previous Session;

And the Question being again proposed;

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 29th February.

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:

The Lords have agreed to the Humber Bridge (Debts) Bill, without Amendment.

6 Constitutional Change Bill.—The Order for reading the Constitutional Change Bill a second time on Friday 8th March was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26th April.
7 Industrial Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

8 Contracting Out.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the provision of Guardians Ad Litem and Reporting Officers Panels) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

9 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 February] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Roger Knapman):—It was agreed to.

10 Asylum and Immigration Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Asylum and Immigration Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 44 to 48) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, to leave out lines 39 to 41 and insert the words—

"(1) No person to whom subsection (2) below applies shall be entitled to child benefit for any week unless she satisfies prescribed conditions.
(2) This subsection applies to a person who under the Immigration Act 1971 requires leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom who—
(a) is not a person who has been granted indefinite leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, or
(b) is not a person who has been recognised as a refugee, or
(c) is not a person who has been granted exceptional leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, or
(d) is not a dependant of a person falling within the exceptions set out in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) above;
whether or not such leave has been given.".—(Mr Doug Henderson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 3, at the end to insert the words—

'Dependants

1A. In subsection (4) of section 1 of the 1971 Act (general principles), after the word "dependants", there shall be inserted the words "(including the spouses or interdependent partners)".—(Mr Neil Gerrard.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 49 and 50) made to the Bill.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Bridget Prentice: 250.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

11 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 28th February, the Speaker shall, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community Documents), put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Forsyth—

(i) relating to Local Government Finance (Scotland) not later than Seven o'clock, and
(ii) relating to Housing (Scotland) not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)
12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 26th February.

[Adjourned at 7.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—(1) Draft Prevention of Terrorism (Exclusion Orders) Regulations 1996, and
   (2) draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Continuance) Order 1996
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (School Premises) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 360), dated 22nd February 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


4 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (Trunk Roads) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 342), dated 19th February 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].


Other Papers:

6 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on Tambrands Ltd: the granting of discounts by Tambrands Ltd on condition that the whole or part of the Tambrands range of tampons is stocked [by Command] [Cm. 3168] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [8th February] from citizens of Westbury for legislation to abolish standing charges on utilities for old age pensioners and others [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 22nd February; to be printed [No. 240-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Standards and Privileges,—Second Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Jonathan Aitken]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 243] [Mr Tony Newton].

MEMORANDA

1 Chairmen’s Panel,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker nominated Mr Allan Stewart to be a member of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

2 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Noise Bill, the Railway Heritage Bill and the Wildlife Bill to Standing Committee C.
Monday 26th February 1996.

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 Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Bill, without Amendment.
4 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Simon Burns);
   Mr Donald Dewar rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
   And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.
   And the Question being accordingly put;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr David Clelland: 319.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 320.
   So the Question was negatived.
5 Deregulation,—Ordered, That Mr Roger Berry, Mr John Gunnell and Mr Alan Keen be discharged from the Deregulation Committee and Margaret Hodge, Mr Denis MacShane and Mr Ian Pearson be added to the Committee.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)
6 Agriculture,—Ordered, That Mr Paul Marland be discharged from the Agriculture Committee and Mr Edward Leigh be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
7 National Heritage,—Ordered, That Mr Sebastian Coe be discharged from the National Heritage Committee and Mr Jerry Hayes be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)
   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 23rd February 1996 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 European Communities (No. 6, 1996).—Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, done at Brussels on 17th July 1995, establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part with Declarations and Final Act [Cm. 3159] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
2 Miscellaneous (No. 8, 1996).—Convention, done at Geneva on 21st January 1994, on customs treatment of pool containers used in international transport (Container Pool Convention) [Cm. 3156] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
3 Treaty Series (No. 25, 1996).—Agreement, done at Cairo on 29th November 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt on the transfer of prisoners [Cm. 3157] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 23rd February 1996 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Health and Safety,—Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 341), dated 18th February 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer].

6 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Statutory Storage Period for Embryos) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 375), dated 22nd February 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

7 Local Government (Scotland),—(1) Educational Endowments (Borders Region) Transfer Scheme Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 308),
(2) Educational Endowments (Fife Region) Transfer Scheme Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 306), and
(3) Educational Endowments (Highland Region) Transfer Scheme Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 307),
dated 7th February 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

8 National Assistance Services,—National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 391), dated 22nd February 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 26th February 1996:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


12 Education,—(1) Education (Grants for Education Support and Training: Nursery Education) (England) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 235), and
dated 15th February 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


16 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Registries of Overseas Territories) (Gibraltar) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 280) dated 14th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

17 Ministers of the Crown,—(1) Transfer of Functions (Foreign Service Allowance) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 313), and
(2) Transfer of Functions (Registration and Statistics) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 273),
dated 14th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

18 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 410), dated 26th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Other Papers:


20 Deregulation,—Proposal by the Secretary of State for the Environment under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, together with an explanatory memorandum, for the Deregulation (Building) (Initial Notices and Final Certificates) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].
21 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Gibraltar Colours) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 281), dated 14th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

22 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the National Maritime Museum for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 256] [Clerk of the House].

23 Next Steps,—Paper, entitled Next Steps: Agencies in Government Review 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3164] [Mr Roger Freeman].

24 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 a member of the Territorial Army [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 26th February; to be printed [No. 257-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 26th February; to be printed [No. 237-iii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDUM

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill to Standing Committee A.

Tuesday 27th February 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Still-Birth and Death Registration) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 15th January, a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House.

That the draft Deregulation (Friendly Societies Act 1992) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th February, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

That the draft Deregulation (Slaughterhouses Act 1974 and Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Act 1980) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th February, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Frank Cook reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Secretary of State’s Trunk Road Functions (Contracting Out) (Scotland) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill,—The Lords have agreed to the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, without Amendment.

6 Void Premises,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the owners of property which has been empty for more than three months to make the reasons for the vacancy public; to make such property available in certain specified circumstances; and
for connected purposes: And that Mr Hartley Booth, Sir Timothy Sainsbury, Mr David Lidington, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Patrick Thompson, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr James Pawsey, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Robert G. Hughes and Sir Sydney Chapman do prepare and bring it in.

7 Void Premises Bill.—Mr Hartley Booth accordingly presented a Bill to require the owners of property which has been empty for more than three months to make the reasons for the vacancy public; to make such property available in certain specified circumstances; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th March and to be printed [Bill 66].

8 Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords].—The Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

9 Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords] [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Mr Richard Ottaway)—It was agreed to.

10 Offensive Weapons Bill.—Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on the Offensive Weapons Bill that it have power to make amendments to the Bill so as to make provision about—

(a) supplying any article which has a blade or is sharply pointed to any person under the age of sixteen years, and

(b) having any such article, or any offensive weapon within the meaning of section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953 or section 47 of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995, on school premises.—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 8.23 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,—Special Grant Report (No. 18) (Grant to the Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 239] [Secretary Sir George Young].

2 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—(1) Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 1996, and

(2) Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1996, dated 12th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Education,—Education (School Financial Statements) (Prescribed Particulars etc.) (Amendment and Revocation) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 381), dated 21st February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

4 Local Government,—Welsh Church Act Funds (Designation and Specification) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 344), dated 14th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

5 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 429), dated 25th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

6 Transport,—Railways Act 1993 (Consequential Modifications) (No. 5) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 420), dated 26th February 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].
Other Papers:

7 Environmental Protection,—Waste Management Licensing (Fees and Charges) Scheme 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

8 Laboratory of the Government Chemist,—Department of Trade and Industry Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the privatisation of the Laboratory of the Government Chemist [by Command] [Mr Secretary Lang].

9 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on Northcliffe Newspapers Group Limited and Aberdeen Journals Limited: the proposed transfer to Northcliffe Newspapers Group Limited of the newspapers of Aberdeen Journals Limited [by Command] [Cm. 3174] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Civil Legal Aid Means Testing [by Act]; to be printed [No. 242] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Loans,—Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 253] [Clerk of the House].

12 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [20th December] from Mr J. Conn and others for the replacement of lost or stolen medals [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

13 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—(1) Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 1996, and
   (2) Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1996 [laid 14th February].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 27th February; to be printed [No. 143-iv] [Mr Peter Viggers].

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Deregulation Committee [Mr Barry Field].

3 Employment,—Third Report from the Employment Committee [Unemployment and Employment Statistics], 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. 228] [Mr Greville Janner].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Eleventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xi] [Mr William Ross].

[No. 59.]

Wednesday 28th February 1996.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—[Mr Simon Burns];
   And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).
4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
5 Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill,—Mr John Maxton reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 264].
6 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
7 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Robert Hicks reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 230). Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
8 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir John Hunt reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Central Manchester Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1996. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
9 European Standing Committee B,—Sir David Knox reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution: That the Committee takes note of Official Journal No. C303 of 14th November 1995, the Annual Report of the European Court of Auditors concerning the financial year 1994, together with the Institutions' Replies, and Official Journal No. C352 of 30th December 1995, the Court of Auditors Statements of Assurance concerning activities financed from the general budget for the financial year 1994 and of the Sixth and Seventh European Development Funds for 1994, together with the associated special reports and the Institutions' Replies; welcomes the Court of Auditors first Statements of Assurance; and supports the Government's continuing efforts to improve financial management and control within the European Community. Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
10 Liaison,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee on 5th December, 25th January and 20th February be printed [No. 276].
11 National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill,—Mr Secretary Dorrell, supported by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Gummer, Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr Secretary Forsyth, Mr Secretary Hague and Mr John Horam, presented (under Standing Order No. 48 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to make provision with respect to the transfer of liabilities of certain National Health Service bodies in the event of their ceasing to exist: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 67].
12 London Regional Transport Bill,—Secretary Sir George Young, supported by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Lang, Mr Secretary Gummer and Mr Steve Norris, presented a Bill to extend, and facilitate the exercise of, the powers of London Regional Transport to enter into and carry out agreements; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 68].
13 Registration of Domiciliary Care Agencies Bill,—Mr David Hinchliffe, supported by Rachel Squire, Ms Liz Lynne, Dawn Primarolo, Tessa Jowell, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Roger Sims, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Malcolm Wicks, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr John Gunnell and Mr Kevin Hughes, presented a Bill to make provision for the registration of domiciliary care agencies; to make provisions consequential thereon; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 69].
14 Civil Aviation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Civil Aviation Act (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 76) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—It was agreed to.
15 Merchant Shipping,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996
(S.I., 1996, No. 75) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Richard Ottaway); It was agreed to.

16 Government of Wales.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the improvement of democracy in Wales; to establish a legislative Parliament elected by proportional representation in Wales; to secure a direct role for Wales in the institutions of the European Union; and for connected purposes—(Mr Dafydd Wigley);

And the Question 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 Andrew Welsh, Mr Elfyn Llwyd: 20.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Walter Sweeney, Mr Michael Stephen: 73.

So the Question was negatived.

17 Local Government Finance (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 1996, dated 12th February 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr George Kynoch);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Gary Streeter: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Joe Benton: 252.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 1996, dated 12th February 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved.

18 Local Government Finance (Scotland).—Resolved, The the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Notional Amounts Report 1996 (House of Commons Paper No. 145), which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

19 Local Government Finance (Scotland).—Resolved, That the Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1996, dated 12th February 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

20 Housing (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved—(Mr Raymond S. Robertson);

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 [22nd February].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Richard Ottaway: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Ms Janet Anderson: 190.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question required to be put at that hour.

Housing (Scotland).—Resolved, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

21 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), that the draft Deregulation (Length of the School Day) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox);—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Noise Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other Act.—(Mr James Clappison.)
23 Prisoners' Earnings Bill [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Prisoners' Earnings Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Consolidated Fund of amounts deducted from or levied on prisoners' earnings.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

24 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox).

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

[Adjourned at 9.22 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

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 1996, (2) draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996, (3) draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996, and (4) draft Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

2 Education,—Education (Financial Delegation to Schools) (Mandatory Exceptions) (Revocation and Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 395), dated 20th February 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


7 National Health Service,—(1) Community Health Care: North Durham National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 352), and
(2) North Durham Acute Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 351), dated 19th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Other Papers:

8 Environmental Pollution,—Nineteenth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution: sustainable use of soil [by Command] [Cm. 3165] [Mr Secretary Howard].

9 Environmental Protection,—Local Enforcing Authorities Air Pollution Fees and Charges Scheme (England and Wales) 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

10 Gas,—Report of the Director General of Gas Supply for 1995 to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry [by Act]; to be printed [No. 128] [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Fire Service College for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 212] [Clerk of the House].

12 Miscellaneous (No. 9, 1996),—Final Act, done at Kingston on 18th January 1990, of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Wider Caribbean Region, with Protocol; and Final Act, done at Kingston on 11th June 1991, of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the Adoption of the Annexes to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Wider Caribbean Region, with Annexes [by Command] [Cm. 3161] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

13 Sessional Returns, 1994–95,—Returns to Orders [23rd November] for Returns relating to—
(1) Business of the House,
(2) Closure of Debate and Allocation of Time,
(3) Private Bills and Private Business,
(4) Public Bills,
(5) Sittings of the House,
(6) Special Procedure Orders,
(7) Standing Committees,
(8) Select Committees, and
(9) Delegated Legislation
in Session 1994–95 [by Order]; to be printed [No. 132] [Clerk of the House].

14 Treaty Series (No. 28, 1996),—Protocol, done at London on 19th November 1976, to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971 [by Command] [Cm. 3162] [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 seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill, viz.: Mr Tony Banks, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Hartley Booth, Mr James Couchman, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr David Faber, Mr Michael Fabricant, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Margaret Hodge, Gienda Jackson, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Jon Trickett, Mr John Watts and Mr Brian Wilson.

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 Prisoners' Earnings Bill, viz.: Mr Michael Alison, Mr Donald Anderson, Mr Hartley Booth, Sir Sydney Chapman, Sir John Cope, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Douglas French, Margaret Hodge, Mr Simon Hughes, Sir Peter Lloyd, Mr Barry Sheerman, Mr David Tredinnick, Dr Ian Twinn, Ann Widdecombe and Mr David Winnick.

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 Railway Heritage Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr David Chidgey, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr John Heppell, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Peter
Luff, Dr John Marek, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Mark Robinson, Mr Peter Snape, Mr Gary Waller, Mr John Watts and Mr Brian Wilson.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Hydrographic Office Trading Fund Order 1996 and the draft Meteorological Office Trading Fund Order 1996, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr William Cash, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr James Couchman, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Terry Dicks, Dr John Gilbert, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr John Hutton, Sir Peter Lloyd, Alice Mahon, Sir Roger Moate, Mr Paul Murphy, Mr Patrick Nicholls and Mr Bowen Wells.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Donald Anderson, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Hartley Booth, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr David Jameson, Mr Eddie Loyden, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Barry Porter, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Tim Renton, Mr Richard Spring and Mr James Wallace.

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Civil Aviation Act (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Robert Banks, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Richard Burden, Mr David Chidgey, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Paul Flynn, Sir George Gardiner, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Denis MacShane, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Gordon Prentice and Mr Bowen Wells.

7 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the Welfare Food Scheme) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Kevin Barron, Mr John Biffen, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Michael Carttiss, Mr James Cran, Ms Angela Eagle, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Sir John Gorst, Mr Jerry Hayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr John Horam, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Bill Michie, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Gareth Wardell, Audrey Wise and Mr Jimmy Wray.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Second Report from the Defence Committee [Manning and Recruitment], 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. 69]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 28th February; to be printed [No. 189-ii]
[Mr Michael Colvin].

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 28th February; to be printed [No. 163-iv] [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. 51-xi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 28th February; to be printed [No. 172-v] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

5 National Heritage,—(1) First Report from the National Heritage Committee [Funding of the performing and visual arts], 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. 22]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the National Heritage Committee
[Mr Gerald Kaufman].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) Eleventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Selective Financial Assistance for Tourism in Northern Ireland]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 266];
MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B;
(2) the draft Hydrographic Office Trading Fund Order 1996 and the draft Meteorological Office Trading Fund Order 1996 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;
(3) the Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;
(4) the Civil Aviation Act (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(5) the draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the Welfare Food Scheme) Order 1996 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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 John Maxton Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill;
(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Offensive Weapons Bill;
(3) Sir John Hunt and Mr Donald Anderson additional Chairmen of Standing Committee F in respect of the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill;
(4) Sir Michael Shersby Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Hydrographic Office Trading Fund Order 1996 and the draft Meteorological Office Trading Fund Order 1996;
(5) Mr Roger Sims Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996;
(6) Mr Edward O'Hara Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Civil Aviation Act (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations 1996;
(7) Mr Roy Hughes Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the Welfare Food Scheme) Order 1996; and
(8) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 11954/95, relating to worker information and consultation.
3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Documents Nos. 7774/95, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 11th January 1996, relating to consumer credit, and 9325/95, relating to consumer protection: unit pricing, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 60.]

Thursday 29th February 1996.

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 14th December, That the Promoters of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the last Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as were made by him in the last Session, and shall report the Bill, as amended, to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 any previous Session;

And the Question being again proposed;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 7th March.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Children’s Services Planning) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Education,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Education Committee be printed [No. 258].

6 Employment,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Employment Committee be printed [No. 273].

7 Privileges,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Privileges be printed [No. 270].

8 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;

Humber Bridge (Debts) Act 1996
Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Act 1996
Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996
Edinburgh Assay Office Order Confirmation Act 1996.

9 Marriage Ceremony (Prescribed Words) Bill,—Mr Julian Brazier, supported by Mr Michael Alison, Mr Donald Anderson, Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Lawrence Cunliffe and Mr John Marshall presented a Bill to provide alternatives for the declaration and words of
contract prescribed by law for marriage ceremonies in registered buildings and register offices, on approved premises and in certain other circumstances: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th March and to be printed [Bill 71].

10 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.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 European Communities.—(1) Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Kyrgyz Republic) Order 1996,
(2) draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Belarus) Order 1996,
(3) draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Kazakhstan) Order 1996, and
(4) draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Moldova) Order 1996

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

2 Public Health.—Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish and Plants) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 448), dated 28th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Gas.—Gas Act 1986 (Exemptions) (No. 2) 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 471), dated 29th February 1996,

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


5 Landlord and Tenant.—Assured and Protected Tenancies (Lettings to Students) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 458), dated 27th February 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

6 National Health Service.—(1) Coventry Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 380),
(2) National Health Service (Dental Charges) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 389), and
(3) South Tyneside Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 383),
dated 21st February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

7 Road Traffic and Vehicles.—Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 33), dated 8th February 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].
8 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the Governing Body of Newnham College, Cambridge, on 24th November 1995, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

9 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 29th February 1996, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the votes specified in the revised Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].


11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: Management of Works of Art [by Act]; to be printed [No. 248] [Clerk of the House].

12 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [7th February] from residents of Plumstead and Shooters Hill against the proposed closure of Shooters Hill Fire Station [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

13 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].

14 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) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish and Plants) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 448) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

15 Supply Estimates, 1995–96,—Revised Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1995–96 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 260] [Mr Michael Jack].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 29th February; to be printed [No. 240-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 29th February; to be printed [No. 237-v] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

3 Welsh Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Nursery Voucher Scheme in Wales], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 186]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr John Maxton and Mr Norman Hogg Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the meeting of the Committee on Monday 4th March.

[No. 61.]

Friday 1st March 1996.

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 Interest Disclosure Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Interest Disclosure Bill;
   A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Derek Fatchett, Mr David Jamieson: 118.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Michael Bates: 0.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Interest on Debts Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Interest on Debts Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th March.

5 Energy Conservation Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Energy Conservation Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th March.

6 Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill,—The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 8th March.

7 Periodicals (Protection of Children) Bill,—The Periodicals (Protection of Children) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

8 Cold Climate Allowance Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cold Climate Allowance Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 22nd March.

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 10th May.

10 House of Commons (Reform) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons (Reform) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

11 British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 26th January, That the British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill be now read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 8th March.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Andrew Mackay.)
   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 4th March.

[Adjourned at 2.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Draft Electricity Supply Industry and Water Undertakers (Rateable Values) Amendment Order 1996, and
   (2) draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1996
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Gas,—Gas (Street Works) (Compensation of Small Businesses) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 491), dated 29th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 Local Government,—(1) Avon (Staff Transfer) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 400),
(2) Bath and North East Somerset District Council (Staff Transfer) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 377),
(3) Cleveland (Staff Transfer) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 398),
(4) East Riding of Yorkshire District Council (Staff Transfer) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 378),
(5) Humberside (Staff Transfer) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 397),
(6) North East Lincolnshire District Council (Staff Transfer) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 386),
(7) North Lincolnshire and East Riding of Yorkshire District Councils (Staff Transfer) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 408),
(8) North Lincolnshire District Council (Staff Transfer) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 384),
(9) North Yorkshire (District of York) (Staff Transfer) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 388), and
(10) South Gloucestershire District Council (Staff Transfer) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 387),
dated 21st February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

6 Medicines,—Medicines (Homoeopathic Medicinal Products for Human Use) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 482), dated 29th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

7 National Health Service,—(1) Ashworth, Broadmoor and Rampton Hospital Authorities (Functions and Membership) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 489),
(2) Authorities for the Ashworth, Broadmoor and Rampton Hospitals (Establishment and Constitution) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 488), and
(3) Special Hospitals Service Authority (Abolition) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 490),
dated 29th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

8 Social Security,—Social Security (Industrial Injuries and Diseases) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 425), dated 26th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

9 National Institute of Agricultural Botany,—Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Minute concerning a contingent liability in respect of the National Institute of Agricultural Botany [by Command] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

10 Oman (No. 1, 1996),—Agreement, done at Muscat on 25th November 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Sultanate of Oman for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 3163] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Paper withdrawn:

11 Housing (Scotland),—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1996 [laid 1st February].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 1st March [No. 90-vi] [Mr Frank Field].
Monday 4th March 1996.

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 Legislation,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to Michael Graham Pownall, Esquire, Clerk of the Journals, and David Richard Beamish, Esquire, Principal Clerk of Committees and the Overseas Office and Clerk of the Select Committee on the European Communities, to attend to be examined as witnesses before the Select Committee on European Legislation of this House.—(Mr Jimmy Hood.)

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

The Lords give leave to Michael Graham Pownall, Esquire, Clerk of the Journals and David Richard Beamish, Esquire, Principal Clerk of Committees and the Overseas Office and Clerk of the Select Committee on the European Communities, to attend to be examined as witnesses before the Select Committee on European Legislation of this House.

6 The Economy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House congratulates the Government on the fundamental health of the British economy, as demonstrated by nearly four years of sustainable growth, the best inflation performance for almost 50 years, Government borrowing coming down, 29 months of falling unemployment and an increase of over half a million people in jobs since the recovery began, and recognises that this is a result of the Government's economic policies which are making the United Kingdom the enterprise centre of Europe (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 'rejects Government complacency about an economy in which the investment and skills gap with competitors has been growing and in which, during 17 years, the United Kingdom has fallen from 13th to 18th in the world prosperity league; notes also the Treasury Committee report which questions the Government's economic forecasts; regrets the widespread job insecurity throughout Britain; condems the loss of the Community Action Programme which once again deprives the unemployed of a stake in society; and calls for welfare to work measures that would, over time, reduce social security bills as part of an economic strategy that would raise levels of investment in the economy, bring sustainable levels of growth without risks to inflation and end a situation in which unemployment is more than one million higher than in 1979', instead thereof. (Mr Gordon Brown.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr George Mudie, Ms Janet Anderson: 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 288.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates the Government on the fundamental health of the British economy, as demonstrated by nearly four years of sustainable growth, the best inflation performance for almost 50 years, Government borrowing coming down, 29 months of falling unemployment and an increase of over half a million people in jobs since the recovery began, and recognises that this is a result of the Government's economic policies which are making the United Kingdom the enterprise centre of Europe.

7 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

8 Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Farm and Conservation Grant (Variation) Scheme 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 230), dated 5th
February 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th February, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

9 Urban Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Central Manchester Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1996, dated 6th February 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Hadleigh for the retention for educational use of Hadleigh School playing field was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.47 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service.—(1) East Glamorgan National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 423), dated 16th February 1996,
   (2) Llandough Hospital and Community National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 424), dated 16th February 1996, and

2 Sex Discrimination.—Sex Discrimination and Equal Pay (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I.,1996, No. 438), dated 22nd February 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


Other Papers:

5 Deregulation.—Proposal by the Secretary of State for National Heritage under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Wireless and Telegraphy) Order 1996, with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

6 Law Commissions.—Report by the Law Commission on Legislating the Criminal Code: Involuntary Manslaughter [by Act]; to be printed [No. 171] [Mr Jonathan Evans].

7 Local Government Planning and Land.—Accounts of the grants and loans to the Urban Development Corporations for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 275] [Clerk of the House].

8 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Information Technology Services Agency: Outsourcing the Service Delivery Operation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 255] [Clerk of the House].

9 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [7th February] from residents of York for improved protection for sites of special scientific interest [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

10 Treaty Series (No. 30, 1996).—Agreement, done at London on 23rd November 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 3176] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 European Standing Committee A.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from European Standing Committee A Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, and had appointed in substitution Mr Jon Trickett.

2 European Standing Committee B.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from European Standing Committee B Mr Stephen Timms, and had appointed in substitution Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Mr James Couchman and Mr Terry Dicks (nominated in respect of the draft Hydrographic Office Trading Fund Order 1996 and the draft Meteorological Office Trading Fund Order 1996); and had appointed in substitution Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Mr John Wilkinson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Operations of the Student Loans Company Limited]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 110]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 4th March; to be printed [No. 277-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 4th March; to be printed [No. 146-v] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

Tuesday 5th March 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Industrial and Provident Societies) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 22nd January, a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House.

That the draft Deregulation (Special Hours Certificates) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 19th February, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

That the draft Deregulation (Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act 1868) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 19th February, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

That the draft Deregulation (Credit Unions) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 19th February, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill,—Mr Donald Anderson reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools 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. 278].

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Michael Shersby reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Hydrographic Office Trading Fund Order 1996 and the draft Meteorological Office Trading Fund Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Sims reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 75), referred to a Committee on 28th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

Reserve Forces Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision with respect to the reserve forces of the Crown and persons liable to be recalled for permanent service; to amend the provisions of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 relating to the lieutenancies; to amend the law relating to the postponement of the discharge or transfer to the reserve of regular servicemen; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Reserve Forces Bill [Lords].—The Reserve Forces Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 75].

9 Commonwealth of Europe Bill,—Mr Tony Benn presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Commonwealth of Europe, and for purposes connected therewith; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 70].

10 Part-Time Employees (Equal Rights to Holidays).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring a Bill to provide that employers shall give to their part-time staff either the same holiday entitlements as they do to their full-time staff, or a minimum period as specified (Mr Chris Davies);

And the Question 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, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Don Foster: 84.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Jacques Arnold: 49.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Chris Davies, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr Don Foster, Mr David Alton, Diana Maddock and Ms Liz Lynne do prepare and bring in the Bill.

11 Part-Time Employees (Equal Rights to Holidays) Bill,—Mr Chris Davies accordingly presented a Bill to provide that employers shall give to their part-time staff either the same holiday entitlements as they do to their full-time staff, or a minimum period as specified: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 74].

12 Benefit Fraud,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House congratulates Her Majesty's Government on the priority it has given to tackling benefit fraud, increasing success in detecting and stopping fraud, in particular in achieving benefit savings likely to amount to £1 billion in 1995–96; welcomes the creation of the new Benefit Fraud Investigation Service; commends Her Majesty's Government's proposals to step up its measures against Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit fraud; endorses the increasing emphasis on preventing and deterring fraud; and condemns Labour's lack of positive proposals for tackling fraud (Mr Secretary Lilley);

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 that after seventeen years Her Majesty's Government has belatedly begun to realise the extent of benefit fraud; further notes that its massive extension of means-testing in the benefit system, and introduction of increasingly complex procedures for the claiming of benefits, have made the fight against fraud more difficult; believes that Her Majesty's Government's proposed moves towards self-assessment procedure will further hamper both the detection and deterrence of fraud; congratulates the many Labour-controlled local authorities which
have had substantial success in tackling housing benefit and council tax benefit fraud; regrets the inadequate support and liaison from government departments in assisting local authorities in this work; and believes that successful action against fraud is worth far more than repeated government rhetoric', instead thereof. (Mr Chris Smith.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Eric Clarke: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Dr Liam Fox: 305.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates Her Majesty's Government on the priority it has given to tackling benefit fraud, increasing success in detecting and stopping fraud, in particular in achieving benefit savings likely to amount to £1 billion in 1995-96; welcomes the creation of the new Benefit Fraud Investigation Service; commends Her Majesty's Government's proposals to step up its measures against Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit fraud; endorses the increasing emphasis on preventing and deterring fraud; and condemns Labour's lack of positive proposals for tackling fraud.

13 Children and Young Persons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Children's Services Planning) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th February, be approved.—(Mr Richard Ottaway)—It was agreed to.

14 Contracting Out,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Secretary of State's Trunk Road Functions (Contracting Out) (Scotland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.—(Mr Richard Ottaway)—It was agreed to.

15 Reports of the Court of Auditors 1994,—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 Official Journal No. C303 of 14th November 1995, the Annual Report of the European Court of Auditors concerning the financial year 1994, together with the Institutions' Replies, and Official Journal No. C352 of 30th December 1995, the Court of Auditors Statements of Assurance concerning activities financed from the general budget for the financial year 1994 and of the Sixth and Seventh European Development Funds for 1994, together with the associated special reports and the Institutions' Replies; welcomes the Court of Auditors' statements of assurance; and supports the Government's continuing efforts to improve financial management and control within the European Community.—(Mr Richard Ottaway);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Richard Ottaway: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Dennis Skinner: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of Official Journal No. C303 of 14th November 1995, the Annual Report of the European Court of Auditors concerning the financial year 1994, together with the Institutions' Replies, and Official Journal No. C352 of 30th December 1995, the Court of Auditors Statements of Assurance concerning activities financed from the general budget for the financial year 1994 and of the Sixth and Seventh European Development Funds for 1994, together with the associated special reports and the Institutions' Replies; welcomes the Court of Auditors first Statements of Assurance; and supports the Government's continuing efforts to improve financial management and control within the European Community.

16 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Worthing and other places for abandonment of the Government's preferred route for the A27 in Worthing in favour of a by-pass north of Cissbury Ring was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Northampton and other places for legislation to abolish standing charges on utilities for old age pensioners and others was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
18 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 pm]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds,—Draft Registers of Scotland Executive Agency Trading Fund Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Broads Authority,—Norfolk and Suffolk Broads (Extension of Byelaws) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 545), dated 4th March 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

3 Insurance,—Insurance (Fees) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 546), dated 1st March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 National Health Service,—Health Authorities (Wales) (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 495), dated 29th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

Other Papers:

5 Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minute, dated 5th March 1996, indicating further financial objectives for the Registers of Scotland Executive Agency Trading Fund for the period 1st April 1996 to 31st March 1999 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

6 Health,—Department of Health Minute, dated 4th March 1996, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the integration of colleges of health into higher education [by Command] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 5th March; to be printed [No. 143-v] [Mr Peter Viggers].

2 Deregulation,—Eleventh Report from the Deregulation Committee, [Proposal For The Deregulation (Industrial and Provident Societies) Order 1996: The Draft Deregulation (Special Hours Certificates) Order 1996: The Draft Deregulation (Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act 1868) Order 1996: The Draft Deregulation (Credit Unions) Order 1996]; to be printed [No. 279] [Mr Barry Field].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Twelfth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

MEMORANDUM

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Public Interest Disclosure Bill and the Periodicals (Protection of Children) Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 64.]

Wednesday 6th March 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Offensive Weapons Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Offensive Weapons Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to make provision about arrest without warrant, and punishment, in connection with offences under section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953 and section 139 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988; to make provision about having articles which have a blade or are sharply pointed, or other offensive weapons, on school premises; to make provision about punishment in connection with offences under Article 22 of the Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987; to amend section 47 of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995; to make provision about selling knives and certain articles which have a blade or are sharply pointed to any person under the age of sixteen years; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 26th April; and to be printed [Bill 79].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 284].

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O'Hara reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Civil Aviation Act (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 76), referred to a Committee on 28th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roy Hughes reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to the Welfare Food Scheme) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee 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. 11954/95, relating to worker information and consultation; and supports the Government’s view that any extension of the existing Community requirements on worker information and consultation is unnecessary and undesirable.

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

9 Prevention of Breast Cancer Bill,—Mildred Gordon, supported by Ann Clwyd, Jean Corston, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Keith Vaz, Helen Jackson and Bridget Prentice, presented a Bill to enable women over the age of 65 years to have routine checks, including mammography, for breast cancer. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 76].

10 Adoption Leave Arrangements Bill,—Helen Jackson, supported by Tessa Jowell, Ann Coffey, Jean Corston, Mrs Anne Campbell, Ms Angela Eagle, Ms Janet Anderson, Bridget Prentice and Joan Walley, presented a Bill to permit the Secretary of State by order to confer rights on adoptive parents in relation to employment similar to those enjoyed by parents whose children are born to them; to make provision for adoptive parents to have the right to return to work during the adoption period laid down; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 77].

11 Stalking,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for a new criminal offence of stalking and for a prohibitory order with criminal sanctions against stalking; and for related purposes: And that Ms Janet Anderson, Tessa Jowell, Bridget Prentice, Alice Mahon, Ann Coffey, Margaret Hodge, Mr Mike O'Brien, Jean Corston, Helen Jackson, Mr Don Touhig, Mrs Anne Campbell and Maria Fyfe do prepare and bring it in.

12 Stalking Bill,—Ms Janet Anderson accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for a new criminal offence of stalking and for a prohibitory order with criminal sanctions against stalking; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th March and to be printed [Bill 78].
13 Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords].—The Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

14 Government Trading Funds.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Hydrographic Office Trading Fund Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates).—It was agreed to.

15 Government Trading Funds.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Meteorological Office Trading Fund Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates).—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 9.49 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Lotteries (Gaming Board Fees) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 468), dated 26th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].


4 Local Government,—Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Staff) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 501), dated 29th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].


6 Mental Health,—(1) Mental Health (Hospital, Guardianship and Consent to Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 540), and

(2) Mental Health Review Tribunals (Regions) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 510), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

7 National Health Service,—(1) Chichester Priority Care Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 571),

(2) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 583),

(3) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 582), and

(4) Royal West Sussex National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 570),

dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


9 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 536), dated 4th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].


11 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Statute made by the Governing Body of Linacre College, Oxford, on 9th November 1995, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) Statute made by the University of Oxford, on 6th December 1995, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

12 Coroners,—Kent (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 445), dated 27th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

13 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Third Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1995–96, on Investigation of complaints against the Child Support Agency [by Act]; to be printed [No. 20] [Clerk of the House].

14 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 General Orders thereunder, were presented to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before 27th November 1995, namely—

   (1) City of Edinburgh Rapid Transit Order,
   (2) Edinburgh Merchant Company Order, and
   (3) Western Isles Islands Council (Berneray Causeway) Order,

and are of the opinion that the Orders should be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make thereanent [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee B,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords], viz.: Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr David Evennett, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Geoffrey Hoorn, Mr John Hutton, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr David Lidington, Mr David Maclean, Mr Alun Michael, Mr John Morris, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Walter Sweeney, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Nigel Waterson.

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 Public Interest Disclosure Bill, viz.: Mr John Biffen, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr Derek Fatchett, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Tim Rathbone, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Gary Waller and Dr Tony Wright.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr Gerald Berringham, Sir Richard Body, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Nigel Evans, Mrs Lin Golding, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Roger Knappman, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Richard Ryder, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Paul Tyler and Mr Alan W. Williams.

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1996, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Michael Bates, Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Ian Davidson, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Barry Field, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Sir Jim Lester, Mr Thomas McCavoy, Mr John McFall, Mr David Porter, Mr Ernie Ross, Sir Tim Sainsbury, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr James Wallace and Mr David Wilshire.

5 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Special Grant Report (No. 18) (Grant to the Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District), viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Graham Allen, Dr Michael Clark, Mr Tom Cox, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr Neil Gerrard, Ms Margaret Hodge, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Alan Keen,
Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Sir Michael Marshall, Sir David Mitchell, Sir Cranley Onslow, Mr John Redwood, Sir Nicholas Scott, Mr Nigel Spearing, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr John Watts.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 40-x]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee
      [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 149-iv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 European Legislation,—Twelfth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 172-vii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Excess Votes, 1994-95]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 285];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 6th March; to be printed [No. 286-i]
      [Mr Robert Sheldon].

6 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 231-iii] [Sir Giles Shaw].

7 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 229-iv] [Mr William McKelvey].

8 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 90-vii] [Mr Frank Field].

9 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 87-vii] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

10 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 6th March; to be printed [No. 67-xi] [Mr Paul Channon].

11 Treasury,—(1) Fourth Report from the Treasury Committee [Financial Services Regulation: Self-Regulation at Lloyd's of London]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report and Appendices thereto [No. 223]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on (1) 24th October in the last Session of Parliament, and (2) 6th March; to be printed [Nos. 283-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 Prisoners' Earnings Bill to Standing Committee F (transferred from Standing Committee C);
   (2) the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;
   (3) the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (4) the Special Grant Report (No. 18) (Grant to the Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District) to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.
2 European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Documents Nos. 13099/95, and 4647/96, relating to the welfare of calves, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

[No. 65.]

Thursday 7th March 1996.

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 14th December, That the Promoters of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the last Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as were made by him in the last Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 any previous Session.

And the Question being again proposed;

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 14th March.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Childcare (Local Provision) Bill,—Judith Church, supported by Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Jean Corston, Mrs Anne Campbell, Kate Hoey, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Jon Trickett, Ann Coffey, Mr Hugh Bayley, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Stuart Bell and Mr Jon Trickett, presented a Bill to make provision for local implementation of a national childcare strategy; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 80].

6 Childminders Bill,—Margaret Hodge, supported by Tessa Jowell, Mrs Anne Campbell, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Stephen Timms, Glenda Jackson, Kate Hoey, Bridget Prentice, Mr Keith Hill, Ann Coffey, Jean Corston and Judith Church, presented a Bill to promote standards of care and education for young children provided by childminders through the establishment of minimum qualifications, access to training, minimum wages and conditions with a high quality framework for those childminders working with children in their early years; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 81].

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 Jeremy Hanley.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.50 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Northern Ireland.—Draft Deregulation and Contracting Out (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2. Armorial Bearings, Ensigns and Flags.—Lyon Court and Office Fees (Variation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 413), dated 20th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


4. Building Societies.—Building Societies (General Charge and Fees) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 609), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

5. Education.—Education (Grant-maintained and Grant-maintained Special Schools) (Finance) (Wales) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 537), dated 4th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

6. Fees and Charges.—Medical Devices (Consultation Requirements) (Fees) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 622), dated 6th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

7. Friendly Societies.—Friendly Societies (General Charge and Fees) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 614), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

8. Immigration.—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 274] [Mr Secretary Howard].


   (2) Authorities for London Post-Graduate Teaching Hospitals (Revocation) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 512), dated 6th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell];

   (3) Community Health Councils Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 640), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell];

   (4) Health Authorities (England) Establishment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 624), dated 6th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell];

   (5) National Health Service Contracts (Dispute Resolution) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 623), dated 6th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell];

   (6) Rhondda Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 531), dated 4th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague];

   (7) Salford Community Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 503), dated 29th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell]; and

   (8) University Hospital of Wales Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 530), dated 4th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

12. Pensions.—(1) Personal Injuries (Civilians) Amendment Scheme 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 502), dated 28th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley]; and


14 Road Traffic and Vehicles,—Temporary Speed Limit (Sydenham By-pass, Route A2, Belfast) (Continuation) (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 42), dated 21st February 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

15 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland)—(1) Crown Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 71), and

16 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Employment Protection (National Health Service) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 638), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


Other Papers:

18 Cabinet Office,—Paper, entitled Spending Public Money: Governance and Audit Issues [by Command] [Cm. 3179] [Mr Roger Freeman].

19 Defence (Royal Air Force),—Amendment List No. 23 to Major Revision 1985 to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

20 Housing (Scotland),—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1996 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 272] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

21 Industrial and Provident Societies,—(1) Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 613), and
(2) Industrial and Provident Societies (Credit Unions) (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 612), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Mr John McFall (nominated in respect of the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1996), and had appointed in substitution Mrs Helen Liddell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 7th March; to be printed [No. 240-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed—
(1) Mr Donald Anderson Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Noise Bill;
(2) Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Prisoners’ Earnings Bill;
(3) Mr Michael J. Martin and Mr John Maxton Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the meeting of the Committee on Friday 15th March;
(4) Mr Allan Stewart Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1996;

(5) Mr Iain Mills Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1996;

(6) Mr Edward O'Hara Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Special Grant Report (No. 18) (Grant to the Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District); and

(7) Mr Roger Sims Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 12377/95, relating to Equal Opportunities for Men and Women.

[No. 66.]

Friday 8th March 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Treasure Bill.---The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Treasure Bill;
   A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read a second time;
   Mr Alastair Goodlad acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Queen to acquaint the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, has consented to place her prerogative and interest, so far as they are affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.
   Mr Alastair Goodlad acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Prince of Wales to acquaint the House that His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, has consented to place his interest, so far as it is affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.
   And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:— It was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

3 Leasehold (Reform) Bill.---The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold (Reform) 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 12th July.

4 Registration of Immigration Advice Practitioners Bill.---The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Immigration Advice Practitioners Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

5 Access to the Countryside Bill.---The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to the Countryside Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 22nd March.

6 Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill.---The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 22nd March.

7 Business of the House.---Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 14th March, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community Documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Howard relating to Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism not later than three 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.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 11th March.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Coal Industry,—Draft Redundant Mineworkers (Payments Schemes) (Amendment and Consolidation) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Draft Sherifdoms (Alteration of Boundaries) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

3 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Employment Protection (Continuity of Employment of National Health Service Employees) (Modification) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Council Tax,—(1) Council Tax (Additional Provisions for Discount Disregards) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 637), and

   (2) Council Tax (Discount Disregards) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 636), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5 Council Tax (Scotland),—Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 430), dated 22nd February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

6 Criminal Law (Scotland),—Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1987 Fixed Penalty Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 617), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

7 Education,—(1) Education (Inner London Education Authority) (Property Transfer) (Modification) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 584), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard]; and


   (2) Environmental Licences (Suspension and Revocation) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 508), dated 29th February 1996,

   (3) Environmental Protection (Controls on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 506), dated 1st March 1996,


10 Food,—Food (Preparation and Distribution of Meat) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 497), dated 23rd February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].
11 Health and Safety.—(1) Gas Safety (Installation and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 550), dated 3rd March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer];

(2) Gas Safety (Management) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 551), dated 4th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer]; and

(3) Nuclear Generating Stations (Security) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 665), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

12 Housing.—Housing Associations (Permissible Additional Purposes) (England and Wales) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 592), dated 4th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


15 Juries.—Jurors (Scotland) Act 1825 (Provision of Information) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 626), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


17 Local Government.—(1) Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 590), dated 5th March 1996,


(3) Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Approved Investments) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 568), dated 5th March 1996,


(6) Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 469), dated 28th February 1996,


19 Medicines.—Medicines (Products for Human Use—Fees) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 683), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

20 National Health Service.—(1) Cardiff Community Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 526), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague];

(2) Gwent Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 524), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague];

(3) National Health Service (Existing Liabilities Scheme) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 686), dated 8th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell];

(4) National Health Service (Functions of Health Authorities) (Complaints) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 669), dated 8th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell];

(5) National Health Service (Functions of Health Authorities in London) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 654), dated 8th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell];

(6) National Health Service Trusts (Consultation on Establishment and Dissolution) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 653), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell];
Regional Health Authorities (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 666), dated 8th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell];

Velindre Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 527), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague];

West Wales Ambulance National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 522), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague]; and

West Wales Ambulance National Health Service (Transfer of Trust Property) (No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 523), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].


Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 414), dated 18th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Rates (Regional Rate) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 46), dated 28th February 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Central Rating Lists (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 620), dated 6th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Roads (Transitional Powers) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 496), dated 29th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 467), dated 26th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Certification Officer (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 651), dated 28th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

(1) Railways Act 1993 (Extinguishment of Relevant Loans) (Railtrack plc) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 664), and

(2) Railways Industry (Employees' Transport Vouchers) (Taxation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 639), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Bulgaria (No. 1, 1996).—Agreement, done at London on 11th December 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the promotion and reciprocal protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 3186] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Coal Industry,—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 8th March 1996, on the establishment of a national mines rescue service [by Command] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Memorandum of Understanding, dated 1st March 1996, between the Director General of Gas Supply and the Health and Safety Executive [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Monopolies and Mergers,—Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on British Bus Plc and Arrowline (Travel) Ltd [by Command] [Cm. 3183] [Mr Secretary Lang].


New Towns,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 7th March 1996 on borrowing by—

(1) the Cumbernauld Development Corporation,

(2) the Irvine Development Corporation, and

(3) the Livingston Development Corporation

[by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].
Monday 11th March 1996.

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:
   Family Law Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision with respect to divorce and separation; legal aid in connection with mediation in disputes relating to family matters; proceedings in cases where marriages have broken down; rights of occupation of certain domestic premises; prevention of molestation; the inclusion in certain orders under the Children Act 1989 of provisions about the occupation of a dwelling-house; the transfer of tenancies between spouses and persons who have lived together as husband and wife; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
5 Family Law Bill [Lords].—The Family Law Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 82].
6 Energy Conservation Bill.—Ordered, That the Energy Conservation Bill be read a second time on Friday 22nd March.
7 Estimates [2nd allotted day, 1st Part].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [22nd February], to consider the Estimate appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates).
   Supplementary Estimates, 1995–96 (Class XIII, Vote 4).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £19,355,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which 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—(Mr Andrew Mitchell);
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).
8 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day’s sitting—
   (1) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to Welsh Business not later than Ten o’clock, 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; and
   (2) Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates) shall apply with the insertion in line 41, after the words ‘At Ten o’clock’, of the words ‘or immediately after the previous business has been disposed of, whichever is the later’—(Mr Tony Newton);
The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Michael Bates: 162.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Peter Hain: 61.
So the Question was agreed to.
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9 Welsh Business,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That—

(1) Standing Order No. 98 (Welsh Grand Committee) shall be repealed and Standing Orders A to G below shall have effect;

(2) Standing Order No. 87 (Attendance of law officers and ministers in standing committees) shall be amended, in line 9, after "business)", by inserting "or a motion in the Welsh Grand Committee under Standing Order (Welsh Grand Committee (composition and business))";

(3) Standing Order No. 89 (Procedure in standing committees) shall be amended, in line 3, after "business)", by inserting "Standing Order (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings))"; and

(4) other Standing Orders shall have effect subject to the foregoing provisions of this Order.

A. Welsh Grand Committee (composition and business)

(1) There shall be a standing committee called the Welsh Grand Committee, which shall consist of all Members representing Welsh constituencies, together with not more than five other Members nominated by the Committee of Selection, which shall have power from time to time to discharge the Members so nominated by it and to appoint others in substitution for those discharged.

(2) The business of the committee shall include—

(a) questions tabled in accordance with Standing Order B (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer));

(b) short debates held in accordance with Standing Order C (Welsh Grand Committee (short debates));

(c) ministerial statements proceeded with under Standing Order D (Welsh Grand Committee (ministerial statements));

(d) bills referred to it in accordance with Standing Order E (Welsh Grand Committee (bills));

(e) such specified matters relating exclusively to Wales as may be referred to it in accordance with Standing Order F (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)); and

(f) motions for the adjournment of the committee, made under paragraph (5) of Standing Order G (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)).

(3) Any Minister of the Crown, being a Member of the House, though not a member of the committee, may take part in the deliberations of the committee and may make a motion, but shall not vote or be counted in the quorum.

B. Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)

(1) Notices of questions for oral answer in the Welsh Grand Committee by Welsh Office ministers on a day specified in an order made under paragraph (1) of Standing Order G (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)) may be given by members of the committee in the Table Office.

(2) Notices of questions given under this order shall bear an indication that they are for oral answer in the Welsh Grand Committee.

(3) No more than one notice of a question may be given under this order by any member of the committee for each day specified under paragraph (1) of Standing Order G (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)) for the taking of questions.

(4) On any day so specified under paragraph (1) of Standing Order G (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)), questions shall be taken at the commencement of the sitting; no such question shall be taken later than half an hour after the commencement of the proceedings thereon; and replies to questions not reached shall be printed with the Official Report of the committee’s debates for that day.

(5) Notices of questions under this order may be given ten sitting days before that on which an answer is desired:

Provided that when it is proposed that the House shall adjourn for a period of fewer than four days, any day during that period (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) shall be counted as a sitting day for the purposes of the calculation made under this paragraph.

C. Welsh Grand Committee (short debates)

(1) Notices of subjects to be raised in short debates in the Welsh Grand Committee, on a day specified in an order made under paragraph (1) of Standing Order G (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)), may be given by members of the committee in the Table Office.

(2) Subjects of which notice is given under paragraph (1) of this order must relate to Wales.
(3) No more than one notice of a subject may be given under this order by any member of the committee for each day specified under paragraph (1) of Standing Order G (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)) for the holding of short debates.

(4) On any day so specified such debates shall be held at the commencement of the sitting or, if the order under paragraph (1) specifies also the taking of questions on that day, immediately after questions.

(5) (a) No Member except the Minister of the Crown replying to the debate shall be called to speak later than half an hour after the commencement of the first such debate.

(b) The Member who gave notice of the subject and the Minister of the Crown replying to the debate may each speak for five minutes. Other Members may speak for three minutes.

(c) The chairman may direct any Member who exceeds the limits in sub-paragraph (b) to resume his seat forthwith.

(6) Notice of subjects under this order may be given ten sitting days before that on which they are sought to be raised:

Provided that when it is proposed that the House shall adjourn for a period of fewer than four days, any day during that period (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) shall be counted as a sitting day for the purposes of the calculation made under this paragraph.

D. Welsh Grand Committee (ministerial statements)

(1) The chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee may permit a Minister of the Crown, whether or not a Member of the House, to make a statement, of which prior notice has been given to him, on a matter relating to Wales, and to answer questions thereon put by members of the committee.

(2) Ministerial statements may be made—

(a) at the commencement of a sitting; or

(b) if questions are taken, immediately after the conclusion of proceedings thereon; or

(c) if short debates are held, immediately after the conclusion of those proceedings.

(3) Proceedings under this order shall be brought to a conclusion at the discretion of the chairman.

(4) A Minister of the Crown making a statement under paragraph (1) of this Order, who is not a Member of the House, may not do so from the body of the committee; and shall not vote, make any motion or be counted in the quorum.

E. Welsh Grand Committee (bills)

(1) A motion, of which at least ten days' notice has been given, may be made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of public business, that a public bill be referred to the Welsh Grand 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:

Provided that no such notice shall be given until the bill has been printed and delivered to the Vote Office.

(2) The committee shall report to the House either that it recommends that the bill ought to be read a second time or that it recommends that the bill ought not to be read a second time, and in the latter case it shall have power to state its reasons for so recommending.

(3) Upon a motion being made for the second reading of a bill reported from the committee, the question thereon shall be put forthwith.

F. Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)

(1) A motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of public business to the effect that a specified matter or matters relating exclusively to Wales be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration, and the question thereon shall be put forthwith.

(2) If such a motion be agreed to, the committee shall consider the matter or matters referred to it and shall report only that it has considered the said matter or matters.
G. Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)

(1) A motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown providing (or varying previous provision) for the Welsh Grand Committee—

(a) to sit on specified days at a specified place in Wales, the sitting commencing, and proceedings being interrupted, at such hours as shall be specified;

(b) to sit on other specified days at Westminster at half-past ten o’clock, or at half-past ten o’clock and between four o’clock and six o’clock;

(c) to take questions under Standing Order B (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)) on certain of the days specified under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) above;

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(e) to consider specified bills which shall have been referred to it under Standing Order E (Welsh Grand Committee (bills)) on certain of the days so specified; and

(f) to consider specified matters which shall have been referred to it under Standing Order F (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)) on certain of the days so specified;

and the Speaker shall put forthwith the question on such a motion, which may be decided at any hour, though opposed:

Provided that nothing in this order shall prevent the committee from considering further at a sitting at Westminster business adjourned at a previous sitting in Wales, nor from considering at a sitting in Wales business adjourned at a sitting at Westminster.

(2) The provisions of Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees), so far as they relate to the naming of a day in respect of business by the Member appointed chairman and the committee’s appointment of future days in respect of business not completed at a sitting, shall not apply to the Welsh Grand Committee.

(3) The chairman shall interrupt proceedings (other than on a motion made under paragraph (5) below) at the time specified in relation to the sitting by an order made under paragraph (1) above or, in the absence of such provision, at one o’clock, subject to paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees).

(4) At the moment of interruption, proceedings under consideration and not disposed of shall stand adjourned.

(5) After the interruption of proceedings, or on the completion of the business appointed for consideration at that sitting, whichever is the earlier, a motion for the adjournment of the committee may be made by a Minister of the Crown, and, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees) the chairman shall, not later than half an hour after the motion has been made, adjourn the committee without putting any question; and in respect of business taken under this paragraph, the quorum of the committee shall be three—(Mr Tony Newton.)

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, in line 16, to leave out the word ‘five’ and insert the word ‘three’, instead thereof.—(Mr Ron Davies.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Greg Pope: 50.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 164.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the remaining Questions relating to Welsh Business which she was then required to put, pursuant to Order [this day].

An Amendment (f) was made to the Question, in line 18, at the end, by inserting the words—

‘(1A) The quorum of the committee shall be seven, subject to paragraph (5) of Standing Order G (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings))’.—(Mr Ron Davies.)

Another Amendment (p) was proposed to the Question, in line 110, after the word ‘committee’, to insert the words ‘the committee having recommended that the bill be read a second time’.—(Mr Ron Davies.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Greg Pope: 50.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 157.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question, as amended, being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 154.
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So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That—
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and the Speaker shall put forthwith the question on such a motion, which may be decided at any hour, though opposed:  

Provided that nothing in this order shall prevent the committee from considering further at a sitting at Westminster business adjourned at a previous sitting in Wales, nor from considering at a sitting in Wales business adjourned at a sitting at Westminster.

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10 Estimates [2nd allotted day, 1st Part]—It being after Ten o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates) and the Order [this day], put the deferred Question on Supplementary Estimates, 1995–96 (Class XIII, Vote 4).

Class XIII, Vote 4.

Question put, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £19,355,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which 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.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 121.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Alan Simpson: 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £19,355,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which 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.
11 Estimates.—The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions required to be put pursuant to paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 53 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Resolved, 1996–97 (Navy) Vote A.

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 1997 a number not exceeding 52,050 all ranks be maintained for Naval Service.

Resolved, 1996–97 (Army) Vote A.

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 1997 a number not exceeding 140,260 all ranks be maintained for Army Service, a number not exceeding 131,500 for the Individual Reserves, and a number not exceeding 59,000 for the Territorial Army.

Resolved, 1996–97 (Air) Vote A.

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 1997 a number not exceeding 70,100 all ranks be maintained for the Air Force Service, a number not exceeding 19,305 for the Royal Air Force Reserve, and a number not exceeding 2,310 for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force.

Resolved, Excesses, 1994–95.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £148,670,792.82 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 1995, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 196.


Resolved, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £3,426,734,000 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. 197 and 260.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Supplementary Estimates, 1995–96, and to Estimates, Excesses, 1994–95: 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.

12 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.—Mr Michael Jack 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 to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 72].

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from James Eric Melvin for justice was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.14 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Breadalbane) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 738), dated 8th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth]; and


2 Children and Young Persons.—Children (Homes and Secure Accommodation) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 692), dated 11th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

3 Civil Aviation.—(1) Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 688), and
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

5 Countryside,—(1) Countryside Stewardship Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 695), dated 8th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg]; and
(2) National Park Authorities (Wales) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 534), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

6 Court of Session (Scotland),—Court of Session etc. Fees Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 514), dated 28th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

7 Criminal Law (Scotland),—Intermediate Diets (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 616), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


9 Education,—(1) Education (Areas to which Pupils and Students Belong) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 615), dated 7th March 1996,
(3) Richmond Adult and Community College (Government) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 736), dated 11th March 1996, and
(4) Richmond Adult and Community College (Incorporation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 735), dated 11th March 1996
[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

10 Education (Scotland),—Scottish Examination Board (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 579), dated 3rd March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


13 Fees and Charges,—Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 690), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


16 High Court of Justiciary (Scotland),—High Court of Justiciary Fees Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 516), dated 28th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

17 Housing (Scotland),—(1) Housing (Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 632), dated 4th March 1996, and
(2) Housing (Valuation Bands for Improvement and Repairs Grants) (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 741), dated 8th March 1996
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

18 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 642),
(2) Civil Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 649),
(3) Legal Advice and Assistance (Duty Solicitor) (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 647),
(4) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 644),
(5) Legal Advice and Assistance at Police Stations (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 648),
(6) Legal Aid in Civil Proceedings (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 645),
(7) Legal Aid in Contempt Proceedings (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 643),
(8) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 646),
(9) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 640), and
(10) Legal Aid in Family Proceedings (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 650),
dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Jonathan Evans].

19 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland)—Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 627), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

20 Local Government,—(1) Avon (Coroners) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 656), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard];
(2) Cleveland (Coroners) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 657), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard];
(3) Humberside (Coroners) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 658), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard];
(4) Local Government Changes for England (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 611), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer];
(6) Local Government Changes for England (Finance—Social Services Grants) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 691), dated 11th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell];
(7) Local Government Changes for England (Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 547), dated 4th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley];
(9) Local Government Reorganisation (Compensation for Loss of Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 660), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard];
(10) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Capital Finance) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 633), dated 8th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague];
(11) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Committees for Sea Fisheries Districts) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 618), dated 8th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague];
(13) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 549), dated 4th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley];
(14) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Property etc.) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 532), dated 8th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague];
(15) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Rent Officers) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 533), dated 11th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague];
(16) Public Airport Companies (Capital Finance) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 604), dated 6th March 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young]; and
(17) York and North Yorkshire (Coroners) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 659), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

21 Local Government (Scotland).—(1) Accounts Commission (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 681), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth];

(2) Educational Endowments (Central Region) Transfer Scheme Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 475), dated 26th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth];

(3) Educational Endowments (Dumfries and Galloway Region) Transfer Scheme Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 474), dated 26th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth];

(4) Educational Endowments (Grampian Region) Transfer Scheme Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 478), dated 26th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth];

(5) Educational Endowments (Lothian Region) Transfer Scheme Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 630), dated 3rd March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth];

(6) Educational Endowments (Strathclyde Region) Transfer Scheme Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 629), dated 3rd March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth];

(7) Educational Endowments (Tayside Region) Transfer Scheme Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 477), dated 26th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth];

(8) Local Authorities (Discretionary Expenditure) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 747), dated 6th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth];

(9) Local Authorities (Property Transfer) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 578), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth];

(10) Local Government Changes for Scotland (Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 548), dated 4th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley];

(11) Local Government (Transfer of Children's Hearings Cases) (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 492), dated 29th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth];


(13) Local Government (Transitional Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 682), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth]; and

(14) Qualifications of Chief Social Work Officers (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 515), dated 29th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

22 Marriage.—Marriage Fees (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 572), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

23 Mental Health.—(1) Mental Health (Patients in the Community) (Transfer from England and Wales to Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 742), and

(2) Mental Health (Prescribed Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 743), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


(2) Health Authorities (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 707),

(3) National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 701),

(4) National Health Service (Functions of Health Authorities and Administration Arrangements) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 708),

(5) National Health Service (Fund-holding Practices) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 706),

(6) National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 704),

(7) National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 702),

(8) National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 705),
(9) National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 698),

(10) National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 705), and


National Health Service (Scotland),—(1) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 740), dated 7th March 1996,

(2) National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 472), dated 27th February 1996, and

(3) National Health Service (Fund-Holding Practices) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 748), dated 8th March 1996, and

(4) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 473), dated 28th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


(2) New Town (Glenrothes) (Transfer of Property, Rights and Liabilities) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 466), dated 28th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


Police,—Common Police Services (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 745), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages etc.,—Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 574), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Roads (Scotland),—Forth and Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Acts (Modification) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 749), dated 11th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Scottish Land Court,—Scottish Land Court (Fees) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 680), dated 1st March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Sheriff Court Fees Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 628), dated 4th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


(3) Housing Benefit (Permitted Totals) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 677), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Social Services,—Isle of Scilly (Carers) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 693), dated 11th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Sugar,—Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 679), dated 16th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

Town and Country Planning,—(1) Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) (Standard Daily Amount) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 493), dated 27th February 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth]; and

(2) Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 528), dated 6th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].
38 Trade Marks,—(1) Trade Marks (International Registration) (Fees) Rules 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 715), and  
   (2) Trade Marks (International Registration) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 714), dated 11th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


40 Water Supply (Scotland),—Water and Sewerage Authorities (Rate of Return) (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 744), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:

41 Civil List Pensions,—List of pensions granted under the Civil List Act 1972 for 1994–95 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

42 Coroners,—Coroners’ Districts (Wales) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 661), dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

43 Dartford-Thurrock Crossing,—Report and Accounts of Dartford River Crossing Limited for the period 1st October 1994 to 30th September 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].


45 Development of Rural Wales,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th March 1996 on borrowing by the Development Board for Rural Wales [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

46 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Handling Small Claims in the County Courts [by Act], to be printed [No. 271] [Clerk of the House].

47 National Health Service,—Summarised Accounts of Health Authorities, Family Health Service Authorities and NHS Trusts in England, the Dental Practice Board and Special Health Authorities providing central services in England, and of Funds held on Trust by Health Authorities, NHS Trusts, Special Health Authorities and Special Trustees in England for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 288] [Clerk of the House].

48 National Health Service (Scotland),—Summarised Accounts of Health Boards, the Common Services Agency, NHS Trusts, the State Hospital Management Committee, State Hospital, Carstairs, the Health Education Board for Scotland, the State Hospital Management Committee, the Scottish Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education and the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 289] [Clerk of the House].

49 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [13th February] from residents of Coventry for preservation of the level of pensions [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr Nigel Waterson (nominated in respect of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Dr Robert Spink.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 11th March; to be printed [No. 291-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 11th March; to be printed [No. 283-iii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].
MEMORANDUM

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Treasure Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 68.]

Tuesday 12th March 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 South East Staffordshire 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 South East Staffordshire, in the room of Sir David Lincoln Lightbown, Knight, deceased.—(Mr Alastair Goodlad.)

2 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Finance Bill,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 36, 105, 112 and 139 and Schedule No. 15) 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 73].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 294].

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Allan Stewart reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 27).

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Road Traffic,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Vehicle Excise Duty (Immobilisation, Removal and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 107) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Michael Bates);—It was agreed to.

9 Welfare of Broiler Chickens,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect the health and welfare of broiler chickens kept in indoor husbandry systems: And that Mr Alan Meale, Mr Tony Banks, Sir Richard Body, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Bill Etherington, Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Eric Martlew, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Gary Waller, Mr Terry Lewis and Mr Don Dixon do prepare and bring it in.

10 Welfare of Broiler Chickens Bill,—Mr Alan Meale accordingly presented a Bill to protect the health and welfare of broiler chickens kept in indoor husbandry systems: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 22nd March and to be printed [Bill 83].

11 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill;

   A Motion was made, 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 National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) 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 National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill because it does not include safeguards against government abuse of the Private Finance Initiative to advance privatisation of the NHS with damaging effects on patients and staff; gives an open-ended commitment on the part of the taxpayer to honour the liabilities of NHS Trusts irrespective of the manner in which they have accrued; and fails to ensure government appraisal and control of potential liabilities or their adequate scrutiny by Parliament', instead thereof.—(Ms Harriet Harman.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Malcolm Chisholm: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Timothy Wood: 295.

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 National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill [Money]; A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) 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 under any other enactment—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

14 Deregulation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Special Hours Certificates) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

15 Deregulation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Friendly Societies Act 1992) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th February, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX 1

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (Grants) (Purcell School) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 757), dated 12th March 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


3 Plant Health,—Plant Health (Forestry) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 751), dated 8th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

Other Papers:

4 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 3169] [Mr Secretary Howard].

5 Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 7th March 1996 on borrowing by Magnox Electric plc [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

6 European Union,—Paper, entitled A Partnership of Nations, the British Approach to the European Union Intergovernmental Conference 1996 [by Command] [Cm. 3181] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
7 London Regional Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 5th March 1996 on borrowing by London Regional Transport [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

8 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the British Museum for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 292] [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 Portillo].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr Donald Anderson (nominated in respect of the Noise Bill); and had appointed in substitution Kate Hoey.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 12th March; to be printed [No. 143-vi] [Mr Peter Viggers].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Thirteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xiii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 69.]

Wednesday 13th March 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr Liam Fox);

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 21st March.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committee (see Appendix III).

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O'Hara reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Special Grant Report (No. 18) (Grant to the Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District) (H.C. No. 239).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 99 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee), That the Matter of the proposal for the draft Regional Strategy for health and social well-being 1997-2002, being a Matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee for its consideration—(Dr Liam Fox)—It was agreed to.

8 Hostage Recovery,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to place a duty on the Secretary of State to ensure that appropriate assistance is provided to people returning to the United Kingdom, having been held against their will as hostages, and to their families; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Neil Gerrard, Ann Clwyd, Ann Coffey, Mr Barry Field, Mr Bruce George, Mr John Gunnell, Alice Mahon, Mr Jim
Marshall, Emma Nicholson, Sir Nicholas Scott and Mr Alan Simpson do prepare and bring it in.

9 Hostage Recovery Bill,—Mr Neil Gerrard accordingly presented a Bill to place a duty on the Secretary of State to ensure that appropriate assistance is provided to people returning to the United Kingdom, having been held against their will as hostages, and to their families; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th March and to be printed [Bill 84].

10 London Regional Transport Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being 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 London Regional Transport Bill because although the House welcomes the higher levels of investment in transport infrastructure provided in the Bill by the development of Private Finance Initiative projects by London Regional Transport, it does not believe that the privatisation of London Underground would be in the interests of London, and fears that this Bill contains powers which will be used to that end', instead thereof. —(Mr Brian Wilson.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Eric Martlew: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 185.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

11 London Regional Transport Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to London Regional Transport Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the London Regional Transport Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act.—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

12 Contracting Out,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the Welfare Food Scheme) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved.—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

13 Worker Information and Consultation,—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. 11954/95, relating to worker information and consultation; and supports the Government's view that any extension of the existing Community requirements on worker information and consultation is unnecessary and undesirable.—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

14 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from residents of (1) Albion Towers, (2) Shirley Towers and (3) Sturminster House in the City of Southampton for the removal of asbestos from council-owned properties were 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 twenty-one minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.39 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Pensions,—(1) Draft Social Security (Minimum Contributions to Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) Order 1996,
   (2) draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions and Rebates) (Money Purchase Contracted-out Schemes) Order 1996, and
   (3) draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions) (Salary Related Contracted-out Schemes) Order 1996
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Dangerous Drugs,—Misuse of Drugs (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 596), dated 5th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


5 Police,—Police Grant (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 780), dated 12th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

6 Social Security,—(1) Income Support (General) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 606), and
   (2) Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 598),
   dated 6th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

7 Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 12th March 1996 on borrowing by the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

8 Countryside,—Paper, entitled A Working Countryside for Wales [by Command] [Cm. 3180] [Mr Secretary Hague].

9 European Communities (No. 7, 1996),—Europe Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 12th June 1995, establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Estonia, of the other part, including Protocols with Exchanges of Letters, Declarations and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 3187] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minutes, dated 13th March 1996, concerning financial targets for the period 1st April 1996 to 31st March 2001 for—
   (1) the Hydrographic Office, and
   (2) the Meteorological Office
   [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

11 Housing (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cm. 3177] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

12 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Inquiry Commissioned by the NHS Chief Executive into Matters Concerning the Former Yorkshire Regional Health Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 280] [Clerk of the House].

13 Northern Ireland,—Northern Ireland Trading and Other Accounts 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 254] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

15 Pensions,—Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes, Review of certain contracting-out terms, Reports by the Government Actuary and the Secretary of State for Social Security on the—

(1) draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class I Contributions) (Salary Related Contracted-out Schemes) Order 1996,

(2) draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class I Contributions and Rebates) (Money Purchase Contracted-out Schemes) Order 1996, and

(3) draft Social Security (Minimum Contributions to Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) Order 1996

[by Command] [Cm. 3221] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Paper withdrawn:


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 Treasure Bill, viz.: Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Peter Brooke, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Sir Patrick Cormack, Jean Corston, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Andrew Faulds, Mr Mark Fisher, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr Norman Hogg, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr Robert Key, Mr Richard Spring and Mr Iain Sproat.

2 Standing Committee D,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Roger Berry, Mr John Bowis, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr David Clelland, Mr David Congdon, Mr John Heppell, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Roger Knappman, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr David Martin, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Andrew Rowe, Sir Nicholas Scott, Mr Peter Thornham and Mr Nigel Waterson.

3 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 National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Hugh Bayley, Ann Coffey, Mr Harry Cohen Mr David Evans, Mr John Gunnell, Mr Warren Hawksley, Mr John Horam, Mr Simon Hughes, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr Michael Lord, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Brian Sedgemore and Mr Michael Stephen.

4 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated eighteen additional Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Grand Committee for the remainder of the Session viz.: Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr James Cran, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Harold Elibetson, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Thomas MacAvoy, Lady Olga Maidland, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Richard Spring, Mr Roger Stott, Mr John Whittingdale and Mr Timothy Wood.

5 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Registers of Scotland Executive Agency Trading Fund Order 1996, viz.: Mr Michael Bates, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr John Carlisle, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Sir Norman Fowler, Maria Fyfe, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Douglas Hurd, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mrs Ray Michie, Sir David Mitchell, Sir Michael Neubert, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Walter Sweeney, Mr Jimmy Wray and Mr Tim Yeo.

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Electricity Supply Industry and Water Undertakers (Rateable Values) Amendment Order 1996 and the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1996,
By: Hilary Armstrong, Mr Matthew Banks, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr David Congdon, Mr Anthony Coombs, Sir Anthony Durant, Sir George Gardiner, Mr Mike Hall, Margaret Hodge, Helen Jackson, Sir Irvine Patnick, Mr Peter L. Pike, Mr David Rendel, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr David Tredinnick and Mr John Whittingdale.

7 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Vehicle Excise Duty (Immobilisation, Removal and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Clive Betts, Mr David Chidgey, Jean Corston, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr David Marshall, Mr Steve Norris, Mr John Patten, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Graham Riddick, Mr Peter Snape, Mr Jon Trickett, Mr Neville Trotter, Mr George Walden, Mr Charles Wardle and Mr Nigel Waterson.

8 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Vehicle Excise Duty (Immobilisation, Removal and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations 1996, the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996, the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 and the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Robert Banks, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Den Dover, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr George Galloway, Mr Peter Griffiths, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Jimmy Hood, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr John McFall, Mrs Ray Michie and Rachel Squire.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Third Report from the Defence Committee [NATO's Southern Flank], 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. 300 (including No. 373 of Session 1994-95)] [Mr Michael Colvin]

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 13th March; to be printed [No. 149-v] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]

3 European Legislation,—Thirteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xiii] [Mr Jimmy Hood]

4 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 13th March; to be printed [No. 298-i] [Mr David Howell]

5 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—First Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Report of the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Ombudsman for 1995]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 185] [Mr James Pawsey]

6 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 13th March; to be printed [No. 152-iv] [Sir Peter Emery]

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 13th March; to be printed [No. 304-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon]

8 Science and Technology,—Second Report from the Science and Technology Committee [The Government's Plans for the "Forward Look"], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 303] [Sir Giles Shaw]

9 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 13th March; to be printed [No. 246-iii] [Mr William McKelvey]

10 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 13th March; to be printed [No. 302-i and -ii] [Mr Martin O'Neill]

11 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 13th March; to be printed [No. 301-j] [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 National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill to Standing Committee E;

(2) the draft Registers of Scotland Executive Agency Trading Fund Order 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the draft Electricity Supply Industry and Water Undertakers (Rateable Values) Amendment Order 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(4) the Vehicle Excise Duty (Immobilisation, Removal and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations 1996 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(5) the draft Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1996, the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996, the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 and the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

2 European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 8564/95, relating to the conservation of wetlands, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

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. 70.]

Thursday 14th March 1996.

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 14th December, That the Promoters of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the last Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as were made by him in the last Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 any previous Session.

And the Question being again proposed;

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday 20th March at Seven o’clock.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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 Order of the House [11th December] be further amended by leaving out paragraph 6, and the sitting of the Scottish Grand Committee in Glasgow City Chambers to-morrow be thereby discharged—(Mr Michael Bates)—It was agreed to.
5 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 1996, which was laid before this House on 22nd February, be approved—(Mr Secretary Howard);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Max Madden, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Continuance) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 22nd February, be approved.

6 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Resolved, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Exclusion Orders) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 22nd February, be approved.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes past Eight o'clock, adjourned till Monday 18th March.

[Adjourned at 8.15 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—(1) Lloyd’s Underwriters (Tax) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 781), and


dated 13th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

2 Local Government (Scotland),—Local Government (Direct Labour Organisations) (Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 784), dated 4th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


(2) Social Security (Claims and Payments Etc.) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 672),

(3) Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 663),

(4) Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Dependency) (Permitted Earnings Limits) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 671), and


dated 7th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

4 Biological Standards,—Account of the National Biological Standards Board for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 305] [Clerk of the House].

5 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Diplomatic Wing) Senior Management Review [by Command] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 14th March; to be printed [No. 235-iii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 14th March; to be printed [No. 240-v] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

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 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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

   (1) Mr Roger Sims and Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords];

   (2) Mr James Hill and Mr Edward O’Hara Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill;

   (3) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the proposal for the draft Regional Strategy for health and social well-being 1997–2002;

   (4) Sir John Hunt Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Registers of Scotland Executive Trading Fund Order 1996;

   (5) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Electricity Supply Industry and Water Undertakers (Rateable Values) Amendment Order 1996 and the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1996;

   (6) Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Vehicle Excise Duty (Immobilisation, Removal and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations 1996;

   (7) Mr Allan Stewart Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1996, the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996, the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996, and the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996; and

   (8) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. COM(95)541 relating to Co-operation with the Gulf States.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 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—University College London Bill.

Bill committed.

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 Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

5 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.

Withdrawal of Employment Rights.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, noting how widespread job insecurity has become in Britain and the damage this has done to economic performance, calls on the Government not to proceed with the removal of the right of appeal to an industrial tribunal for employees in small firms—(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 'recognises the vital contributions of small firms to economic and employment growth, and supports the Government's policies to minimise legislative burdens on this sector while maintaining a fair balance with the rights of employees', 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 John Cummings, Ms Janet Anderson: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 284.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House recognises the vital contributions of small firms to economic and employment growth, and supports the Government's policies to minimise legislative burdens on this sector while maintaining a fair balance with the rights of employees.

Proposed Privatisation of HMSO.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, notwithstanding the guarantees sought by Madam Speaker in her letter to the Leader of the House dated 28th November 1995, Official Report, 11th December 1995, columns 455, 456 and 457 and the assurances given by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in his reply placed in the Library on 14th December 1995, believes that the privatisation of HMSO so risks the standard of service to the House and to Members of Parliament, and so dilutes ministerial accountability to the House for those services, that it should not proceed until further consideration after the next general election—(Mr Derek Foster);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the Government's policy with regard to the privatisation of HMSO and the proposed safeguards to protect standards of service to Parliament and other customers', instead thereof. (Mr Roger Freeman.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Ms Janet Anderson: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Michael Bates: 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):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government's policy with regard to the privatisation of HMSO and the proposed safeguards to protect standards of service to Parliament and other customers.

6 Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Education (School Premises) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 360), dated 22nd February 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd February, be annulled—(Mr David Blunkett);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jane Kennedy, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Gary Streeter: 280.

So the Question was negatived.

7 Education and Employment,—Ordered, That Mr Don Foster, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Warren Hawksley, Margaret Hodge, Sir Ralph Howell, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Iain Mills, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Edward O'Hara, Mr David Porter, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Gerry Steinberg and Sir Malcolm Thornton be members of the Education and Employment Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.11 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 15th March 1996 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Public Expenditure,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 1996-97 [Cm. 3201] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 15th March 1996 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Employments) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 804), and


4 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 98),

(2) Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 96), and


5 Local Government,—Humberside (Coroners) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 787), dated 14th March 1996 [Mr Secretary Howard].
6 Pensions,—(1) Occupational Pension Schemes (Discharge of Protected Rights on Winding Up) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 775), and
(2) Personal and Occupational Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 776), dated 13th March 1996 [Mr Secretary Lilley].


8 Social Security,—Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 700), dated 7th March 1996 [Mr Secretary Lilley].


Other Papers:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 18th March 1996:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

12 Deregulation,—Draft Deregulation (Long Pull) Order 1996, together with a statement from the Secretary of State for the Home Department [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

13 Local Government Finance,—Special Grant Report (No. 17) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 299] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

14 Local Government Finance (Wales),—Special Grant Report (Wales) 1996 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 297] [Mr Secretary Hague].

15 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1996 [by Act] [MrJonathan Evans].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


17 Income Tax,—Income Tax (Charge to Tax) (Payments out of Surplus Funds) (Relevant Rate) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 830), dated 18th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

18 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—(1) Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 811), and
(2) Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 812), dated 15th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


Other Papers:

21 Defence (Royal Air Force),—(1) Amendment List No. 8 to Air Publication 3396 (3rd edition) Volume 1 relating to the trade structure of the Royal Air Force, and
(2) Amendment to Air Publication 3396 relating to the commissioning of officers and conditions of service of officers and airmen (aircrew) in the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

23 Merchant Shipping,—Report by the Department of Transport of exemptions granted under section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906 during 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

24 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Market Test of ED5 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 281] [Clerk of the House].

25 Public Accounts,—Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the Third and Fourth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1995-96 [by Command] [Cm. 3222] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

26 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [31st January] from residents of Walsall for improved protection for sites of special scientific interest [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

27 Social Security Administration,—Account of the National Insurance Fund for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 290] [Clerk of the House].

Paper withdrawn:

28 Merchant Shipping,—Report by the Department of Transport of exemptions granted under section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906 during 1995 [laid 7th February].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 18th March; to be printed [No. 306-i] [Mr David Howell].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 18th March; to be printed [No. 307-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

3 Treasury,—(1) Third Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96 (The 1995 Budget)]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 18th March; to be printed [Nos. 308 and 309-i] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 72.]

Tuesday 19th March 1996.

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 Delegated Legislation,—Sir John Hunt reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Registers of Scotland Executive Agency Trading Fund Order 1996. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows—Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

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.

Broadcasting Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make new provision about the broadcasting in digital form of television and sound programme services and the broadcasting in that form on television or radio frequencies of other services; to amend the Broadcasting Act 1990; to make provision about rights to televise sporting or other events of national interest; to provide for the establishment and functions of a Broadcasting Standards Commission and for the dissolution of the
Broadcasting Complaints Commission and the Broadcasting Standards Council; to make provision for the transfer to other persons of property, rights and liabilities of the British Broadcasting Corporation relating to their transmission network; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Broadcasting Bill [Lords].—The Broadcasting Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 88].

7 Protection of Privacy Bill.—The Order for reading the Protection of Privacy Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

8 Representation of the People (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Acts; and for related purposes: And that Mrs Ann Winterton, Mrs Marion Roe, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr David Evennett, Mr Vivian Bendall, Mr Julian Brazier, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Nicholas Winterton and Dame Jill Knight do prepare and bring it in.

9 Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill.—Mrs Ann Winterton accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Acts; and for related purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 85].

10 Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Visits to assess suitability of establishments)—(Mr Peter Kilfoyle)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Resources for special needs)—(Mr Peter Kilfoyle)—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 Eric Clarke, Ann Coffey: 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Roger Knapman: 278.

Another Clause (Decision in relation to vouchers)—(Estelle Morris)—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, Ms Janet Anderson: 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Roger Knapman: 276.

Another Clause (Audit)—(Mr Don Foster)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, after '(1)' to insert the words 'Subject to section 7(1A) below,'.(Estelle Morris.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, after the word 'education' to insert the words 'in England'.—(Mr Cynog Dafis.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 27 and 28) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 42) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 18, at the end to insert the words—

'(4) Such requirements shall include a duty upon an authority or other person to whom a grant is paid to publish the criteria for admission to any education provided by them by virtue of any grant under this Act, including any fees or supplementary payments relating to the admission of any child.'—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 36, at the end to insert the words—

'(3A) The Secretary of State may not give consent under subsection (6) of section 68 of the Education Act 1993 unless he is satisfied that—

(a) the school will be able both to repay the sum borrowed and to pay interest thereon without recourse to additional grant from the funding authority for schools; and

(b) the borrowing is not to be secured against core fixed assets

and he shall by regulations specify the definition of core fixed assets for the purposes of this subsection.'.—(Mr Peter Kilfoyle.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Hain: 230.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Derek Conway: 271.

Other Amendments (Nos. 29 to 33) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 26, to leave out from the word ‘Office’ to the end of line 29.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 34 to 37) 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 Gary Streeter, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Bridget Prentice, Mr John Cummings: 238.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

11 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Special Grant Report (No. 18) (Grant to the Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District) (House of Commons Paper No. 239), which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved.—(Mr Simon Burns): It was agreed to.

12 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Credit Unions) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved.—(Mr Simon Burns): It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Milborne St. Andrew and elsewhere for the devotion of increased police resources to combat crime in rural areas 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 Simon Burns.)

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

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3 National Health Service (Scotland).—(1) National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 841),
(2) National Health Service (General Medical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 842),
(3) National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 843), and
(4) National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 840), dated 18th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:

4 Financial Reporting to Parliament.—(1) Paper, entitled Departmental Report of the Department of Health: The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1996–97 to 1998–99 [by Command] [Cm. 3212] [Mr Secretary Dorrell]; and

5 Law Commissions.—Report of the Law Commission on Landlord and Tenant: Responsibility for State and Condition of Property [by Act]; to be printed [No. 236] [Mr Jonathan Evans].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr Donald Anderson (nominated in respect of the Prisoners’ Earnings Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Colin Pickthall.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 19th March; to be printed [No. 143-vii] [Mr Peter Viggersj.

2 Statutory Instruments,—Fourteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xiv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 73.]

Wednesday 20th March 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Prisoners’ Earnings Bill,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Prisoners’ Earnings Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 29th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 311].

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Electricity Supply Industry and Water Undertakers (Rateable Values) Amendment Order 1996 and the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Vehicle Excise Duty (Immobilisation, Removal and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 107), referred to a Committee on 12th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 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 COM (95) 541, on improving relations between the European Union and the countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council; and supports the Government’s view that this is a useful basis for the development of relations between the European Union and the Gulf Co-operation Council.

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

9 Protection of Privacy (No. 2) Bill.—Sir Patrick Cormack, supported by Mr Alex Carlile, Sir Archibald Hamilton, Sir Jim Lester, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr David Hunt, Mr Giles Radice, Mr Quentin Davies and Mr Ray Powell, presented a Bill to make it an offence to sell or to buy tapes or transcripts of private conversations otherwise than with the consent of both parties: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 87].

10 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 Peter Bottomley, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Frank Cook, Mr Alan Simpson and Sir Richard Body do prepare and bring it in.

11 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 12th July and to be printed [Bill 89].

12 Reserve Forces Bill [Lords].—The Reserve Forces Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

13 Reserve Forces Bill [Lords][Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Reserve Forces Bill [Lords][Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Reserve Forces Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any sums required by the Secretary of State with respect to—

(a) payments of pay, bounty and allowances to members of the reserve forces;
(b) pensions, allowances, gratuities and lump sums payable to or in respect of persons who are or have been members of the reserve forces;
(c) payments of compensation in respect of financial loss attributable to persons being in permanent service under the Act;
(d) expenditure incurred for the purposes of or in connection with reserve forces appeal tribunals established under the Act;
(2) any other expenditure of a Minister of the Crown (including that of the Defence Council) incurred in consequence of the Act; and
any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other enactment out of money provided by Parliament—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

14 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 14th December, That the promoters of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the last Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as were made by him in the last Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

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 any previous Session;

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

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

15 Public Health.—Resolved, That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish and Plants) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 448), dated 28th February 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th February, be approved.(Mr Rod Richards.)

16 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from William Dixon Smith for a public inquiry into the future of West Bank Park, York, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Public Health,—Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Salmon and Migratory Trout) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 856), dated 19th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Police,—Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 867), dated 18th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

3 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Papers, entitled—

(1) Cabinet Office, Privy Council Office and Parliament: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1996-97 to 1998-99 [by Command] [Cm. 3220] [Mr Roger Freeman];

(2) Department of the Environment Annual Report 1996: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1996-97 to 1998-99 [by Command] [Cm. 3207] [Mr Secretary Gummer].
Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee F,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the London Regional Transport Bill, viz.: Mr Tony Banks, Mr Matthew Carrington, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr David Chidgey, Mr David Congdon, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Glenda Jackson, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr John Marshall, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Nigel Spearin, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Richard Tracey, Mr Bowen Wells and Mr Brian Wilson.

2 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated a further five additional Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Grand Committee for the remainder of the Session viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Alan Keen, Mr William O'Brien and Mr Tony Worthington.

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Employment Protection (Continuity of Employment of National Health Service Employees) (Modification) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Michael Bates, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr Peter Butler, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Jimmy Durnachie, Mr Nigel Forman, Maria Fyfe, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Jimmy Hood, Sir Ralph Howell, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr George Kychn, Mr John McAllion, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mra Ray Michie, Mr Andrew Rowe and Sir Gerard Vaughan.

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Sheriffdoms (Alteration of Boundaries) Order 1996, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Sir Marcus Fox, Sir Peter Fry, Mr George Galloway, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr John McFall, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Mark Robinson, Rachel Squire, Mr Richard Tracey, Mr Michael Trend, Mr Bill Walker and Mr Jimmy Wray.

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Redundant Mineworkers (Payments Schemes) (Amendment and Consolidation) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Jonathan Attken, Mr Churchill, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, Dame Peggy Fenner, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, Sir Michael Grylls, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Mark Robinson, Mr Richard Tracey, Mr Jack Thompson and Mr John Townend.

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1996, viz.: Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Quentin Davies, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Jonathan Evans, Mr David Hunt, Mr Michael Jolling, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr William Powell, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr David Shaw, Mr Tim Smith, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Peter Viggers.
7 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton (nominated in respect of the draft Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1996, the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996, the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 and the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996); and had appointed in substitution Mr Raymond S. Robertson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 149-vi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Second Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Open Government], 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. 84] [Mr James Pawsey].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 20th March; to be printed [No. 314-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

4 Public Service,—(1) First Report from the Public Service Committee [The Code of Practice for Public Appointments]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 168]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 313-i]

[Mr Giles Radice].

5 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 325-i] [Mr Frank Field].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 302-iii and -iv] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

7 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 67-xii] [Mr Paul Channon].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 237-vi] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

9 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 20th March; to be printed [No. 312-i] [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 London Regional Transport Bill to Standing Committee F;

(2) the draft Employment Protection (Continuity of Employment of National Health Service Employees) (Modification) Order 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the draft Sheriffdoms (Alteration of Boundaries) Order 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(4) the draft Redundant Mineworkers (Payments Scheme) (Amendment and Consolidation) Order 1996 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(5) the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

2 Chairmen's Panel,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen's Panel), the Speaker nominated Sir James Molyneaux to be a member of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.
Thursday 21st March 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th March.

2 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 1996
Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Act 1996.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Channel Tunnel Rail Link (re-committed) Bill,—Mr John Maxton reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (re-committed) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Bill, as amended in the Select Committee and on re-committal in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 86].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 316].

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Allan Stewart reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal and Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1996, the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996, the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996, and the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921,—Resolved. That it is expedient that a Tribunal be established for inquiring into a definite matter of urgent public importance, that is to say, the incident at Dunblane Primary School on Wednesday 13th March 1996, which resulted in the deaths of 18 people.—(Mr Secretary Forsyth.)

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

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Charities,—Draft Charities (Trustee Investments Act 1961) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

2 Dangerous Drugs,—Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Education.—Education (Grant-maintained and Grant-maintained Special Schools) (Finance) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 889), dated 20th March 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

4 Health and Safety.—Pipelines Safety Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 825), dated 18th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers

5 Animal Health.—Return of expenditure incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981, and incidences of disease in imported animals for the year 1995 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

6 Environment.—Government response to the First Report from the Environment Committee, Session 1995–96, on the Single Regeneration Budget [by Command] [Cm. 3178] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

7 Environmental Protection.—Paper, entitled Waste Management, the Duty of Care: A Code of Practice [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


9 Monopolies and Mergers.—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on classified directory advertising services [by Command] [Cm. 3171] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Highways Agency: The Bridge Programme [by Act]; to be printed [No. 282] [Clerk of the House].

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:

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Salmon and Migratory Trout) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 856)
[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

12 Welsh Affairs.—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 1994–95, on Wales in Europe [by Command] [Cm. 3170] [Mr Secretary Hague].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Members (nominated in respect of the draft Redundant Mineworkers (Payments Schemes) (Amendment and Consolidation) Order 1996.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 21st March; to be printed [No. 235-iv] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 21st March; to be printed [No. 240-vi] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

MEMORANDUM

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

(1) Mr Michael J. Martin and Mr Robert Hicks Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords].
(2) Mr Donald Anderson and Mr Patrick Thompson Chairmen of Standing Committee F in respect of the London Regional Transport Bill;

(3) Mr Robert Hicks Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Employment Protection (Continuity of Employment of National Health Service Employees) (Modification) Order 1996;

(4) Mr Michael J. Martin Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Sheriffdoms (Alteration of Boundaries) Order 1996;

(5) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Redundant Mineworkers (Payments Schemes) (Amendment and Consolidation) Order 1996;

(6) Sir John Hunt Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1996;

(7) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1996 (in place of Mr Iain Mills); and

(8) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 9674/95, relating to controls at the internal frontiers of the Community.

Friday 22nd March 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Selection (see Appendix II).

3 Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 8) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 7, at the end to insert the words—

'( ) No Order under subsection (1) above shall be made by any local authority unless it has—

(a) submitted a draft of the order to any parish council (or, in Wales, community council) for any part of the area proposed to be designated, and

(b) considered any representations made to it in respect of the draft order by any such council.'.—(Mr Michael Fabricant.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 18, to leave out from the word 'unless' to the word 'the' in line 20.—(Mr Roy Thomson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 24, to leave out '3' and insert '1'.—(Mr Michael Fabricant.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 9 and 10) 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 19th April.

5 Tobacco (Protection of Children and Restriction of Promotion) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Tobacco (Protection of Children and Restriction of Promotion) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

6 Access to the Countryside Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Access to the Countryside Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

7 Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

8 Energy Conservation Bill,—The Energy Conservation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

9 Welfare of Broiler Chickens Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Welfare of Broiler Chickens Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

10 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 Michael Bates.)

11 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 25th March.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Water,—Protection of Water Against Agricultural Nitrate Pollution (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 888), dated 21st March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

2 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Paper, entitled Departments of the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Forestry Commission: The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1996-97 to 1998-99 [by Command] [Cm. 3214] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

3 Treaty Series (No. 31, 1996),—Notes exchanged at Brasilia on 14th January 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil concerning the United Kingdom/Brazil Debt Agreement No. 4 (1993) [by Command] [Cm. 3185] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Mr James Wallace (nominated in respect of the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 32)); and had appointed in substitution Mr Menzies Campbell.
Monday 25th March 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.

Henry Johnson, Sons & Co., Limited Bill.

Bill committed.

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:

City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Lords communicate that they have considered the Message from the Commons [20th March] relating to the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] and that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the said Bill, viz.:

That, notwithstanding anything in the Private Business Standing Orders or practice of the House, the promoters of the Bill, which originated in this House in Session 1993-94, and which has passed all its stages in this House but not in the Commons, may proceed with the Bill in the present Session;

That the petition for the Bill be deemed to have been deposited;

That all Standing Orders applicable be deemed to have been complied with;

That the Bill be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than 3 p.m. on Thursday 28th March next with a declaration annexed, signed by the agent, stating that it is the same in every respect as the Bill passed by this House;

That the proceedings on the Bill in the present Session be pro forma and that no new fees be charged.

5 Hostage Recovery Bill,—The Order for reading the Hostage Recovery Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

6 Stalking Bill,—The Order for reading the Stalking Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

7 Family Law Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Family Law 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 Michael Bates, Mr Gary Streeter: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Edward Leigh: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That

(a) Clauses Nos. 5 and 7, and

(b) any new Clauses or new Schedules appearing on the Order Paper not later than Monday 1st April and relating to the circumstances in which a marriage may be taken to have broken down irretrievably or in which a divorce order or a separation order may be made by the Court, or to the period for reflection and consideration be committed to a Committee of the whole House;

That the remainder of the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee;

That when the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Standing Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill be
proceeded with as if the Bill had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee.—(Mr Roger Freeman.) Committee to-morrow.

8 Family Law Bill [Lords] (Committee) (Allocation of Time).—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 2nd April, in Committee of the whole House on Clauses Nos. 5 and 7 of the Family Law Bill [Lords] and any new Clauses or new Schedules committed thereto—

1. the Bill shall be considered in the following order, namely—

   (a) Clause No. 5; new Clauses relating to the circumstances in which a marriage may be taken to have broken down irretrievably or in which a divorce order or a separation order may be made by the Court; new Schedules relating thereto;

   (b) Clause No. 7; new Clauses relating to the period for reflection and consideration; new Schedules relating thereto;

2. the Chairman shall—

   (i) in respect of the Clause, new Clauses and new Schedules referred to in paragraph (1)(a) above, not later than Seven o'clock, and

   (ii) in respect of the remaining proceedings in Committee, not later than three hours after their commencement,

   put successively—

   (a) the Question already proposed from the Chair;

   (b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed (including, in the case of a new Clause or Schedule which has been read a second time, the Question on any Amendment to such new Clause or Schedule which has been selected by him and which may then be moved and, thereafter, the Question that the Clause or Schedule, or the Clause or Schedule as amended, be added to the Bill); and

   (c) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour, which shall include the Question on any Amendment or new Clause or Schedule or Amendment thereto which has been selected by him and which may then be moved.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Family Law Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

   (a) expenses incurred by the Lord Chancellor in connection with the provision of information or the arrangement of meetings;

   (b) other administrative expenses incurred by the Lord Chancellor in consequence of the provisions of the Act;

   (c) expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown or Government department in consequence of provision about division of assets in respect of which rights have accrued under a pension scheme;

   (d) any sums required by the Lord Chancellor for making grants in connection with—

      (i) the provision of marriage support services; or

      (ii) research into the causes of, or ways of preventing, marital breakdown; and

   (e) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment.—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

10 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

11 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells):—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 Delegated Legislation), That the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of
Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells)—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 Delegated Legislation), That the draft Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells)—It was agreed to.

14 Government Trading Funds.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Registers of Scotland Executive Agency Trading Fund Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 5th March, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells)—It was agreed to.

15 Co-operation with Gulf States.—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) 541, on improving relations between the European Union and the countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council; and supports the Government’s view that this is a useful basis for the development of relations between the European Union and the Gulf Co-operation Council—(Mr Bowen Wells).—It was agreed to.

16 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Ordered, That Bridget Prentice and Dr Tony Wright be discharged from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Mr Paddy Tipping and Mr Bill Etherington be added to the Committee.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture.—Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England and Wales) Scheme 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 908), dated 22nd March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

2 Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Administration of Civil Service Pension Schemes) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

3 Deregulation.—Draft Deregulation (Resolutions of Private Companies) Order 1996, together with a statement by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Northern Ireland.—(1) Draft Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, and

(2) draft Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6 Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 767), dated 6th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:

7 Financial Reporting to Parliament.—Papers, entitled—

(1) Departmental Report by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Intervention Board: The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1996-97 to 1998-99 [by Command] [Cm. 3204] [Mr Douglas Hogg];

(2) Departmental Report by the Welsh Office and the Office of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools in Wales: The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1996-97 to 1998-99 [by Command] [Cm. 3215] [Mr Secretary Hague];
(3) Department of National Heritage Annual Report 1996: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1996-97 to 1998-99 [by Command] [Cm. 3211] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley];

(4) Foreign and Commonwealth Office including Overseas Development Administration: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1996-97 to 1998-99 [by Command] [Cm. 3203] [Mr Secretary Rifkind];

(5) Inland Revenue: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1996-97 to 1998-99 [by Command] [Cm. 3219] [Mr Michael Jack];

(6) Northern Ireland Expenditure Plans and Priorities: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1996-97 to 1998-99 [by Command] [Cm. 3216] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew];

(7) Trade and Industry: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1996-97 to 1998-99 [by Command] [Cm. 3205] [Mr Secretary Lang]; and

(8) Transport: The Government's Expenditure Plans 1996-97 to 1998-99 [by Command] [Cm. 3216] [Secretary Sir George Young];

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Regulation of Gas Tariffs: The Gas Cost Index [by Act]; to be printed [No. 287] [Clerk of the House].

9 New Towns (Scotland),—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) East Kilbride Development Corporation, and

(2) Glenrothes Development Corporation

for the period 1st April to 31st December 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

10 Pensions, Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions; Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 732), dated 13th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

11 Railways,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 22nd March 1996 on borrowing by European Passenger Services Limited [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

12 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 25th March; to be printed [No. 317-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 25th March; to be printed [No. 85-iv] [Mr William McKelvey].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 25th March; to be printed [No. 283-iv] [Sir Thomas Arnold].
which was laid before this House on 29th January, a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House.

That the draft Deregulation (Long Pull) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 18th March, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill.—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) 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. 323].

7 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Robert Hicks reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Employment Protection (Continuity of Employment of National Health Service Employees) (Modification) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Maxton reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 32), referred to a Committee on 13th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 163) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

10 Public Passenger Transport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Public Service Vehicles (Carrying Capacity) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 167) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

11 Low Wages and Income-Related Benefits (Publication of Information).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require employers to publish, in the form of an annual statement, information showing the number and percentage of their employees in receipt of income-related benefits and the proportion of their disposable income accounted for by wages and income-related benefits, respectively: And that Mr Denis MacShane, Jane Kennedy, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Don Foster, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Andrew Miller, Ann Coffey, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Neil Gerrard and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe do prepare and bring it in.

12 Low Wages and Income-Related Benefits (Publication of Information) Bill.—Mr Denis MacShane accordingly presented a Bill to require employers to publish, in the form of an annual statement, information showing the number and percentage of their employees in receipt of income-related benefits and the proportion of their disposable income accounted for by wages and income-related benefits, respectively: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 90].

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.

Nuclear Privatisation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that the Government has rushed ahead with the proposed sale of parts of the British nuclear industry without proper debate or scrutiny; has not yet found time to reply to or debate the report of the Trade and Industry Committee despite its urgency; has presided over the spreading of uncertainty due to rumours about a trade sale, failure to disclose fully safety issues, and not setting out fully the details of how privatised liabilities will be discharged; believes that the Government's mismanagement of the process has made it impossible for any sale price fully to recompense the taxpayer for decades of investment in the nuclear industry and that the sale should now be called off because of the costs to the taxpayer and the potential hazards to the public—(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 the Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear companies which, with the advent of competition in the electricity market and the prospect of privatisation, have transformed their performance over the past six years; congratulates the Government on the planned sale of the nuclear power stations of Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear, noting that it is consistent with existing legislation, will fully preserve the vigour of the safety and environmental regulatory system, will benefit the taxpayer through the transfer of liabilities to the private sector and the receipt of sale proceeds and will provide appropriate transparency about liabilities and how they will be met; notes that the Government intend to give a considered response to the Trade and Industry Committee within the normal timescale; and notes that the Opposition have opposed every privatisation, despite the proven benefits which have been recognised by a growing number of countries throughout the world', instead thereof.

(Mr Tim Eggar.)

Question proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

Mr Nicholas Brown rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

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 Malcolm Chisholm: 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Richard Ottaway: 293.

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 the Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear companies which, with the advent of competition in the electricity market and the prospect of privatisation, have transformed their performance over the past six years; congratulates the Government on the planned sale of the nuclear power stations of Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear, noting that it is consistent with existing legislation, will fully preserve the vigour of the safety and environmental regulatory system, will benefit the taxpayer through the transfer of liabilities to the private sector and the receipt of sale proceeds and will provide appropriate transparency about liabilities and how they will be met; notes that the Government intend to give a considered response to the Trade and Industry Committee within the normal timescale; and notes that the Opposition have opposed every privatisation, despite the proven benefits which have been recognised by a growing number of countries throughout the world.

Health and Safety,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that workplace accidents caused over 30,000 deaths and major injuries and over 138,000 injuries involving three or more days off work in 1994-95; notes that threatened Government cuts mean, in the words of the Chairman of the Health and Safety Commission, that "we can not meet all the expectations and requirements that Government, Parliament and the Courts are placing on us with the resources now available"; recognises that privatisation of the nuclear, mining, gas and railway industries is increasing the burden of safety regulation and enforcement placed on the Health and Safety Executive; believes that a safe and secure working environment is essential to the well-being of employees and to economic success; notes that the Commission does not believe that health and safety is a burden to small business; and therefore calls on the Government to withdraw the threat of funding cuts from the Health and Safety Executive and to reverse deregulation initiatives that threaten health and safety standards—(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 Government's commitment to maintaining standards of health and safety at work, whilst removing unnecessary burdens on business; endorses the Health and Safety Commission and Executive's role of assisting and educating business in its duty to assess risk and take action accordingly; and approves the rigorous approach which the Government takes to improving efficiency and effectiveness in all areas of public service', instead thereof.—(Mr Robert B. Jones.)

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 Malcolm Chisholm: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Dr Liam Fox: 284.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments)—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government’s commitment to maintaining standards of health and safety at work, whilst removing unnecessary burdens on business; endorses the Health and Safety Commission and Executive’s role of assisting and educating business in its duty to assess risk and take action accordingly; and approves the rigorous approach which the Government takes to improving efficiency and effectiveness in all areas of public service.

14 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Electricity Supply Industry and Water Undertakers (Rateable Values) Amendment Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells)—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 Delegated Legislation), That the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells)—It was agreed to.

16 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act 1868) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Mr Bowen Wells)—It was agreed to.

17 Sittings of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Wednesday 3rd April, do adjourn till Tuesday 16th April—(Mr Bowen Wells)—It was agreed to.

18 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 sixteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Health and Safety.—(1) Adventure Activities (Licensing) (Designation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 771), and

(2) Adventure Activities Licensing Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 772), dated 18th March 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


(2) Local Government Act 1988 (Personnel Services) (Exemption) (England and Wales) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 857), dated 19th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer]; and

(3) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Staff) (No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 905), dated 25th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

Other Papers:

3 Appropriations in Aid.—Treasury Minute, dated 26th March 1996, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Estimates for 1996–97 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Environment.—Paper, entitled This Common Inheritance: UK Annual Report 1996, on the UK’s Sustainable Strategy of 1994 (including the Environmental Strategy of 1990) [by Command] [Cm. 3188] [Mr Secretary Gummer].
5 Local Government Planning and Land,—Report and Accounts of the Bristol Development Corporation for the period 1st April 1995 to 31st December 1995 [by Act][Mr Secretary Gummer].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Overseas Trade Services: Assistance to Exporters [by Act]; to be printed [No. 293] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 25th March 1996 on borrowing by Hereford Hospitals National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

8 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Service Pensions Increases) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

9 Supply Estimates, 1996-97,—(1) Supply Estimates 1996-97, Classes I-XVIII, Main Supply Estimates [by Command]; to be printed [No. 261] [Mr Michael Jack];

(2) Supply Estimates 1996-97, Class XVIII, A, House of Commons [by Command]; to be printed [No. 262] [The Speaker]; and

(3) Supply Estimates 1996-97, Class XVIII, B, Vote 1: National Audit Office [by Command]; to be printed [No. 263] [Sir Peter Hordern].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr Richard Tracey (nominated in respect of the London Regional Transport Bill); and had appointed in substitution Dr Ian Twinn.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 26th March; to be printed [No. 143-viii] [Mr Peter Viggers].

2 Deregulation,—(1) Twelfth Report from the Deregulation Committee, [Proposal For The Deregulation (Gun Barrel Proving) Order 1996; The Draft Deregulation (Long Pull) Order 1996]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Deregulation Committee on 26th March; to be printed [No. 321 and 327-i] [Mr Barry Field].

3 European Legislation,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 26th March; to be printed [No. 319-i] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xv] [Mr Roy Thomason].

MEMORANDUM

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

(1) the Reserve Forces Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A;

(2) the Family Law Bill [Lords] (except Clauses Nos. 5 and 7 and any new Clauses or new Schedules appearing on the Order Paper not later than Monday 1st April and relating to the circumstances in which a marriage may have been taken to have broken down irretrievably or in which a divorce order or a separation order may be made by the Court, or to the period for reflection and consideration) to Standing Committee E; and

(3) the Treasure Bill to Standing Committee F (transferred from Standing Committee C).
Wednesday 27th March 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 London Regional Transport Bill,—Mr Donald Anderson reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the London Regional Transport 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. 336].

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Sheriffdoms (Alteration of Boundaries) Order 1996.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 European Standing Committee B,—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:
That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 9674/95, relating to controls at the internal frontiers of the Community; agrees that the United Kingdom's frontier controls on the movement of persons are essential for controlling immigration and to help combat terrorism, drug trafficking and other serious crime; agrees that the Government should take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the maintenance of controls at the United Kingdom's frontiers with other member states of the European Union; and therefore supports the Government's opposition to the Commission's proposals.
Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

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

9 Prisoners' Earnings Bill,—The Order for considering the Prisoners' Earnings Bill on Friday was read and discharged.
Bill to be considered on Friday 19th April.

10 Sexual Offences Against Children (Registers of Offenders) Bill,—Ms Janet Anderson, supported by Jean Corston, Bridget Prentice, Margaret Hodge, Tessa Jowell, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr John Hutton, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Greg Pope, Ann Coffey, Jane Kennedy and Mr Peter Hain, presented a Bill to make provision for the maintenance of registers of persons who are convicted of certain sexual offences against children; 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 Part-Time Employees (Equal Remuneration),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to ensure that part-time employees have entitlement to remuneration on a pro rata basis with full-time employees: And that Mr Don Foster, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Chris Davies, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr David Rendel, Mr David Chidgey, Mr Roger Berry, Diana Maddock and Mr Archy Kirkwood do prepare and bring it in.

12 Part-Time Employees (Equal Remuneration) Bill,—Mr Don Foster accordingly presented a Bill to ensure that part-time employees have entitlement to remuneration on a pro rata basis with full-time employees: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 92].

13 Finance Bill [Ways and Means] (Hydrocarbon oil (use of kerosene and mixing of rebated oil)),—Resolved, That provision may be made in the Finance Bill with respect to—
(a) cases where kerosene is used as fuel or taken into a fuel supply; and
(b) cases where a substance is mixed with rebated hydrocarbon oil.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

14 Finance Bill [Ways and Means] (Personal pension schemes).—Resolved, That provision may be made in the Finance Bill amending sections 633(1)(e) and 637A of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

15 Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely: New Clauses, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 29, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 30 to 65, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 66 to 195, New Schedules, Amendments relating to Schedules Nos. 1 and 2, and Schedules Nos. 5 to 38.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

A Clause (Misuse of rebated kerosene)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Mixing of rebated oil)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Material removed from water)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Mining and quarrying)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Pet cemeteries)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Exemptions: power to vary)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Incidental benefits for the Speaker, for holders of ministerial office and for opposition leaders and whips)—(Mr Michael Jack)—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 Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr John Cummings: 241.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Life assurance business losses)—(Mr Michael Jack)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Personal pension schemes: return of contributions after death of member)—(Mrs Angela Knight)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Capital allowances: roll-over relief in respect of ships)—(Mr Michael Jack)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Environmental impact of taxes and duties)—(Dawn Primarolo)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Expenditure on in-town commercial premises)—(Mr Ian Pearson)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 22, to leave out '£0.2817' and insert '£0.10', instead thereof.—(Mr Roger Gale.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 21, at the end, to
insert the words 'provided that any refund made pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection (1D) below may, unless the Treasury decides otherwise, only be a refund of at least nine and one half per cent. on the VAT chargeable'.—(Mr Alan Simpson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr John Cummings: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 280.

Amendments (Nos. 4, 5 and 42 to 49) made to the Bill.

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

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

16 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and other places for preservation of the level of social security benefits was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.03 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—(1) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Pennine Dales) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 923),

(2) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Somerset Levels and Moors) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 920),

(3) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (South Downs) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 924),

(4) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (The Broads) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 921), and


dated 25th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

2 Local Government,—(1) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Capital Finance and Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 910), and

(2) Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Property etc.) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 906),

dated 26th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

3 National Health Service (Scotland).—National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 938), dated 25th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

4 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the Governing Body of Churchill College, Cambridge, on 14th December 1995, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:

5 Housing,—Account of Housing Action Trusts for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 335] [Clerk of the House].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Second Sale of Shares in National Power and PowerGen [by Act]; to be printed [No. 310] [Clerk of the House].

7 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Fifth and Sixth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1995-96 [by Command] [Cm. 3189] [Mr Michael Jack].
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 Reserve Forces Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr David Amess, Mr Donald Anderson, Mr Jim Cunningham, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Alan Keen, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Paul Murphy, Dr John Reid, Mr Nicholas Soames, Rachel Squire, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr Bill Walker, Mr Bowen Wells and Sir Jerry Wiggin.

2 Standing Committee B,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had discharged from Standing Committee B Ms Janet Anderson and Mr Geoffrey Hoon (nominated in respect of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr Eric Martlew and Mr Jon Trickett.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Salmon and Migratory Trout) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Michael Bates, Ann Clwyd, Mr Denzil Davies, Dame Peggy Fenner, Mr David Hanson, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr Nick Hawkins, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Martyn Jones, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Barry Legg, Dr John Marek, Mr Rhodri Morgan, Mr Rod Richards, Sir Wyn Roberts, Mr Matthew Taylor, Sir Donald Thompson, Mr John Townend and Mr Alan W. Williams.

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 and the Public Service Vehicles (CARRYING Capacity) (Amendment) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Jonathan Aitken, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Clive Betts, Mr David Chipdye, Jean Corston, Mr Terry Dicks, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr David Faber, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, Sir Michael Grylls, Sir John Hannam, Mr Patrick McLaughlin, Mr David Marshall, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Peter Snape, Sir John Stanley and Mr Jon Trickett.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture and Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken jointly before the Agriculture and Health Committees on 27th March; to be printed [No. 331-i and -ii] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 27th March; to be printed [No. 149-vii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 European Legislation,—Fourteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xiv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Foreign Affairs,—First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Future Role of the Commonwealth], 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. 45] [Mr David Howell].

5 Information,—First Report from the Information Committee [Electronic Publication of House of Commons Documents], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 328] [Mr Gary Waller].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—First Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Planning System in Northern Ireland], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 53] [Mr Clive Soley].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 27th March; to be printed [No. 330-i] [Mr James Pawsey].

8 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 27th March; to be printed [No. 337-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

9 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 27th March; to be printed [No. 249-iii] [Sir Giles Shaw].

10 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 27th March; to be printed [No. 326-i] [Mr Frank Field].
11 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 27th March; to be printed [No. 302-v] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

12 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 27th March; to be printed [No. 301-ii] [Mr Paul Channon].

13 Treasury,—(1) Fifth Report from the Treasury Committee [Resource Accounting and Budgeting in Government: the Financial Reporting Advisory Board]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 309]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 27th March; to be printed [No. 283-v]
[Mr Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated—
(1) the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Salmon and Migratory Trout) Order 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 and the Public Service Vehicles (Carrying Capacity) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed—
(1) Sir Michael Shersby and Mr Allan Stewart additional Chairmen of Standing Committee C in respect of the Noise Bill;
(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Treasure Bill;
(3) Sir John Hunt Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 9325/95, relating to consumer protection: unit pricing;
(4) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Salmon and Migratory Trout) Order 1996; and
(5) Sir Alan Haselhurst Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 and the Public Service Vehicles (Carrying Capacity) (Amendment) Regulations 1996.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Documents Nos. 12712/95, relating to natural mineral waters, 5179/96, relating to transport pricing and 5215/96, relating to agricultural price proposals 1996-97, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

4 European Standing Committees,—The Select Committee on European Legislation has withdrawn its recommendation [14th February] that European Community Document No. 12377/95, relating to equal opportunities for men and women, be further considered; and the Document no longer stands referred to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 79.]

Thursday 28th March 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 18th April.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).
4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir John Hunt reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1996.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office that, in respect of the following Bill brought from the House of Lords, the Agents for the Bill have deposited in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the last Session, viz.:

City of Westminster Bill [Lords].

6 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order [20th March] relating to the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], being read;

The Bill was read the first and second time and committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means.

7 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to Order [20th March], 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.

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

Police Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to consolidate the Police Act 1964, Part IX of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, Chapter I of Part I of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 and certain other enactments relating to the police; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

9 Police Bill [Lords].—The Police Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 93].

10 Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 12, 14 to 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 21) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 68) proposed to the Bill in page 47, line 34, at the end to insert the words—

'(6) In the case of a debt in respect of which only credits or debits relating to interest are required to be brought into account under the provisions of this Chapter, sub-section (5) above shall not prevent any other provision of the Corporation Tax Acts from applying in relation to amounts other than interest.'—(Mr Mike O'Brien.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 32 to 34, 60 and 7 to 10) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Mixing of rebated oil)—(Mr Michael Jack)—brought up, read a first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Schedule (Life assurance business losses)—(Mr Michael Jack)—brought up, read a first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Schedule (Roll-over relief in respect of ships)—(Mr Michael Jack)—brought up, read a first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3, 51 to 58, 35 to 37, 59, 40, 41, 11, 67, 64, 61 and 62) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

11 Sheriff Court (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft Sheriffdoms (Alteration of Boundaries) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 8th March, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

12 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft Employment Protection (Continuity of Employment of National Health Service Employees) (Modification) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 8th March, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

13 Border Controls.—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. 9674/95, relating to controls at the internal frontiers of the Community; agrees that the United Kingdom's frontier controls on the
movement of persons are essential for controlling immigration and to help combat terrorism, drug trafficking and other serious crimes; agrees that the Government should take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the maintenance of controls at the United Kingdom’s frontiers with other member states of the European Union; and therefore supports the Government’s opposition to the Commission’s proposals—(Dr Liam Fox)—It was agreed to.

14 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.

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—(1) Draft Income Support (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley];
   (2) Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley]; and
   (3) Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Health and Safety,—(1) Marking of Plastic Explosives for Detection Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 890), dated 19th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard]; and
   (2) Offshore Installations and Wells (Design and Construction, etc.) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 913), dated 25th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

   (2) Insurance Companies (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 942),
   (3) Insurance Companies (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 944), and
   (4) Insurance Companies (Reserves) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 946), dated 24th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

5 Employment Protection,—Report of the Certification Officer for Trade Unions and Employers’ Associations for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

6 Erskine Bridge Tolls,—Accounts of the Erskine Bridge Tolls for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 338] [Clerk of the House].

7 Government Annuities,—Account of all moneys received on account of Contracts for the grant of Deferred Life Annuities and for Payments on Death, under the provisions of the Government Annuities Act 1929, and of the disposal thereof, and of the Contracts made, for 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

8 Intelligence Services,—Report by the Intelligence and Security Committee for 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3198] [The Prime Minister].

9 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on Home Office Support to Voluntary Organisations [by Act]; to be printed [No. 315] [Clerk of the House].

10 Telecommunications,—Report of the Office of Telecommunications for 1995 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 295] [Mr Secretary Lang].
APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 28th March; to be printed [No. 235-v] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 28th March; to be printed [No. 240-vii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 28th March; to be printed [No. 312-ii] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Sir Patrick Cormack and Mr Edward O’Hara Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Family Law Bill [Lords] (except Clauses Nos. 5 and 7 and any new Clauses or new Schedules as defined in the Order of the House of 25th March).

[No. 80.]

Friday 29th March 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Trading Schemes Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Trading Schemes Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Bull Bars (Prohibition) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bull Bars (Prohibition) 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 19th April.

4 Marriage Ceremony (Prescribed Words) Bill,—The Marriage Ceremony (Prescribed Words) 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 Julian Brazier)—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 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.

5 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community Documents), the Speaker shall, at any one sitting of the House—

(i) put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Lilley relating to the draft Social Security (Minimum Contributions to Appropriate Personal Pensions Schemes) Order 1996, the draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class I Contributions) (Salary Related Contracted-out Schemes) Order 1996 and the draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class I Contributions and Rebates) (Money Purchase Contracted-out Schemes) Order 1996 not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of the proceedings on the first such Motion; and
(ii) put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Dorrell relating to Special Grant Report (No. 17) and in the name of Mr Secretary Hague relating to Special Grant Report (Wales) not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first of these Motions;

and the said Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o’clock. — (Mr Andrew MacKay.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 1st April.

[Adjourned at 3.3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) National Health Service Litigation Authority (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 968), dated 28th March 1996, and

(3) Regional Health Authorities Act 1995 (Transfer of Trust Property) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 969), dated 28th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

3 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Type Approval and Approval Marks) (Fees) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 958), dated 21st March 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Other Papers:

4 Atomic Energy Authority,—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 29th March 1996, concerning a contingent liability consequent on restructuring being carried out by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority [by Command] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Construction of Quarry House,

(2) Resource Accounting and Budgeting in Government: The White Paper Proposals, and

(3) The NHS Executive: The Hospital Information Support Systems Initiative, [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 333, 334 and 332] [Clerk of the House].

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 Royal Air Force Reserve personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

MEMORANDUM

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Energy Conservation Bill to Standing Committee C.
PRAYERS.

1 Contingencies Fund 1994–95,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1994–95, showing—
   (1) The Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1995.
   (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 Timothy Wood.)

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:
   Education (Student Loans) Bill,—The Lords have agreed to the Education (Student Loans) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Education (Student Loans) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Education (Student Loans) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 97].

6 Sexual Offences against Children (Registers of Offenders) Bill,—Ordered, That the Sexual Offences against Children (Registers of Offenders) Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

7 Cyprus (Commission of Enquiry into Missing Persons) Bill,—Mr Edward O'Hara, supported by Mr John Marshall, Mr Tom Cox, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr Alan Meale, Dr Ian Twinn, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Don Dixon and Mr Simon Hughes, presented a Bill to establish a Commission of Enquiry to take evidence and make recommendations concerning the establishment of the whereabouts of certain missing persons and to authorise the provision of assistance in the conduct of any investigations into those matters carried out by the authorities on the island of Cyprus; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 95].

8 Opposition day [9th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.
   Council Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores Her Majesty's Government's policies which have forced local councils to increase council tax and charges while reducing services, so obliging local people to pay more and get less; notes that Her Majesty's Government intends to continue to do this year on year; and urges the people of England to bear this in mind when casting their votes in the forthcoming local elections—(Mr Frank Dobson); An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'congratulates the Government on the rigorous approach it is taking towards all public expenditure, including that of local government; commends the clarity of their approach towards taxation and the funding of local services; and urges local authorities to make the most efficient use of the resources available', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Gummer.)
   And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Eric Martlew: 245.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 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 Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved. That this House congratulates the Government on the rigorous approach it is taking towards all public expenditure, including that of local government; commends the clarity of their approach towards taxation and the funding of local services; and urges local authorities to make the most efficient use of the resources available.

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 Delegated Legislation), That the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 18th March, be approved—(Mr Derek Conway).—It was agreed to.

10 Liaison.—Ordered, That Mr Greville Janner be discharged from the Liaison Committee.—(Mr Derek Conway.)

11 Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Terry Dicks be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Mr John Marshall be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew MacKay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of London in support of the 'Roots and Shoots' training project was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 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 to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 29th March 1996 after the rising of the House:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Employments) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 980), and
(2) Income Tax (Sub-contractors in the Construction Industry) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 981),
dated 29th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 1st April 1996:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Deregulation,—(1) Draft Deregulation (Motor Vehicles Tests) Order 1996, and
(2) draft Deregulation (Parking Equipment) Order 1996,
together with statements by the Secretary of State for Transport [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

3 Northern Ireland,—Draft Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Environmental Protection,—(1) Environmental Protection (Applications, Appeals and Registers) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 979), and
(2) Special Waste Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 972),
dated 28th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5 Income Tax,—(1) Gilt-edged Securities (Periodic Accounting for Tax on Interest) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1015), and
(2) Lloyd's Underwriters (Gilt-edged Securities) (Periodic Accounting for Tax on Interest) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1014),
dated 1st April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

7 Census of Production.—Reports on the Census of Production, 1993, on—

(1) Production of salt,
(2) Production, processing and preserving of meat and meat products,
(3) Processing and preserving of fish and fish products,
(4) Processing and preserving of fruit and vegetables,
(5) Manufacture of vegetable and animal oils and fats,
(6) Manufacture of dairy products,
(7) Manufacture of grain mill products, starches and starch products,
(8) Manufacture of prepared animal feed,
(9) Manufacture of other food products,
(10) Manufacture of beverages,
(11) Manufacture of tobacco products,
(12) Preparation and spinning of textile fibres,
(13) Textile weaving,
(14) Finishing of textiles,
(15) Manufacture of made-up textile articles, except apparel,
(16) Manufacture of other textiles,
(17) Manufacture of knitted and crocheted fabrics,
(18) Manufacture of knitted and crocheted articles,
(19) Manufacture of leather clothes,
(20) Manufacture of other wearing apparel and accessories,
(21) Dressing and dyeing of fur; manufacture of articles of fur,
(22) Tanning and dressing of leather,
(23) Manufacture of luggage, handbags and the like, saddlery and harness,
(24) Manufacture of footwear,
(25) Sawmilling and planing of wood; impregnation of wood,
(26) Manufacture of veneer sheets; manufacture of plywood, lamin-board, particle board, fibre board and other panels and boards,
(27) Manufacture of builders’ carpentry and joinery,
(28) Manufacture of wooden containers,
(29) Manufacture of other products of wood; manufacture of articles of cork, straw and plaiting materials,
(30) Manufacture of pulp, paper and paperboard,
(31) Manufacture of articles of paper and paperboard,
(32) Publishing,
(33) Printing and service activities related to printing,
(34) Reproduction of recorded media,
(35) Manufacture of coke oven products,
(36) Manufacture of refined petroleum products,
(37) Manufacture of basic chemicals,
(38) Manufacture of pesticides and other agro-chemical products,
(39) Manufacture of paints, varnishes and similar coatings, printing ink and mastics,
(40) Manufacture of pharmaceuticals, medical chemicals and botanical products,
(41) Manufacture of soap and detergents, cleaning and polishing preparations, perfumes and toilet preparations,
(42) Manufacture of other chemical products,
(43) Manufacture of man-made fibres,
(44) Manufacture of rubber products,
(45) Manufacture of plastic products,
(46) Manufacture of glass and glass products,
(47) Manufacture of non-refractory ceramic goods other than for construction purposes; manufacture of refractory ceramic products,
(48) Manufacture of ceramic tiles and flags,
(49) Manufacture of bricks, tiles and construction products, in baked clay,
(50) Manufacture of cement, lime and plaster,
(51) Manufacture of articles of concrete, plaster and cement,
(52) Cutting, shaping and finishing of stone,
(53) Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products,
(54) Manufacture of basic iron and steel and of ferro-alloys (ECSC),
(55) Manufacture of tubes,
(56) Other first processing of iron and steel and production of non-ECSC ferro-alloys,
(57) Manufacture of basic precious and non-ferrous metals,
(58) Castings of metals,
(59) Manufacture of structural metal products,
(60) Manufacture of tanks, reservoirs and containers of metal; manufacture of central heating radiators and boilers,
(61) Manufacture of steam generators, except central heating hot water boilers,
(62) Forging, pressing, stamping and roll forming of metal; powder metallurgy,
(63) Treatment and coating of metals; general mechanical engineering,
(64) Manufacture of cutlery, tools and general hardware,
(65) Manufacture of other fabricated metal products,
(66) Manufacture of machinery for the production and use of mechanical power, except aircraft, vehicle and cycle engines,
(67) Manufacture of other general purpose machinery,
(68) Manufacture of agricultural and forestry machinery,
(69) Manufacture of machine tools,
(70) Manufacture of other special purpose machinery,
(71) Manufacture of weapons and ammunition,
(72) Manufacture of domestic appliances not elsewhere classified,
(73) Manufacture of office machinery and computers,
(74) Manufacture of electric motors, generators and transformers,
(75) Manufacture of electricity distribution and control apparatus,
(76) Manufacture of insulated wire and cable,
(77) Manufacture of accumulators, primary cells and primary batteries,
(78) Manufacture of lighting equipment and electrical lamps,
(79) Manufacture of electrical equipment not elsewhere classified,
(80) Manufacture of electronic valves and tubes and other electronic components,
(81) Manufacture of television and radio transmitters and apparatus for line telephony and line telegraphy,
(82) Manufacture of television and radio receivers, sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus and associated goods,
(83) Manufacture of medical and surgical equipment and orthopaedic appliances,
(84) Manufacture of instruments and appliances for measuring, checking, testing, navigating and other purposes, except industrial process control equipment,
(85) Manufacture of industrial process control equipment,
(86) Manufacture of optical instruments and photographic equipment,
(87) Manufacture of watches and clocks,
(88) Manufacture of motor vehicles,
(89) Manufacture of bodies (coachwork) for motor vehicles; manufacture of trailers and semi-trailers,
(90) Manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles and their engines,
(91) Building and repairing of ships and boats,
(92) Manufacture of railway and tramway locomotives and rolling stock,
(93) Manufacture of aircraft and spacecraft,
(94) Manufacture of motorcycles and bicycles,
(95) Manufacture of other transport equipment not elsewhere classified,
(96) Manufacture of furniture,
(97) Manufacture of jewellery and related articles,
(98) Manufacture of musical instruments,
(99) Manufacture of sports goods,
(100) Manufacture of games and toys, and
(101) Miscellaneous manufacturing not elsewhere classified

[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

8 Laboratory of the Government Chemist, Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 1st April 1996, concerning contingent liabilities consequent on the privatisation of the Laboratory of the Government Chemist [by Command] [Mr Secretary Lang].

9 Local Government etc. (Scotland), Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Scotland on borrowing by—
   (1) The East of Scotland Water Authority,
   (2) The North of Scotland Water Authority, and
   (3) The West of Scotland Water Authority

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

10 National Health Service, Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health on 28th March 1996 on borrowing by—
   (1) Blackburn, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Health Care National Health Service Trust,
   (2) Christie Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (3) Cleveland Ambulance National Health Service Trust,
   (4) Doncaster Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (5) East Berkshire National Health Service Trust,
   (6) East Gloucestershire National Health Service Trust,
   (7) Exeter and District Community Health Service National Health Service Trust,
   (8) Hastings and Rother National Health Service Trust,
   (9) Isle of Wight Community Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (10) Kent and Canterbury Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (11) Merton and Sutton Community National Health Service Trust,
   (12) Mid Staffordshire General Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (13) Norfolk and Norwich Health Care National Health Service Trust,
   (14) Northallerton Health Services National Health Service Trust,
   (15) Northern General Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (16) Oxfordshire Mental Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (17) Phoenix National Health Service Trust,
   (18) Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(19) Stoke Mandeville Hospital National Health Service Trust,
(20) Wirral Hospital National Health Service Trust,
(21) Wrightington Hospital National Health Service Trust, and
(22) York Health Services National Health Service Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

11 National Lottery,—Financial Statements of the National Lottery Charities Board for the period 1st August 1994 to 31st March 1995, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 339] [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 a member of the Territorial Army [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

13 Superannuation,—Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1996 (No. 2), dated 31st March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 1st April; to be printed [No. 340-i] [Mr Frank Field].

3 Treasury,—Sixth Report from the Treasury Committee [The Private Finance Initiative], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 146] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 82.]

Tuesday 2nd April 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Housing Bill,—Mr John McWilliam reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Housing Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 94].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 344].

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Hill reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Salmon and Migratory Trout) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 856).

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Alan Haselhurst reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 163) and the Public Service Vehicles (Carrying Capacity) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 167), referred to a Committee on 26th March.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Chemical Weapons Bill, without Amendment.

   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.
Lords. — The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to restate and improve the law relating to arbitration pursuant to an arbitration agreement; to make other provision relating to arbitration and arbitration awards; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords]. — The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Deer (Scotland) Act 1959; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Arbitration Bill [Lords]. — The Arbitration Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 100].

Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords]. — The Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 101].

Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill [Lords]. — The Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 102].

Prevention of Terrorism (Additional Powers) Bill, — Mr Secretary Howard, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Rifkind, Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, Secretary Sir George Young, Mr Secretary Forsyth, Mr Secretary Hague and Mr David Maclean, presented a Bill to extend powers of search in connection with acts of terrorism and terrorist investigations; confer powers on constables in relation to areas on which police cordons are imposed in connection with terrorist investigations; and confer powers in connection with the prevention of acts of terrorism to impose prohibitions and restrictions in relation to vehicles on roads; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time and to be printed [Bill 96].

Freezing of Human Embryos, — Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to ban the freezing of human embryos: And that Mr David Amess, Mr David Alton, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Vivian Bendall, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Toby Jessel, Dame Jill Knight, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, the Reverend Martin Smyth and Mrs Ann Winterton do prepare and bring it in.

Freezing of Human Embryos Bill, — Mr David Amess accordingly presented a Bill to ban the freezing of human embryos: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 98].

Business of the House, — Ordered, That

(1) at this day’s sitting:—

(a) as soon as the proceedings on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown relating to Prevention of Terrorism (Additional Powers) Bill (Allocation of Time) have been concluded, the order for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Terrorism (Additional Powers) Bill shall be read;
(b) notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee in respect of the Prevention of Terrorism (Additional Powers) Bill may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time;

(2) at the sitting to-morrow, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until she shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr Tony Newton.)

Prevention of Terrorism (Additional Powers) Bill (Allocation of Time), — A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Prevention of Terrorism (Additional Powers) Bill—

Second Reading, Committee, Report and Third Reading

1. —(1) The proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee and on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed at this day’s sitting.
(2) The proceedings on Second Reading shall be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement.
(3) The proceedings in Committee shall be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement.
(4) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of the proceedings in Committee.
(5) When the Bill has been read a second time it shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 61 (Committal of bills), stand committed to a Committee of the
whole House without any question being put and the Speaker shall forthwith leave the chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

(6) On the conclusion of the proceedings in Committee the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question and, if he reports the Bill with Amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill, as amended, without any Question being put.

(7) No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which proceedings in Committee or on Consideration of the Bill are taken.

Conclusion of proceedings

2.—(1) This paragraph applies in relation to any proceedings on the Bill which are to be brought to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions (but no others)—

(a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;

(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;

(c) the Question on any Amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;

(d) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded;

and on a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or the Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(3) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (2) shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(4) If at this day's sitting a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 20 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) stands over to Seven o'clock and proceedings to which this Order applies have begun before that time

(a) that Motion shall stand over until the conclusion of any proceedings which, under this Order, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time; and

(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings which, under this Order, are to be brought to a conclusion after that time, shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

Lords Amendments

3. The proceedings on Consideration of any Lords Amendments shall be completed at the sitting to-morrow and, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion one hour after the commencement of those proceedings.

4.—(1) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 3 above—

(a) the Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided and, if that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, shall then put forthwith the Question on any further Amendment of the said Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown and on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or disagree with the Lords in the said Lords Amendment or, as the case may be, in the said Lords Amendment, as amended;

(b) the Speaker shall then designate such of the remaining Lords Amendments as appear to the Speaker to involve questions of Privilege and shall—

(i) put forthwith the Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment and then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or disagree with the Lords in their Amendment, or as the case may be, in their Amendment, as amended;

(ii) put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in a Lords Amendment;

(iii) put forthwith, with respect to all of the Amendments designated by the Speaker which have not been disposed of, the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in those Amendments; and
(iv) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments;

(c) as soon as the House has agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments, or disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to, the Speaker shall put forthwith a separate Question on any other Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to that Lords Amendment.

(2) Proceedings under this paragraph shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

Stages subsequent to first Consideration of Lords Amendments

5.—(1) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

(2) For the purpose of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion—

(a) the Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided, and shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown which is related to the Question already proposed from the Chair;

(b) the Speaker shall then designate such of the remaining items in the Lords message as appear to the Speaker to involve questions of Privilege and shall—

(i) put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on any item;

(ii) in the case of each remaining item designated by the Speaker, put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in their Proposal; and

(iii) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

(3) Proceedings under this paragraph shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

Business Committee

6. Standing Order No. 80 (Business Committee) shall not apply to this Order.

Dilatory Motions

7. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings on the Bill shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Extra time

8. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill.

Supplemental Orders

9.—(1) The proceedings on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 14 (Exempted business) shall apply to those proceedings.

(2) If at any day's sitting the House is adjourned, or if the sitting is suspended before the time at which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order, no notice shall be required of a Motion made at the next sitting by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

Saving

10. Nothing in this Order prevents any proceedings to which this Order applies from being taken or completed earlier than is required by this Order.

Recommital

11.—(1) References in this Order to proceedings on consideration or proceedings on Third Reading include references to proceedings at those stages, respectively, for, on or in consequence of, recommital.

(2) No debate shall be permitted on any Motion to recommit the Bill (whether as a whole or otherwise), and the Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to dispose of the Motion, including the Question on any amendment moved to the Question.—(Mr Tony Newton);

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question in line 8, to leave out the word 'two' and insert the word 'five', instead thereof.—(Mr A. J. Beith.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Nigel Jones: 47.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 261.
So the Question was negatived.

And it being three hours after the commencement of the proceedings, the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to dispose of them, pursuant to Standing Order No. 81 (Allocation of time to bills).
And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 256.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Nigel Jones: 44.
So the Question was agreed to.

15 Prevention of Terrorism (Additional Powers) Bill.—The Order for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Terrorism (Additional Powers) Bill being read, pursuant to Order [this day];

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which will not be subject to proper parliamentary scrutiny, and whose powers may prove to be counterproductive and contrary to the European Convention on Human Rights,' instead thereof.—(Mr Kevin McNamara.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 21.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Derek Conway: 244.
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 Timothy Wood, Mr Roger Knapman: 236.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Neil Gerrard: 18.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Power to stop and search pedestrians).

Amendment (No. 36) proposed, in page 1, line 6, after 'Or to insert the words 'Subject to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State under subsection (11) or otherwise'.—(Mr Alun Michael.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 8, to leave out the word 'expedient' and insert the word 'reasonable'.—(Mr Andrew F. Bennett.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 16, to leave out the words 'a purpose connected with'.—(Mr Kevin McNamara.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 1, to leave out lines 19 to 21.—(Mr Dennis Canavan.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 42) proposed, in page 1, line 25, at the end to insert the words '5) for the purposes of subsection (4) above, “in public” shall include any public highway and any other area accessible to the public'.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed, in page 2, line 8, to leave out the words 'imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or'.—(Mr Dennis Canavan.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 2, line 13, at the end to insert the words 'and in any case not later than 24 hours after it has been given orally'.—(Mr Kevin McNamara.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 2, line 35, at the end to insert the words—

'(11) For the purposes of this section any person so stopped shall on being stopped be given the warrant number of the constable stopping him'.—(Mr Max Madden.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed, in page 2, line 35, at the end, to insert the words—

'(12) If, following the exercise of the powers contained in section 13A above or this section a person is arrested and charged with an offence other than an offence under this Act or otherwise connected with terrorism, the fact and nature of the initial exercise of stop and search powers shall be made known to the court.'.—(Mr Alun Michael.)

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Gary Streeter: 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Max Madden, Mr Dennis Canavan: 20.

And it being more than two hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee the Chairman put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 7 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Patrick McLoughlin reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without Amendment.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Richard Ottaway: 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Dennis Canavan: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gary Streeter.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.45 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1003), dated 1st April 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

2 Fees and Charges,—Department of the Environment (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 87), dated 12th March 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

3 Housing,—Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 959), dated 27th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

4 Housing (Scotland),—Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 975), dated 29th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

5 Immigration,—Statement of changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 329] [Mr Secretary Howard].


7 Social Security,—Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 965), dated 28th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

8 Census,—Key population statistics 1991-1994: Unitary authorities and two-tier counties in England coming into effect on 1st April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

9 Chelsea Hospital,—Accounts of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea: army prize money and legacy funds, &c. for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 343] [Clerk of the House].

10 Contingencies Fund, 1994-95,—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [pursuant to Order of 1st April]; to be printed [No. 341] [Mr Michael Jack].

11 Gift of Public Property,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 2nd April 1996, concerning the gift of three churches to their respective congregations [by Command] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

12 Health and Safety,—Accounts of the Health and Safety Commission and the Health and Safety Executive for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 342] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health—

(1) on borrowing by Plymouth Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(2) on 26th March 1996 on borrowing by Lancaster Priority Services National Health Service Trust, and

(3) on 28th March 1996 on borrowing by—

(i) Bassetlaw & Community Services National Health Service Trust,

(ii) Bath Mental Health Care National Health Service Trust,

(iii) Bury Healthcare National Health Service Trust,

(iv) Canterbury and Thanet Community Healthcare National Health Service Trust,

(v) Carlisle Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(vi) East Wiltshire Health Care National Health Service Trust,

(vii) East Yorkshire Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(viii) Enfield Community Care National Health Service Trust,

(ix) Furness Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(x) Gateshead Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(xi) Gloucestershire Royal National Health Service Trust,

(xii) Hinchingbrooke Health Care National Health Service Trust,

(xiii) Horton General Hospital National Health Service Trust,

(xiv) Leicester General Hospital National Health Service Trust,
(xv) Lincoln Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(xvi) Lincolnshire Ambulance and Health Transport Service National Health Service Trust,
(xvii) Luton and Dunstable Hospital National Health Service Trust,
(xviii) Mayday Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
(xix) Nottingham City Hospital National Health Service Trust,
(xx) Oxfordshire Ambulance National Health Service Trust,
(xi) Pilgrim Health National Health Service Trust,
(xii) Pinderfields Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(xiii) Preston Acute Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(xiv) Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(xv) Severn National Health Service Trust,
(xvi) South Cumbria Community and Mental Health National Health Service Trust,
(xvii) South Tees Acute Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(xviii) South Tees Community and Mental Health National Health Service Trust,
(xix) West Dorset General Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(xx) Western Area Health National Health Service Trust, and
(xxi) Wigan and Leigh Health Services National Health Service Trust

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

14 National Health Service (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 28th March 1996 on borrowing by—
(1) Central Scotland Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
(2) Dundee Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
(3) Falkirk & District Royal Infirmary National Health Service Trust,
(4) Monklands & Bellshill National Health Service Trust, and
(5) Stirling Royal Infirmary National Health Service Trust

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

15 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the First Report of the Science and Technology Committee, Session 1995-96, on Technology Foresight [by Command] [Cm. 3224] [Mr Secretary Lang].

(2) Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 965)

[by Command] [Cm. 3191 and Cm. 3225] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

17 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 Environment,—Third Report from the Environment Committee [Rural England: The Rural White Paper], 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. 163] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 European Legislation,—Fifteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

3 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 2nd April; to be printed [No. 240-viii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].
4 Statutory Instruments.—Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xvi] [Mr William Ross].

5 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 2nd April; to be printed [No. 301-iii] [Mr Paul Channon].

6 Treasury.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 2nd April; to be printed [No. 237-vii]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee
   [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDUM

European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 4512/96, relating to the detection of fraud and irregularities, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

THE SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

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

[No. 83.]

Wednesday 3rd April 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Noise Bill.—Mr Allan Stewart reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Noise Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 10th May; and to be printed [Bill 99].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 346].

6 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. 9325/95, on consumer protection in the indication of prices offered to consumers, and supports the Government's view that the Directive, incorporating the amendments in respect of an exemption for small shops, should be adopted.
   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 Prevention of Terrorism (Additional Powers) Bill, without Amendment.
8 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:

   Chemical Weapons Act 1996

9 Prisoners' Earnings Bill.—The Order for considering on Friday 19th April the Prisoners' Earnings Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, was read and discharged.

   Bill to be considered on Friday 26th April.

10 Victims of Communism (Commemoration),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require Her Majesty's Government to establish a permanent memorial to the victims of Communism; and to promote appropriate methods of honouring their memory: And that Mr Harold Elletson, Mr Jonathan Aitken, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Matthew Banks, Mr John Sykes, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr Bernard Jenkin and Mr Nirj Joseph Deva do prepare and bring it in.

11 Victims of Communism (Commemoration) Bill.—Mr Harold Elletson accordingly presented a Bill to require Her Majesty's Government to establish a permanent memorial to the victims of Communism; and to promote appropriate methods of honouring their memory: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 103].

12 London Regional Transport Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the London Regional Transport Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (Reporting to Parliament, etc.)—(Mr Nigel Spearing)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

   Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, to leave out lines 13 and 14.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

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

   Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 40, at the end, to insert the words—

   "(2A) In subsection (2)(b) above, "supplementary, incidental and consequential provision" does not include any financial provision which has not previously been approved by the House of Commons."—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

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

   Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill in page 2, to leave out lines 41 to 43.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

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

   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

13 Pensions,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Minimum Contributions to Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved.—(Mr Oliver Heald.)

14 Pensions,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions) (Salary Related Contracted-out Schemes) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved.—(Mr Oliver Heald.)

15 Pensions,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions and Rebates) (Money Purchase Contracted-out Schemes) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved.—(Mr Oliver Heald.)

16 Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Special Grant Report (No. 17) (House of Commons Paper No. 299), which was laid before this House on 18th March, be approved—(Mr John Bowis);

   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 [29th March]—It was agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker then put the other Question required to be put at that hour.

Local Government Finance (Wales),—Resolved, That Special Grant Report (Wales) 1996 (House of Commons Paper No. 297), which was laid before this House on 18th March, be approved. (Mr Richard Ottaway.)

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

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

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 16th April, pursuant to Resolution [26th March].

[Adjourned at 10.13 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Health and Safety,—Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 967), dated 27th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 Local Government,—Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Consequential Amendments No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1008), dated 1st April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].


5 Road Traffic,—Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 941), dated 26th March 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

6 Sea Fisheries,—(1) Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1035), and


7 Social Security,—Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1047), dated 3rd April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

8 Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe,—CSCE Budapest Summit Declaration, 1994, Towards a Genuine Partnership in a New Era [by Command] [Cm. 3182] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

9 Crime,—Paper, entitled Protecting the Public: the Government’s Strategy on Crime in England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 3190] [Mr Secretary Howard].

10 Environmental Protection,—Local Enforcing Authority Air Pollution Control Fees and Charges (Scotland) Scheme 1996, dated 28th March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

11 Members’ Interests,—Register of Members’ Interests as at 31st March 1996 [pursuant to the Resolutions of 22nd May 1974, 28th June 1993 and 6th November 1995]; to be printed [No. 345] [Clerk of the House].

12 Miscellaneous (No. 11, 1996),—Additional Protocol, New York 10th April 1981–10th April 1982, to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, (PROTOCOL IV) [by Command] [Cm. 3200] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

13 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health on 28th March 1996 on borrowing by—
(1) Aintree Hospitals NHS Trust,  
(2) Airedale NHS Trust,  
(3) Alexandra Healthcare NHS Trust,  
(4) Avalon, Somerset NHS Trust,  
(5) BHB Community Healthcare NHS Trust,  
(6) Bishop Auckland Hospitals NHS Trust,  
(7) Brighton Health Care NHS Trust,  
(8) City Hospital NHS Trust,  
(9) Community Health Care Service (North Derbyshire) NHS Trust,  
(10) Community Health Services Southern Derbyshire NHS Trust,  
(11) Darlington Memorial Hospital NHS Trust,  
(12) Derby City General Hospital NHS Trust,  
(13) Dewsbury Health Care NHS Trust,  
(14) East Anglian Ambulance NHS Trust,  
(15) East Surrey Healthcare NHS Trust,  
(16) East Yorkshire Community Healthcare NHS Trust,  
(17) Essex Ambulance Service NHS Trust,  
(18) George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust,  
(19) Harrogate Health Care NHS Trust,  
(20) Heatherwood & Wexham Park NHS Trust,  
(21) Huddersfield NHS Trust,  
(22) Kent Ambulance NHS Trust,  
(23) Leicester Royal Infirmary NHS Trust,  
(24) Milton Keynes Community NHS Trust,  
(25) North Hampshire Hospitals NHS Trust,  
(26) Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust,  
(27) North Hampshire Loddon Community NHS Trust,  
(28) Pontefract Hospitals NHS Trust,  
(29) Poole Hospital NHS Trust,  
(30) Portsmouth Healthcare NHS Trust,  
(31) Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust,  
(32) Priority Healthcare Wearside NHS Trust,  
(33) Queen Mary's Sidcup NHS Trust,  
(34) Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Trust,  
(35) Rotherham General Hospitals NHS Trust,  
(36) Royal Devon & Exeter Healthcare NHS Trust,  
(37) Royal Shrewsbury Hospital NHS Trust,  
(38) Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Trust,  
(39) St Helier NHS Trust,  
(40) Salford Royal Hospitals NHS Trust,  
(41) Scunthorpe Community Health NHS Trust,  
(42) Shropshire's Community Health Service NHS Trust,  
(43) Southampton Community Health Services NHS Trust,  
(44) Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust,  
(45) South Buckinghamshire NHS Trust,  
(46) South Devon Healthcare NHS Trust,  
(47) South Durham NHS Trust,  
(48) Swindon & Marlborough NHS Trust,
(49) Walsgrave Hospital NHS Trust,
(50) Weald of Kent Community NHS Trust,
(51) Wiltshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust, and
(52) Wirral Community Healthcare NHS Trust,

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


15 Nuclear Trust,—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 2nd April 1996, concerning a contingent liability consequent on the restructuring of Nuclear Electric plc and Scottish Nuclear plc [by Command] [Mr Secretary Lang].

16 Railways,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 2nd April 1996 on borrowing by Union Railways [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

17 Scottish Prisons Complaints Commission,—Report of the Scottish Prisons Complaints Commission for 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3173] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

18 United States (No. 1, 1996),—Forty-second Annual Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ended 30th September 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3192] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee A, Mr Bowen Wells (nominated in respect of the Reserve Forces Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr Derek Conway.

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 Periodicals (Protection of Children) Bill, viz.: Mr Michael Alison, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Simon Hughes, Tessa Jowell, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Peter L. Pike, Mr Ray Powell, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Tom Sackville and Mr Stephen Timms.

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 Energy Conservation Bill, viz.: Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr James Clappison, Dr Michael Clark, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Harry Greenway, Sir John Hannam, Mr Robert Hicks, Mr David Hunt, Mr Robert B. Jones, Alice Mahon, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Llew Smith, Mr Matthew Taylor and Mr Gary Waller.

4 Standing Committee E,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated twenty-three Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Family Law Bill [Lords] (except Clauses Nos. 5 and 7 and new Clauses or New Schedules as defined in the Order of the House of 25th March), viz.: Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Peter Bottomley, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr Julian Brazier, Jean Corston, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Jonathan Evans, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Margaret Hodge, Mr John Hutton, Glenda Jackson, Mr Edward Leigh, Sir Jim Lester, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Bill Michie, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Walter Sweeney and Mr Paddy Tipping.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England and Wales) Scheme 1996, viz.: Mr Vivian Bendall, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Tim Boswell, Sir Graham Bright, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Nigel Evans, Margaret Hodge, Mr Roger Knappman, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Richard Shepherd, Sir Keith Speed, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Cyril D. Townsend, Mr Paul Tyler and Mr Alan W. Williams.

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Ombudsman
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(Northern Ireland) Order 1996 and the draft Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Simon Coombs, Sir John Cope, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Keith Mans, Mr John Marshall, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Richard Needham, Mr Robert Parry, Mr John D. Taylor, Sir John Wheeler, Mr Timothy Wood and Mr Tony Worthington.

7 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1996, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Richard Alexander, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Douglas French, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Warren Hawksley, Mr George Howarth, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Max Madden, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Tom Sackville, Sir Dudley Smith, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Dr Robert Spink, Mr John Sykes, Mr Paddy Tipping and Dr Ian Twinn.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs.—First Special Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Informal meetings undertaken by the Committee in Session 1994-95]; to be printed [No. 347] [Mr David Howell].

2 Public Service.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 3rd April; to be printed [No. 313-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

3 Science and Technology.—Third Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Human Genetics: the Government’s Response], 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. 231] [Sir Giles Shaw].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Public Interest Disclosure Bill to Standing Committee G (transferred from Standing Committee C);

(2) the Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England and Wales) Scheme 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the draft Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 and the draft Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(4) the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1996 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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

(1) Mr Barry Jones and Mr James Hill Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Reserve Forces Bill [Lords];

(2) Sir Michael Shersby an additional Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Treasure Bill;

(3) Mr Iain Mills Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Public Interest Disclosure Bill;

(4) Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England and Wales) Scheme 1996;

(5) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 and the draft Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;

(6) Sir Alan Haselhurst Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1996; and

(7) Mr John Maxton and Mr Allan Stewart Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the meeting of the Committee in Inverness on Monday 22nd April.
Tuesday 16th April 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Selection,—Ordered, That Mr Don Dixon be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Nicholas Brown be added to the Committee.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Maxton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England and Wales) Scheme 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 908).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Stalking Bill,—The Order for reading the Stalking Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

6 Bull Bars Bill,—The Order for resuming on Friday the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 29th March, That the Bull Bars Bill be now read a second time was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 12th July.

7 New Member sworn,—Brian David Jenkins, Esquire, Member for South East Staffordshire, was sworn.

8 Vaccine Damage Payments (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for a review of the operation of, and make amendments to, the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979: And that Mr Richard Burden, Mr Roger Berry, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Helen Jackson, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Diana Maddock, Rachel Squire, Sir Teddy Taylor and Mr Dafydd Wigley do prepare and bring it in.

9 Vaccine Damage Payments (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Richard Burden accordingly presented a Bill to provide for a review of the operation of, and make amendments to, the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 104].

10 Broadcasting Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Broadcasting 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 ‘That this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Broadcasting Bill [Lords] because it fails to provide the necessary incentives for rapid development of digital terrestrial television; does not contain a satisfactory framework for ensuring fair access to televised sporting events; treats newspaper groups unfairly in their access to broadcasting markets; fails to give clear commitments to ensuring the proper regulation of open access and of conditional access systems: regrets the privatisation of the BBC transmission system; and deplores the missed opportunity of providing the regulatory framework necessary to embrace the convergence of television and telecommunications technologies at the approach of the Millennium’, instead thereof.—(Dr John Cunningham.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ann Coffey, Mr Malcolm Chisholm: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 297.

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

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

11 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 Education (Student Loans) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Broadcasting Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any expenses of the Secretary of State under the Act, and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other enactment are payable out of money so provided—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

13 Broadcasting Bill [Lords] [Ways and Means],—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Broadcasting Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the inclusion of—

(1) provisions under or by virtue of which holders of licences granted under the Act by the Independent Television Commission are or may be required to pay sums to that body in connection with such licences and under which financial penalties imposed on bodies holding such licences may be recovered from persons controlling such bodies;

(2) provisions under or by virtue of which the holders of licences granted under the Act by the Radio Authority are or may be required to pay sums to that body in connection with such licences and under which financial penalties imposed on bodies holding such licences may be recovered from persons controlling such bodies;

(3) provisions relating to the televising of sporting and other events of national interest under which holders of licences granted by the Independent Television Commission under the Act or the Broadcasting Act 1990 may be required to pay financial penalties to that body;

(4) provisions for sums falling within paragraph (1), (2) or (3) to be paid into the Consolidated Fund;

(5) provisions amending the provisions of the Broadcasting Act 1990 under or by virtue of which holders of certain licences under that Act may be required to make payments to the Channel Four Television Corporation;

(6) provisions relating to the financial penalties payable to the Independent Television Commission under the Broadcasting Act 1990;

(7) provisions under which—

(a) the Independent Television Commission, the Radio Authority and Sianel Fedwar Cymru are required to pay sums to the Secretary of State as contributions to the expenses of the Broadcasting Standards Commission established under the Act, and

(b) such sums are paid into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

14 Education (Student Loans) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Education (Student Loans) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of those Amendments.

15 Public Health,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Salmon and Migratory Trout) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 856), a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th March, be approved—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.
16 Consumer Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 9325/95, on consumer protection in the indication of prices offered to consumers, and supports the Government’s view that the Directive, incorporating the amendments in respect of an exemption for small shops, should be adopted.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

17 Treasure Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Treasure Bill [Money]:

Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Treasure Bill, it is expedient to authorise the disposal of, or disclaimer of title to, property vesting in the Crown under the Act.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

18 Treasure Bill [Ways and Means].—Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Treasure Bill, it is expedient to authorise the treatment of property vesting in the Crown under the Act as part of the hereditary revenues of the Crown to which section 1 of the Civil List Act 1952 applies.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

19 Adjournment.—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

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

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. 113, 1995).—Third supplementary list of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc., for 1995 [Cm. 3197] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

2 Treaty Series (No. 32, 1996).—Agreement, done at London on 20th December 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America for promotion of aviation safety [Cm. 3193] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 Treaty Series (No. 33, 1996).—Notes exchanged at Oslo on 1st and 10th November 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 [Cm. 3194] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Treaty Series (No. 34, 1996).—Notes exchanged at Jakarta on 7th and 8th November 1995, 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 by AEA Technology to the National Atomic Energy Agency, Indonesia of 33 kilograms of uranium oxide powder [Cm. 3195] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Treaty Series (No. 35, 1996).—Notes exchanged at Jakarta on 7th and 8th November 1995, 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 by AEA Technology to the National Atomic Energy Agency, Indonesia of technical data concerning the recovery of highly enriched uranium [Cm. 3196] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


7 Treaty Series (No. 39, 1996).—Amendments to Appendix IV to the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats done at Berne on 19th September 1979 [Cm. 3229] [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:

9th April 1996

8 Magistrates' Courts,—Licensing (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1063), dated 3rd April 1996 [Mr Secretary Howard].

10th April 1996

9 Environmental Protection,—(1) Environment Act 1995 (Isles of Scilly) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1030), dated 2nd April 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer]; and
(2) Waste Management Licensing (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 916), dated 22nd March 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


11th April 1996


12 Environmental Protection,—Statutory Nuisance (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1076), dated 9th April 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

12th April 1996


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 16th April 1996:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

14 Northern Ireland,—Draft Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act][Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Other Papers:

15 Aid and Trade Provision,—Overseas Development Administration Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent upon a tax indemnity given to West Merchant Bank Limited in respect of ATP Soft Loan Facility finance for the Guangzhou Metro Overhead Catenary System Project in the People's Republic of China [by Command][Mr Secretary Rifkind].

16 Air Force (Constitution),—Order amending the rates of retired pay and pensions of the Royal Air Force [by Act][Mr Secretary Portillo].

17 Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minute dated 16th April 1996 concerning the Chessington Computer Centre Trading Fund [by Act][Mr William Waldegrave].

18 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health
(1) on 28th March 1996 on borrowing by Wakefield & Pontefract Community Health NHS Trust, and
(2) on 4th April 1996 on borrowing by
(i) Ashford Hospital NHS Trust,
(ii) Cornwall Healthcare NHS Trust,
(iii) James Paget Hospital NHS Trust,
(iv) Norfolk Mental Health Care NHS Trust,
(v) North Durham Acute Hospitals NHS Trust,
(vi) Tameside & Glossop Community & Priority Services NHS Trust,
(vii) The Whittington Hospital NHS Trust,
(viii) Weston Area Health NHS Trust, and
(ix) Wiltshire Health Care NHS Trust

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

19 National Health Service (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 2nd April 1996 on borrowing by Moray Health Services NHS Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

20 Northern Ireland,—Paper, entitled Northern Ireland: Ground Rules For Substantive All-Party Negotiations [by Command] [Cm. 3232] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

21 Police (Northern Ireland),—Statement of Accounts of the Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Order]; to be printed [No. 352] [Clerk of the House].

22 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on Petitions from—

(1) constituents of Chipping Barnet [25th January], residents of North Devon [5th February], and residents of Northampton [5th March] for legislation to abolish standing charges for utilities for old age pensioners, and

(2) residents of Huddersfield [25th January] for the maintenance of the economic position of older people

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

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 members of the Territorial Army and of the Army Reserve [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill on 16th April; to be printed [No. 143-ix] [Mr Peter Viggers].

[No. 85.]

Wednesday 17th April 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Treasure Bill,—Sir Michael Shersby reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Treasure Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 109].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 354].

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir James Molyneaux reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Ombudsman
(Northern Ireland) Order 1996 and the draft Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Bill,—Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr Secretary Howard and Mr Michael Ancram, presented a Bill to make provision for elections in Northern Ireland for the purpose of providing delegates from among whom participants in negotiations may be drawn; for a forum constituted by those delegates; for referendums in Northern Ireland; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 105].

8 Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill,—Mr Secretary Rifkind, supported by Mr Jeremy Hanley, Mr Michael Jack and Mr Anthony Nelson, presented a Bill to amend section 2 of the Commonwealth Development Corporation Act 1978 to confer further powers on the Commonwealth Development Corporation; 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 106].

9 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Implementation, —Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the coming into force of the provisions of the Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986 relating to the appointment and rights of authorised representatives, the assessment by local authorities of the needs of disabled persons, and the procedures to be implemented when a person is discharged from hospital, and to make corresponding provision in respect of the Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Act 1989: And that Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr Alfred Morris, Sir John Hannam, Mr Gareth Wardell, Mr Dafydd Wigley, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Dennis Canavan, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr John Hume, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Peter Thurnham and Mr Tom Clarke do prepare and bring it in.

10 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Implementation Bill,—Mr Gordon McMaster accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the coming into force of the provisions of the Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986 relating to the appointment and rights of authorised representatives, the assessment by local authorities of the needs of disabled persons, and the procedures to be implemented when a person is discharged from hospital, and to make corresponding provision in respect of the Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Act 1989: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 107].

11 Opposition day [10th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Privatisation of Railtrack,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, noting both the public opposition to the privatisation of the railways throughout the United Kingdom and the undertaking given by Her Majesty's Government during the passage of the Railways Act 1993 that Railtrack would remain a publicly owned company for the foreseeable future and believing that the flotation of Railtrack will damage the national interest, lead to short term profits being put before long term investment and to lower safety standards, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to withdraw the present plans for the sale of Railtrack and to conduct a thorough review with the aim of securing for the nation higher levels of rail investment, improved services and the best possible return on taxpayers' money.—(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 'congratulates the Government on the progress that it is making with privatisation, with the franchising in the last three weeks alone of the InterCity East Coast, Gatwick Express and Network South Central lines, offering the prospects of better services and higher investment at less cost to taxpayers; recognises that this demonstrates that the Opposition's attempt to halt privatisation has failed; and looks forward to the flotation of Railtrack in May as a golden opportunity for the railways to gain access to the private finance necessary for investment, and for people to become real stakeholders in the railways, thanks to the Government's policy of wider share ownership', 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 Eric Clarke, Mr Dennis Turner: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Simon Burns: 306.
So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates the Government on the progress that it is making with privatisation, with the franchising in the last three weeks alone of the InterCity East Coast, Gatwick Express and Network South Central lines, offering the prospects of better services and higher investment at less cost to tax-payers; recognises that this demonstrates that the Opposition's attempt to halt privatisation has failed; and looks forward to the flotation of Railtrack in May as a golden opportunity for the railways to gain access to the private finance necessary for investment, and for people to become real stakeholders in the railways, thanks to the Government's policy of wider share ownership.

12 Family Law Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Order [25th March] relating to the Family Law Bill [Lords] shall apply to any sitting day on which the House resolves itself into a Committee on those provisions of the Bill committed to a Committee of the whole House; and proceedings in the said Committee may be taken, though opposed, after Ten o'clock.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

13 Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, Etc) Bill.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, Etc) Bill, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

14 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

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 or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Immunities and Privileges.—Draft International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992 (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 River (Scotland).—Prohibition of Keeping of Live Fish (Crayfish) (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1107), dated 9th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:

6 Commonwealth Development Corporation.—Report and Accounts of the Commonwealth Development Corporation for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 Criminal Statistics.—Statistical Bulletin: Recorded Crime in Scotland, 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee D.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated twenty-five Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Broadcasting Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Joe Benton, Mrs Anne Campbell, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Jane Kennedy, Mr Robert Maclean, Lady Olga Maclennan, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Andrew Miller, Dr Lewis Mooney, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr David Shaw, Mr Iain Sproat, Mr Roger Stott, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr John Whittingdale and Mr Timothy Wood.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Trustee Investments (Division of Trust Fund) Order 1996 and the draft Charities (Trustee Investment Act 1961) Order 1996, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr David Ashby, Sir Richard Body, Mr Michael Fabricant, Dr LIAM Fox, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mrs Angela Knight, Mr Max Madden, Mr Alan Michael, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Cranley Onslow, Mr Stuart Randall, Sir Michael Spicer, Mr Paddy Tipping and Mr Ray Whitney.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Michael Alison, Mr Kenneth Baker, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Jim Dowd, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Mr George Galloway, Mr Mike Gapes, Sir Archie Hamilton, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Thomas MccAvoY, Mr John MacGregor, Lady Olga Maclennan, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Malcolm Moss, Sir James Spicer and Mr Timothy Wood.

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 1996 and the draft Income Support (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Roger Evans, Mr DavidEvennett, Mr Dudley Fielden, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Gill, Margaret Hodge, Mr Alan Howarth, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Terry Rooney and Mr John Whittingdale.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture and Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken jointly before the Agriculture and Health Committees on 17th April; to be printed [No. 331-iii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 European Legislation,—Sixteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xvi] [Mr Robert Hicks].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 17th April; to be printed [No. 357-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 17th April; to be printed [No. 355-i] [Mr Clive Soley].

5 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 17th April; to be printed [No. 302-vi] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

6 Transport,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 17th April; to be printed [No. 356-i]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Transport Committee [Mr Paul Channon].

7 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 17th April; to be printed [No. 283-vi] [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 Broadcasting Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D;

(2) the Trustee Investments (Division of Trust Fund) Order 1996 and the draft Charities (Trustee Investments Act 1961) Order 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the draft Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(4) the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 1996 and the draft Income Support (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 1996 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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

(1) Mr Nicholas Winterton and Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Broadcasting Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr Robert Hicks Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Railway Heritage Bill;

(3) Mr Michael J. Martìn Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Trustee Investments (Division of Trust Fund) Order 1996 and the draft Charities (Trustee Investments Act 1961) Order 1996;

(4) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;

(5) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 1996 and the draft Income Support (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 1996;

(6) Sir David Knox Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 12503/95, relating to agricultural strategy: European Union and the associated countries; and

(7) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 10380/95, relating to employment in Europe 1995, 11478/95, relating to the future of social protection, 11987/95, relating to progress towards convergence, and 12633/95, relating to exchange rate relations in stage three of EMU.

[No. 86.]

Thursday 18th April 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 25th April.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords].—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 108].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 358].
6 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Alan Haselhurst reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House declines to give a second reading to a Bill which unnecessarily introduces a wholly novel electoral system which is not properly thought out, contains unfairness and anomalies by introducing bogus political parties while omitting existing political parties and is complicated and designed to confuse the electorate', instead thereof.—(Mr David Trimble.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr William Ross, The Reverend Martin Smyth: 7.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 154.

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.

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.

Committee to-morrow.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in connection with elections, or otherwise by virtue of the Act—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

9 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Coventry relating to anti-personnel mines was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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 or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture.—(1) Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1111), dated 15th April 1996, and

(2) Fertilisers (Mammalian Meat and Bone Meal) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1125), dated 18th April 1996

[by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1109), dated 17th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].
3 Customs and Excise,—Dual-Use and Related Goods (Export Control) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1124), dated 18th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Environmental Protection,—Genetically Modified Organisms (Risk Assessment) (Records and Exemptions) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1106), dated 12th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


Other Papers:

6 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas,—Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland for 1995 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 324] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

7 Miscellaneous (No. 13, 1996),—Draft Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992 [by Command] [Cm. 3241] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

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 Michael Fabricant (nominated in respect of the Broadcasting Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr Nick Hawkins.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Mr Michael Fabricant (nominated in respect of the Trustee Investments (Division of Trust Fund) Order 1996 and the draft Charities (Trustee Investment Act 1961) Order 1996); and had appointed in substitution Mr Mark Robinson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture and Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken jointly before the Agriculture and Health Committees on 18th April; to be printed [No. 331-iv] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 18th April; to be printed [No. 240-ix] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

Friday 19th April 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Regulation of Funding of Political Parties Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Regulation of Funding of Political Parties 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 26th April.
3 Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 9th February, That the Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 26th April.

4 Regulation of Diet Industry Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd March, That the Regulation of Diet Industry Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 26th April.

5 Access to the Countryside Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to the Countryside Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

6 Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

7 Welfare of Broiler Chickens Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welfare of Broiler Chickens Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

8 Hostage Recovery Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hostage Recovery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

9 Sexual Offences Against Children (Registers of Offenders) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sexual Offences Against Children (Registers of Offenders) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

10 Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

11 Freezing of Human Embryos Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freezing of Human Embryos Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th April.

12 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 30th April, the Speaker shall put the Question on the first Motion in the name of Mr Tony Blair relating to Education not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings thereon or half-past Eleven o'clock, whichever is the earlier; no further such Motion shall be made after that hour; and the said Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, after the expiry of the time for opposed business.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd April.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
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:

The Lords have agreed to the Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 111].

6 Human Fertilisation and Embryology.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Statutory Storage Period for Embryos) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 375) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (The elections).

Amendment (No. 99) proposed, in page 1, line 6, to leave out the word ‘providing’ and insert the word ‘electing’.—(Mr William Ross.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 7, at the end, to insert the words ‘and to create a forum constituted by those delegates’.—(Mr Peter Robinson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Robinson, The Reverend Ian Paisley: 8.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Roger Knapman: 217.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (The negotiations).

Amendment (No. 136) proposed, in page 1, line 11, to leave out from the word ‘in’ to the end of line 12 and insert the words ‘Schedule (Ground Rules for All Party Negotiations), which shall have effect for the purposes of those negotiations’.—(Mr David Wilshire.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 108) proposed, in page 1, line 17, to leave out the words ‘refrain from inviting’ and insert the words ‘not invite’.—(Mr William Ross.)

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

Amendment (No. 107) made.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 19, to leave out from the second word ‘as’ to the end of line 21, and insert the words ‘that party—

(a) is attached to a proscribed organisation which is listed in Schedule 2 to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1991, and which

(i) has not declared, and is not presently honouring, a permanent and total cessation of violence; and
(ii) has not surrendered its illegal weaponry; and
(iii) has not dismantled its paramilitary structure, and
(b) has not made an unequivocal declaration of its acceptance of the six principles
contained in the Report of the International Commission on Decommissioning,
which establish a commitment to:
(i) exclusively peaceful means; and
(ii) abide by the democratic process'.—(Mr Peter Robinson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr William Ross, Mr Peter Robinson: 11.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Derek Conway: 233.

Another Amendment (No. 27) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (The forum).

Amendment (No. 114) proposed, in page 2, line 3, after the word 'Ireland', to insert the
words 'and an accurate record of such deliberations shall be published and their
recommendations made available to the negotiating teams and to the Secretary of
State'.—(Mr William Ross.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave
to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Gyles Brandreth reported, That the
Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have
leave to sit again.

8 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 Northern
Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until
any hour.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

9 Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a
Committee on the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (The forum).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 114) be made.

Question put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Referendums).

Amendment (No. 128) proposed, in page 2, line 12, to leave out the word 'may' and
insert the word 'shall'.—(Mr William Ross.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put and negatived.

Amendments (Nos. 31, 86 and 32) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 ('Nominating representative' of a party).

Amendment (No. 141) proposed, in page 2, line 39, to leave out from the word 'person'
to the end of line 41 and insert the words 'whom that party in Northern Ireland itself
determines to be its leader'.—(Mr Peter Robinson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 121) proposed, in page 2, line 43, after the word 'Gazette',
to insert the words 'and the Northern Ireland regional press'.—(Mr William Ross.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Allowances and Secretary of State's expenses).
Amendment (No. 34) proposed, in page 3, line 5, after the word 'otherwise', to insert the words 'and may provide other assistance for the negotiating teams'.—(Mr Eddie McGrady.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Duration of sections 3 and 4).
Amendment (No. 118) proposed, in page 3, line 9, to leave out the words 'Section 3' and insert the words 'this Act'.—(Mr William Ross.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed, in page 3, line 18, to leave out the words 'or suspended.'—(Mr David Trimble.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.
A Clause (Special registration drive)—(Marjorie Mowlam)—brought up, and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Patrick McLoughlin 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 this day.

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Canvey Island against overdevelopment of the area was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.20 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Deregulation,—(1) Draft Deregulation (Gaming Machines and Betting Office Facilities) Order 1996, together with a statement from the Secretary of State for the Home Department [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard]; and
(2) draft Deregulation (Industrial and Provident Societies) Order 1996, together with a statement from the Treasury [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1148), dated 22nd April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].
3 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1144), dated 18th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:


5 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health on 17th April 1996 on borrowing by—
   (1) Fosse Health (Leicestershire Community) NHS Trust,
   (2) Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Trust, and
   (3) North West Anglia Health Care NHS Trust
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

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 a member of the Air Force Reserve [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had nominated two further Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Broadcasting Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Ian Bruce and Mr Cynog Dafis.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 22nd April; to be printed [No. 365-i] [Mr William McKelvey].

2 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 22nd April; to be printed [No. 340-ii] [Mr Frank Field].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 22nd April; to be printed [No. 283-vii] [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 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

   That the draft Deregulation (Resolutions of Private Companies) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 25th March, should be approved.

   The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

   That the draft Deregulation (Motor Vehicles Tests) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 1st April, should be approved.

   The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

   That the draft Deregulation (Parking Equipment) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 1st April, should be approved.

   The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.
3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Reserve Forces Bill [Lords].—Mr Barry Jones reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Reserve Forces Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto. Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 112]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 367].

5 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Trustee Investments (Division of Trust Fund) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 845) and the draft Charities (Trustee Investment Act 1961) Order 1996. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill.—The Order for resuming on Friday the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 9th February, That the Employment (Upper Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill be now read a second time, was read and discharged. Debate to be resumed on Friday 12th July.

7 National Health Service.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 582) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Richard Ottaway): It was agreed to.

8 National Health Service.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 583) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Richard Ottaway): It was agreed to.

9 European Communities (European Court).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the European Communities Act 1972 so as to provide by Order in Council for the disapplication within the United Kingdom of judgments, rules and doctrines propounded by the European Court—(Mr Iain Duncan Smith);

And the Question 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 Nicholas Winterton, Mr Michael Brown: 77.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Wallace, Mr Nigel Jones: 83.

So the Question was negatived.

10 Dangerous Drugs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 21st March, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter): 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 Delegated Legislation), That the draft Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 25th March, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter): It was agreed to.

12 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 25th March, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter): It was agreed to.

13 Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England and Wales) Scheme 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 908), a copy of which was laid before this House on 25th March, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter): It was agreed to.
14 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Long Pull) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 18th March, be approved—(Mr Gary Streeter)—It was agreed to.

15 Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Bill.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Schedule No. 1 (The elections).

Amendment (No. 176) made.

Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 4, line 20, to leave out the words 'and twenty for Northern Ireland as a whole'.—(Mr Peter Robinson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr William Ross, The Reverend Ian Paisley: 9.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 321.

Another Amendment (No. 50) proposed, in page 4, line 25, to leave out from the word 'on' to the end of line 26 and insert the word '30th May 1996'.—(Mr Eric Illsley.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 94) proposed, in page 4, to leave out lines 37 and 38 and insert the words 'All parties may participate in the elections'.—(Mr Dennis Canavan.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 47) made.

Another Amendment (No. 143) proposed, in page 5, line 3, to leave out the words 'at least two and'.—(Mr Robert McCartney.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 44) proposed, in page 5, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

"Deposits"

6B—(1) A constituency list shall not be validly submitted unless accompanied by a deposit of £2,000.

(2) A regional list shall not be validly submitted unless accompanied by a deposit of £5,000.

(3) If a party submitting a constituency list fails to obtain 5 per cent. of the valid votes cast in that constituency it shall forfeit the deposit lodged in respect of that constituency.

(4) If a party submitting a regional list fails to obtain 2 per cent. of the valid votes cast in Northern Ireland as a whole, it shall forfeit the deposit lodged with its regional list'.—(Mr David Trimble.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 51) proposed, in page 5, line 12, to leave out from the word 'cast' to the end of line 2 on page 6 and insert the words 'preferentially among the candidates named on the party list on the ballot paper for each constituency'.

(2) Counting shall be conducted by the single transferable vote system to produce five delegates for each constituency'.—(Mr Archy Kirkwood.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 142 and 48) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 (The forum).

Amendment (No. 61) proposed, in page 7, line 38, to leave out the words 'elected by the members' and insert the words 'appointed by the members from within their own number in accordance with the Rules of Procedure'.—(Mr Eddie McGrady.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave
to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr GylesBrandreth reported, That the
Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have
leave to sit again.

16 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 Northern
Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until
any hour.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

17 Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a
Committee on the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Schedule No. 2 (The forum).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 61) be made.

Question put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 64) proposed, in page 8, line 2, to leave out from the word
'be' to the end of line 3 and insert the words 'on 6th June 1996'.—(Mr David Trimble.)

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

Amendment made, in page 8, line 3, at the end, by inserting the words—'(1A) The time
decided under sub-paragraph (1) shall be—

(a) after the commencement of negotiations within section 2, and

(b) within, or as soon as possible after the expiry of, the period of four weeks
beginning with the date of the poll in the elections.'.—(Secretary Sir Patrick
Mayhew.)

Another Amendment (No. 25) made.

Another Amendment (No. 69) as amended by Amendment (a), made.

Another Amendment (No. 139) proposed, in page 8, line 13, to leave out the words 'and
approved by the Secretary of State'.—(Mr Peter Robinson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 55) made.

Another Amendment (No. 140) proposed, in page 8, line 30, to leave out the words 'as
he thinks appropriate' and insert the words 'as required by the forum for the proper
exercise of its functions'.—(Mr Peter Robinson.)

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

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Simon Burns reported, That the
Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House
accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

18 Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr Patrick McLoughlin be discharged from the Select
Committee on Procedure and Mr Richard Ottaway be added to the Committee.—(Mr
Patrick McLoughlin.)
19 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of West Wales and elsewhere seeking an independent inquiry into the grounding of the 'Sea Empress' and related matters was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

20 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.03 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Insurance,—Insurance Brokers Registration Council (Conduct of Investment Business) Rules Approval Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1151), dated 16th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

2 Census of Production,—Reports from the Census of Production, 1993, on UK Primary Production—

(i) Introductory notes,
(ii) mining and agglomeration of hard coal,
(iii) extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas,
(iv) quarrying of stone,
(v) quarrying of sand and clay,
(vi) mining of chemical and fertilizer minerals,
(vii) production and distribution of electricity,
(viii) manufacture of gas; distribution of gaseous fuels through mains,
(ix) collection, purification and distribution of water, and
(x) construction

[by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

3 Crown Agents,—Report and Accounts of the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Law Commissions,—Annual Report of the Law Commission for 1995; to be printed [No. 318] [by Act] [Mr Jonathan Evans].

5 Railways,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 23rd April 1996 on borrowing by Union Railways [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees


2 European Legislation,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 23rd April; to be printed [No. 319-ii] [Mr Robert Hicks].

3 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 23rd April; to be printed [No. 365-ii] [Mr William McKelvey].

4 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Seventeenth 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. 34-xvii and 35-ii] [Mr Nigel Waterson].
5 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 23rd April; to be printed [No. 302-vii] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

6 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 23rd April; to be printed [No. 237-viii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDUM

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Energy Conservation Bill to Standing Committee F (transferred from Standing Committee C).

[No. 90.]

Wednesday 24th April 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Railway Heritage Bill,—Mr Robert Hicks reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Railway Heritage Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 10th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 372].

6 Public Interest Disclosure Bill,—Mr Iain Mills reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Public Interest Disclosure Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 114].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 371].

7 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir James Molyneaux reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 European Standing Committee A,—Sir David Knox reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 12503/95, relating to a study of alternative strategies for the development of relations in the field of agriculture between the EU and the associated countries with a view to the future accession of those countries, and supports the Government's intention to press for a Common Agricultural Policy which is affordable, in which support distorts neither prices nor production and is targeted on environmental and other specific objectives, which contains fair common rules and which facilitates the accession of these countries.

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

9 European Standing Committee B,—Mr James Hill reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 10380/95, a Commission report on Employment in Europe 1995; 11417/95, relating to the impact of currency fluctuations on the internal market; 11478/95, the Communication The Future of Social Protection: a Framework for a European debate; 11987/95, a report by the
European Monetary Institute on Progress towards convergence; and 12633/95, relating to exchange rate relations between participating and non-participating countries in Stage 3 of Economic and Monetary Union; and agrees with the Government that Protocol (No. 11) annexed to the EC Treaty, which means that the United Kingdom is not committed to move to Stage 3 of Economic and Monetary Union, and can decide whether to join on the basis of the United Kingdom's national interest given the circumstances at the time, is to be welcomed.

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

10 Association (United Kingdom, United States and Former Dominions).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to strengthen institutions to promote economic, cultural, and political ties between the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, the United States and New Zealand—(Mr Michael Fabricant);

And the Question 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 Michael Fabricant, Sir Ivan Lawrence, Sir John Hannam, Sir Michael Spicer, Mr Norman Lamont, Mr Jonathan Aitken, Mr David Alton, Mr John Butcher, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr David Martin, Mr James Pawsey and Mr John Wilkinson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

11 Association (United Kingdom, United States and Former Dominions) Bill,—Mr Michael Fabricant accordingly presented a Bill to strengthen institutions to promote economic, cultural, and political ties between the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, the United States and New Zealand: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 113].

12 Family Law Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Family Law Bill [Lords] (Clauses Nos. 5 and 7 and any new Clauses or new Schedules appearing on the Order Paper not later than Monday 1st April and relating to the circumstances in which a marriage may be taken to have broken down irretrievably or in which a divorce order or a separation order may be made by the Court, or to the period for reflection and consideration).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 5 (Marital breakdown).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 3, line 2, after '(1)' to insert the words 'For the purposes of an application for a separation order'.—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Robert G. Hughes: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Sir Jim Lester: 267.

It being after Seven o'clock, the Chairman, pursuant to Order [25th March and 17th April] put the Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—It was agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Period for reflection and consideration).

Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 4, line 40, to leave out the word 'first' and insert the word 'second'.—(Mr Roger Sims.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair.

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 National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

14 Family Law Bill [Lords].—The House, pursuant to Order [17th April], again resolved itself into a Committee on the Family Law Bill [Lords] (Clauses Nos. 5 and 7).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 7 (Period for reflection and consideration).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 3) be made.

Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Alison, Mr Donald Anderson: 154.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Sir Jim Lester: 235.

It being later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Clause, the Chairman put the Questions then required to be put, pursuant to Order [25th March and 17th April].

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 5, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

'9A) Where an application for a divorce order is made by one party, subsection (9D) applies if—

(a) the other party applies to the court, within the prescribed period, for time for further reflection; and
(b) the requirements of section 9 (except any imposed under section 9(3) are satisfied.

9B) Where any application for a divorce order is made, subsection (9D) also applies if there is any child of the family under the age of sixteen when the statement is received by the court.

9C) Subsection (9D) does not apply if—

(a) at the time when the application for a divorce order is made, there is an occupation order or a non-molestation order in force in favour of the applicant, or of a child of the family, with a power of arrest attached under section 44; or
(b) the court is satisfied that delaying the making of a divorce order would be significantly detrimental to the welfare of any child of the family.

9D) If this subsection applies, the period for reflection and consideration is extended by a period of one year, but without invalidating the application for a divorce order.'.—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Alison, Mr Donald Anderson: 144.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Sir Jim Lester: 243.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 5, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

'9A) Where an application for a divorce order is made by one party, subsection (9D) applies if—

(a) the other party applies to the court, within the prescribed period, for time for further reflection; and
(b) the requirements of section 9 (except any imposed under section 9(3) are satisfied.

9B) Where any application for a divorce order is made, subsection (9D) also applies if there is any child of the family under the age of sixteen when the statement is received by the court.

9C) Subsection (9D) does not apply if—

(a) at the time when the application for a divorce order is made, there is an occupation order or a non-molestation order in force in favour of the applicant, or of a child of the family, with a power of arrest attached under section 44; or
(b) the court is satisfied that delaying the making of a divorce order would be significantly detrimental to the welfare of any child of the family.

9D) If this subsection applies, the period for reflection and consideration is extended by a period of six months, but without invalidating the application for a divorce order.'.—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Alison, Mr Donald Anderson: 200.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Sir Jim Lester: 196.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
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Bill (Clauses Nos. 5 and 7), as amended, to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Gary Streeter reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 5 and 7), and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 5 and 7), as amended, do lie upon the Table.

15 National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Restrictions on future liabilities)—(Mr Kevin Barron)—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 Malcolm Chisholm: 127.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 174.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(Mr Gary Streeter);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Roger Knapman: 160.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Malcolm Chisholm: 80.

So the Question was agreed to.

Bill to be further considered this day.

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gary Streeter.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.27 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Clean Air,—Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1108), dated 16th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

2 Law Reform (Scotland),—Report of the Scottish Legal Services Ombudsman for 1995 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 320] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

3 Monopolies and Mergers,—Reports by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on proposed mergers between—

   (1) National Power PLC and Southern Electric plc, and
   (2) PowerGen plc and Midlands Electricity plc

   [by Command] [Cm. 3230 and 3231] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Probation Board (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 368] [Clerk of the House].

5 Treaty Series (No. 37, 1996),—Notes exchanged at Brasilia on 31st January 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil concerning the United Kingdom/Brazil Debt Rescheduling Agreement (No. 1) 1996 [by Command] [Cm. 3235] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
6 Treaty Series (No. 38, 1996).—Notes exchanged at Brasilia on 31st January 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil concerning the United Kingdom/Brazil Debt Rescheduling Agreement (No. 2) 1996 [by Command] [Cm. 3227] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 University of Greenwich,—Overseas Development Administration Minute dated 24th April 1996, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the transfer of ownership of the Natural Resources Institute: Indemnities to University of Greenwich [by Command] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection:

1 Standing Committee F.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr James Clappison (nominated in respect of the Energy Conservation Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr Douglas French.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Statutory Storage Period for Embryos) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Peter Brooke, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Keith Hill, Mr John Horam, Mr Alan Howarth, Helen Jackson, Dame Jill Knight, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Alice Mahon, Mr David Martin, Mr Chris Mullin, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Dr Robert Spink, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mrs Ann Winterton.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1996 and the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Hugh Bayley, Sir Rhodes Boyson, Mr Jim Callaghan, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Simon Hughes, Helen Jackson, Mr Henry McLeish, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Gerald Malone, Mr Paul Marland, Mr Bill Michie, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Michael Stephen, Mr Michael Stern, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mr Ray Whitney.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the four draft Orders 1996 relating to the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation between the European Communities and their Member States and the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Kazakhstan), viz.: Mr Rupert Allason, Mr Peter Atkinson, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Jimmy Dunnachie, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr John Gunnell, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr David Lidington, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Ken Purchase, Ms Joyce Quin and Sir Peter Tapsell.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992 (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Peter Atkinson, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr Derek Conway, Mr David Evans, Mr Derek Fatchett, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr John Greenway, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Norman Lamont, Sir Mark Lennox-Boyce, Mr Stuart Randall, Sir Trevor Skeet, Mr Nigel Spearing, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Roy Thomason, Mr Jon Trickett, Mr Mike Watson and Mr David Young.

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, viz.: Mr David Atkinson, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr George Galloway, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Michael Lord, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Calum Macdonald, Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr Max Madden, Mr Ken Magennis, Lady Olga Mastland, Mr David Mellor, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Richard Spring, Mr David Sumberg, Sir John Wheeler, Mr Malcolm Wicks and Mr Tony Worthington.
7 European Standing Committee B.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from European Standing Committee B Mr Bill Etherington, and had appointed in substitution Mr Richard Burden.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 40-x] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Education and Employment,—(1) First Special Report from the Education and Employment Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Employment Committee, Session 1995-96, (The Work of TECs)]; to be printed [No. 363]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Employment Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 359]

[Sir Malcolm Thornton].

3 European Legislation,—Seventeenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xvii] [Mr Robert Hicks].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 370-i] [Mr David Howell].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 357-ii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 374-i] [Mr Clive Soley].

7 Public Accounts,—(1) Fifteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Department for Education and Employment: Appropriation Accounts 1994-95: Financial Viability of the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme (England and Wales)]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 138];

(2) Sixteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Metropolitan Police Service: Responding to Calls from the Public]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 33]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 24th April; to be printed [No. 375-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

8 Public Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 313-iii] [Mr Giles Radice].

9 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 325-ii] [Mr Frank Field].

10 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 24th April; to be printed [Nos. 369-i and 302-viii] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

11 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 24th April; to be printed [No. 373-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 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Statutory Storage Period for Embryos) Regulations 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(2) the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1996 and the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the four draft Orders 1996 relating to European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Moldova, the
Kyrgyz Republic, and the Republic of Belarus) to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(4) the draft International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992 (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(5) the draft Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

2 European Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Documents Nos. 5415/96, relating to driving licences, and 5939/96, relating to European Community water policy, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

[No. 91.]

Thursday 25th April 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd May.

2 Henry Johnson, Sons & Co., Limited 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 Henry Johnson, Sons & Co., Limited Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

3 University College London 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 University College London Bill and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Job Seeker's Allowance (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 1996 and the draft Income Support (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the registration of ANZ Holdings (UK) plc and ANZ Grindlays Bank plc as companies incorporated in the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia; for the cesser of application to those companies of the Companies Act 1985, consequent upon such registration; for the transfer to and vesting in Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited of the whole or parts of the undertakings in the United Kingdom of ANZ Grindlays Bank plc, National & Grindlays Bank Limited and ANZ Grindlays Executor & Trustee Company Limited; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill [Lords].—The Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

9 Elected Head of State (Referendums) Bill.—Mr Paul Flynn presented a Bill to make provision for referendums to be held on the future constitutional status of the Sovereign as Head of State and on the means of electing any future elected Head of State: And the same was
read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 115].

10 Adjournment (May).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic Adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Thursday 2nd May, do adjourn till Tuesday 7th May—(Mr Gary Streeter)—It was agreed to.

11 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 [11th December] be further amended, in paragraph 8, by leaving out the words 'in Scotland on Monday 13th May' and inserting the words 'in the Maryat Hall, Dundee, on Monday 13th May'—(Mr Gary Streeter)—It was agreed to.

12 Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Rating (Caravans and Boats) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 1.

13 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill, as amended in the Select Committee and, on re-committal, in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That on consideration of the Bill, as amended, the New Clauses be considered in the following order, namely, New Clauses Nos. 4 to 7 and New Clauses Nos. 1 to 3—(Mr Gary Streeter.)

A Clause (Expenditure in connection with securing construction of works)—(Mr John Watts)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Related works: application of section 9 of the Transport and Works Act 1992)—(Mr John Watts)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Traffic flow)—(Mr Graham Allen)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Rail assets not to be transferred)—(Mr Graham Allen)—brought up and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bridget Prentice, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 76.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Simon Burns: 175.

Another Clause (Purchase of blighted property)—(Mr Andrew Rowe)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 1, 2, 9, and 3 to 7) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 216, line 15, at the end to add the words—

'Part V

Protection of Owners of Land or Buildings at Risk of Settlement

1. The following provisions of this Part of this Schedule shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the nominated undertaker and the owner, have effect.

2. In this Part of this Schedule "the zone of influence" means the area within which land is liable to subside as a result of the construction of an authorised work.

3. The nominated undertaker shall in the construction, maintenance, use and operation of the scheduled works employ best practice to prevent or minimise settlement or damage to buildings.

4. The nominated undertaker shall notify in writing the owners of any land within the zone of influence at least 28 days in advance of the commencement of tunnelling and on completion of tunnelling in such zone.
5. If a building within the zone of influence of an underground authorised work is suffering or has suffered serious structural damage during the construction of the authorised work, an engineer or surveyor appointed by the owner shall, on giving reasonable notice, be entitled to inspect the authorised work in the vicinity of such building accompanied by a representative of the nominated undertaker.

6. The nominated undertaker shall ensure that any tunnel forming part of the authorised works has sufficient strength on completion of the construction of the tunnel safely to withstand a uniform or partial load of 50 kilonewtons per square metre. —(Mr Tony Banks.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: 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 herewith; to make provision about related works; 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.

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

Secretary Sir George Young, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

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

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

14 Adjournment, Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.51 p.m.

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APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Plant Health.—Plant Health (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1165), dated 24th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

2 Road Traffic.—(1) Road Traffic (Special Parking Area) (London Borough of Newham) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1112), and

(2) Road Traffic (Special Parking Area) (Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1110), dated 16th April 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].


Other Papers:

4 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation).—Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on Care in Wales for People with a Mental Illness and People with a Mental Handicap [by Act]; to be printed [No. 350] [Mr Secretary Hague].

5 Gift of Public Property.—Scottish Office Minute concerning the gift of 116 emergency fire appliances dating from the 1950s to the Fire Service in Scotland, museums and preservation societies and various overseas recipients [by Command] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

6 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [20th March] from William Dixon Smith for a public inquiry into the future of West Bank Park, York [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
7 Transport.—Paper, entitled Transport: The Way Forward, The Government's response to the Transport Debate [by Command] [Cm. 3234] [Secretary Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 25th April; to be printed [No. 235-vi] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 25th April; to be printed [No. 283-viii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDUM

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

(1) Mr John Maxton Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Wildlife Bill;

(2) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Energy Conservation Bill;

(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Statutory Storage Period for Embryos) Regulations 1996;

(4) Sir Michael Shersby Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1996 and the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1996;

(5) Mr Roger Sims Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the four draft Orders 1996 relating to European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreements between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Moldova, the Kyrgyz Republic, and the Republic of Belarus);

(6) Mrs Ann Winterton Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992 (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1996;

(7) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996; and

(8) Mr Donald Anderson Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 12712/95, relating to Natural Mineral Waters.

[No. 92.]

Friday 26th April 1996.

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 Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc.) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

3 Offensive Weapons Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Offensive Weapons Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

'( ) an offence under section 1 of the Restriction of Offensive Weapons Act 1959.'—

(Mr David Nicholson.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 38, to leave out from the word 'reasons' to the end of line 39.—(Mr Piers Merchant.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 43, to leave out from the word 'months' to the end of line 44.—(Mr Piers Merchant.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 7, after the word 'applies' to insert the words 'or who encourages or incites the purchase of an article to which this section applies by or on behalf of a person under the age of sixteen, or who advertises such an article for sale in a way which appears to incite or condone the possession of such an article for violent purposes'.—(Mr Alun Michael.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 and 11) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to make provision about persons having knives, other articles which have a blade or are sharply pointed or offensive weapons; and about selling knives or such articles to persons under the age of sixteen years.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Prisoners' Earnings Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Prisoners' Earnings Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Constitutional Change Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Constitutional Change 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 10th May.

6 Adoption Leave Arrangements Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adoption Leave Arrangements Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

7 Protection of Privacy (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Privacy (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

8 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Implementation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Implementation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

9 Regulation of Funding of Political Parties Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 19th April, That the Regulation of Funding of Political Parties Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 10th May.

10 Regulation of Diet Industry Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd March, That the Regulation of Diet Industry Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 10th May.

11 Access to the Countryside Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to the Countryside Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.
12 Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water (Conservation and Consumer Choice) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

13 Welfare of Broiler Chickens Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welfare of Broiler Chickens Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

14 Hostage Recovery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hostage Recovery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

15 Freezing of Human Embryos Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freezing of Human Embryos Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 29th April.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Defence,—Armed Forces (Protection of Children of Service Families) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1174), dated 24th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].


3 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hampshire, City of Winchester) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1171), dated 25th April 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Other Papers:

4 European Communities (No. 10, 1996),—Europe Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 12th June 1995, establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lithuania, of the other part, including Exchanges of Letters and Protocols with Declarations and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 3228] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 Further and Higher Education (Scotland),—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on further education in Scotland for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

6 Local Government Finance,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th April 1996 on borrowing by the Audit Commission [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].
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 Tobacco (Protection of Children and Restriction of Promotion) Bill.—Ordered, That the Tobacco (Protection of Children and Restriction of Promotion) Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

5 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:

- Finance Act 1996
- Education (Student Loans) Act 1996
- Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1996
- Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996
- Rating (Caravans and Boats) Act 1996.

6 Housing Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Housing 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 I; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 6, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 7 to 49, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 50 to 53, Schedule No. 3 and Clauses Nos. 54 to 62; New Schedules relating to Part I; New Clauses relating to Part II; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 63 to 76; New Schedules relating to Part II; New Clauses relating to Part III; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 77 to 79, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 80 and 81, Schedules Nos. 5 and 6, Clauses Nos. 82 to 85, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 86 to 92, Schedule No. 8, Clause No. 93, Schedule No. 9 and Clauses Nos. 94 to 100; New Schedules relating to Part III; New Clauses relating to Part IV; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 101 and 102, Schedule No. 10, Clauses Nos. 103 and 104 and Schedule No. 11; New Schedules relating to Part IV; New Clauses relating to Part V; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 105 to 121, Schedule No. 12 and Clauses Nos. 122 to 136; New Schedules relating to Part V; New Clauses relating to Part VI; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 137 to 149, Schedule No. 13 and Clause No. 150; New Schedules relating to Part VI; New Clauses relating to Part VII; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 151 to 183, Schedule No. 14 and Clauses Nos. 184 and 185; New Schedules relating to Part VII; New Clauses relating to Part VIII; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 186 to 189, Schedule No. 15, Clauses Nos. 190 to 194, Schedule No. 16 and Clauses Nos. 195 to 200; New Schedules relating to Part VIII; remaining New Clauses; remaining New Schedules.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

A Clause (Criteria for registration or removal from register)—(Mr David Curry)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Protected Areas)—(Diana Maddock)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Democratisation of social housing management)—(Mr Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 60 to 70, 127 to 133 and 71 to 73) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

'(c) designate dwellings or descriptions of dwellings subject to a planning obligation under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 created in pursuance of the affordable housing policy in a local authority's local plan, to which the right conferred by that section does not arise'.—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jane Kennedy, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 223.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 274.

Other Amendments (Nos. 27, 151, 28, 74 to 76, 29, 77 to 81, 30 to 32, 82 to 84, 33, 134 to 139, 85 and 86) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Duty to provide gas safety certificates) — (Diana Maddock) — brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (National licensing scheme for houses in multiple occupation) — (Mr Nick Raynsford) — brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jane Kennedy, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 220.
Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Simon Burns: 278.

It being after Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

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 Housing Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour — (Mr Gyles Brandreth): — It was agreed to.

8 Housing Bill. — The House again proceeded to consider the Housing Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 44 to 57) made to the Bill.

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

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

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

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 Standing Order, it being then nine minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.51 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Deregulation. — Draft Deregulation (Gun Barrel Proving) Order 1996 together with a statement from the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Northern Ireland. — Draft Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Clean Air. — Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1145), dated 18th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


6 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Interest Relief) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1184), and
   (2) Vocational Training (Tax Relief) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1185),

dated 29th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].


8 Reserve Forces,—Territorial, Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association Schemes made by the Defence Council under the Reserve Forces Act 1980 for—
   (1) East Anglia,
   (2) Eastern Wessex,
   (3) Greater London,
   (4) the Highlands,
   (5) the Lowlands of Scotland,
   (6) North of England,
   (7) North West of England and the Isle of Man,
   (8) South East,
   (9) Wales,
   (10) Western Wessex, and
   (11) Yorkshire and Humberside,

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

Other Papers:

9 Government Trading Funds,—Accounts of the HMSO Trading Fund for 1995, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 349] [Clerk of the House].

10 Insolvency,—Insolvency: Report of the Insolvency Service for 1995 [by Act] [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 seven members of the Territorial Army [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr Walter Sweeney (nominated in respect of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mrs Jacqui Lait.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—(1) Seventeenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Prison Service (England and Wales): Qualification of Audit Opinion and Report on Excess Vote Expenditure]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 234]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 29th April; to be printed [No. 376-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 29th April; to be printed [No. 283-ix] [Sir Thomas Arnold].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Armed Forces Bill,—Mr Peter Viggers reported from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House; and be printed [Bill 117].

Committee to-morrow.

3 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Building) (Initial Notices and Final Certificates) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 26th February, 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 (Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 4th March, a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before this House.

That the draft Deregulation (Gaming Machines and Betting Office Facilities) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 22nd April, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

That the draft Deregulation (Industrial and Provident Societies) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 22nd April, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Statutory Storage Period for Embryos) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 375), referred to a Committee on 22nd April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Michael Shersby reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 582) and the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 583), referred to a Committee on 23rd April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for grants and other assistance for housing purposes and other action in relation to unfit housing; to amend the law relating to construction contracts and architects; to provide grants and other assistance for regeneration and development and in connection with clearance areas; to amend the provisions relating to home energy efficiency schemes; to make provision in connection with the dissolution of urban development corporations, housing action trusts and the Commission for the New Towns; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords].—The Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 118].

9 Family Law and Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Social Security (Adjudication) and Child Support Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 182) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Gyles Brandreth).—It was agreed to.
10 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Social Security (Industrial Injuries and Diseases) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 425) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

11 Family Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Child Support Departure Direction (Anticipatory Application) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 635) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

12 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 462) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

13 Part-Time Employees (Equal Rights to Sick Pay and Leave).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that employers give the same entitlements to sick pay and leave to their part-time staff as they do to their full-time staff—(Ms Angela Eagle):

And the Question 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 Ms Angela Eagle, Jean Corston, Alice Mahon, Roseanna Cunningham, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Emma Nicholson and Mr Hugh Dykes do prepare and bring in the Bill.

14 Part-Time Employees (Equal Rights to Sick Pay and Leave) Bill,—Ms Angela Eagle accordingly presented a Bill to provide that employers give the same entitlements to sick pay and leave to their part-time staff as they do to their full-time staff: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 116].

15 Housing Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Housing Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Collective enfranchisement: removal of need for professional valuation of interests to be acquired)—(Mr James Clappison)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Provision of general legal advice about residential tenancies)—(Mr James Clappison)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Low rent test: extension of rights)—(Mr Secretary Gummer)—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 Simon Burns, Mr Derek Conway: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Greg Pope: 287.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Appointment of manager: transfer of jurisdiction to leasehold valuation tribunal)—(Mr Secretary Gummer)—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 Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Peter Hain: 279.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Period after which acquisition order may be made)—(Mr James Clappison)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Text of Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987, as amended)—(Mr James Clappison)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Form of notices under section 21 of the Housing Act 1988)—(Mr James Clappison)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Duty of landlord to provide statement of terms of assured shorthold tenancy)—(Mr James Clappison)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Succession on death of tenant: Housing Act 1985)—(Mr Clive Betts)—brought up, read the first time.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 87 to 93, 140, 141, 58, 59, 60A and 61A) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed to the Bill, in page 60, line 7, at the end to add the words 'and (c) at the end of Ground 8 there shall be added—

"Provided that no order for possession shall be made under this Ground if the Court is satisfied that prior to the date of hearing the tenant has made a claim for housing benefit in respect of the period to which the arrears relate in whole or in part and which has not been finally determined by the local housing authority."'.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 26, 146, 21 to 23, 60B and 152) made to the Bill.

Schedule (Low rent test: extension of rights)—(Mr Secretary Gummer)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Schedule—(Text of Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987, as amended)—(Mr Secretary Gummer)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 143) proposed to the Bill, in page 159, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—

'(4A) For subsection (8) substitute—

"(8) An authority shall disregard, in determining a person's income (whether he is the occupier of a dwelling or any other person whose income falls to be aggregated with that of the occupier of a dwelling), the whole of any war disablement pension or war widows pension payable to that person.

(8A) An authority may modify the housing benefit scheme administered by the authority to such an extent as may be prescribed and any such modification may be adopted by resolution of the authority."'.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 95) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 154) proposed to the Bill, in page 70, line 36, to leave out the word 'a' and insert the words 'an independent', instead thereof.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 72, line 11, after the word 'proceedings)', to insert the words 'or under section 15 of and Schedule 1(2)(e) to the Children Act 1989 (transfer of property in the interests of a child)'.—(Diana Maddock.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 156) proposed to the Bill, in page 73, line 31, to leave out the words 'it considers appropriate to enable' and insert the words 'will guarantee', instead thereof.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 96 to 113) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 81, to leave out lines 24 to 28 and insert the words—

'(4) For the purposes of this section, any premises occupied as residential accommodation are qualifying premises', instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 114 to 116) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Absolute priority in housing allocation for certain categories of persons)—(Diana Maddock)—brought up and read the first time.

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

It being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

16 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 Housing Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—It was agreed to.

17 Housing Bill,—The House again proceeded further to consider the Housing Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Condition of offered property)—(Mr Simon Hughes)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 117 to 120) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 121) proposed to the Bill, in page 87, line 11, to leave out ‘(2)’ and insert the words—

‘(2A) As regards priorities, the scheme shall be framed so as to secure that reasonable preference is given to—

(a) people occupying insanitary or overcrowded housing or otherwise living in unsatisfactory housing conditions,
(b) people occupying housing accommodation which is temporary or occupied on insecure terms,
(c) families with dependent children,
(d) households consisting of or including someone who is expecting a child,
(e) households consisting of or including someone with a particular need for settled accommodation on medical or welfare grounds, and
(f) households whose social or economic circumstances are such that they have difficulty in securing settled accommodation.

The scheme shall also be framed so as to secure that additional preference is given to households within paragraph (e) consisting of someone with a particular need for settled accommodation on medical or welfare grounds who cannot reasonably be expected to find settled accommodation for themselves in the foreseeable future.

(2B) The Secretary of State may by regulations—

(a) specify further descriptions of people to whom preference is to be given as mentioned in subsection (2A), or
(b) amend or repeal any part of subsection (2A).

(2C) The Secretary of State may by regulations specify factors which a local housing authority shall not take into account in allocating housing accommodation.

(2D) As regards the procedure to be followed, instead thereof. (Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

Question proposed, that the Amendment be made.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 12, at the end to insert the words—

‘(g) persons to whom the authority are, or have been, subject to a duty under sections 164, 167, 171 and 174 of this Act.’.—(Diana Maddock.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Simon Hughes: 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Gary Streeter: 304.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 121) be made, put and agreed to.
Other Amendments (Nos. 122 to 125) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power exercisable after minimum period of duty under section 167)—
(Mr David Curry)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 89, line 15, at the end to insert the words—

'(1A) It is not reasonable for a person to continue to occupy accommodation if the local housing authority for the area in which the accommodation is situated are satisfied that it is unfit for human habitation within the meaning of section 604 of the Housing Act 1985'.—(Diana Maddock.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 148) proposed to the Bill, in page 91, line 34, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 2 on page 92.—(Diana Maddock.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 93, line 27, at the end to insert the words—

'(c) any young person aged 16 or 17'.—(Diana Maddock.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 93, line 27, at the end to insert the words—

'(c) a person who qualifies for advice and assistance under section 24(2) of the Children Act 1989 or who is taken to be in need under section 17(10) of that Act'.—(Diana Maddock.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Simon Hughes: 252.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Gary Streeter: 291.

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed to the Bill, in page 94, to leave out lines 44 and 45.—(Diana Maddock.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 149) proposed to the Bill, in page 101, line 17, at the end to insert the words—

'This does not apply where the person concerned is entitled to reasonable preference in the allocation of housing accommodation under Part VI of this Act'.—(Diana Maddock.)

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

Another Clause (Mortgage repossessions)—(Mr Nick Raynsford)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Independent housing advice)—(Mr Simon Hughes)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 126, 142, 24, 25, 153 and 126A) 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 been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

Mr Secretary 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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Timothy Wood: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Bridget Prentice, Mr Clive Betts: 256.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

18 Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with as if it had been certified by the Speaker as relating exclusively to Scotland.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

19 Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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 Roger Knapman)—It was agreed to.

20 Scottish Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the Order of the House [11th December] be further amended, in paragraph 9, by leaving out the words 'in Scotland on Monday 20th May' and inserting the words 'in the Glen Pavilion, Dunfermline, on Monday 20th May to take Questions for oral answer and'; and, notwithstanding the Order of the House [29th January], the Chairman shall interrupt the proceedings on Monday 20th May at half-past One o'clock; and

(2) notwithstanding the Order of the House [29th January], at the meeting of the Scottish Grand Committee on Monday 13th May, proceedings on the substantive Motion for the Adjournment of the Committee shall lapse at One o'clock and if thereafter a Motion be made by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to Standing Order No. 94E(3) (Scottish Grand Committee (bills in relation to their principle)) to extend the proceedings of the Committee, the Chairman shall interrupt those proceedings at Three o'clock, if not previously concluded.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Wildlife 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 under any other enactment.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

22 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of North London and elsewhere against the introduction of the scrambling of television pictures broadcast in Cyprus by the Sight and Sound Vision Corporation was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

23 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Roger Knapman.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Food Safety (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

2 Social Security,—Draft Jobseeker's Allowance and Income Support (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Charities,—Draft Charities (The Royal School for the Blind) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

5 Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Passenger Car Fuel Consumption (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1132), dated 18th April 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].


7 Income Tax,—(1) Gilt-edged Securities (Periodic Accounting for Tax on Interest) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1181),
(2) Insurance Companies (Gilt-edged Securities) (Periodic Accounting for Tax on Interest) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1180), and
(3) Lloyd’s Underwriters (Gilt-edged Securities) (Periodic Accounting for Tax on Interest) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1182)
dated 29th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

Other papers:

8 Electricity,—Report of the Director General of Electricity Supply to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and the Secretary of State for Scotland for 1995 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 348] [Mr Secretary Lang].

9 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Buying Agency for 1995; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 322] [Clerk of the House].

10 New Towns (Scotland),—(1) Dissolution Accounts of the Glenrothes Development Corporation, and
(2) Realisation Statement from the East Kilbride Development Corporation,
for the period 1st January to 31st March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [27th March] from residents of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and other places for preservation of the level of social security benefits [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—(1) Special Report from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 143]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill [Mr Peter Viggers].

2 Deregulation,—Fourteenth Report from the Deregulation Committee, [Proposal for the Deregulation (Building) (Initial Notices and Final Certificates) Order 1996; Proposal for the Deregulation (Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996; The draft Deregulation (Gaming Machines and Betting Office Facilities) Order 1996; The draft Deregulation (Industrial and Provident Societies) Order 1996]; to be printed [No. 377] [Mr Barry Field].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Eighteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xviii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
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PRAYERS.

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

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 University College London Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the University College London Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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 Energy Conservation Bill,—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Energy Conservation Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 120].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 381].

7 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Sims reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Belarus) Order 1996, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Kazakhstan) Order 1996, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Moldova) Order 1996, and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Kyrgyz Republic) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Donald Anderson reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution;

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 12712/95, relating to natural mineral waters, and supports the Government's opposition to those parts of this proposal which impose unnecessary new requirements on producers of 'spring waters'.

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

9 Local Authorities (Trading and Competition Powers).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to allow local authorities to trade and compete with private sector providers—(Mr Gordon Prentice);

And the Question 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 Gordon Prentice, Mr Peter L. Pike, Joan Walley, Mr Thomas McaVoy, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr David Rendell, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr James Wallace, Helen Jackson and Mr Calum Macdonald do prepare and bring in the Bill.

10 Local Authorities (Trading and Competition Powers) Bill,—Mr Gordon Prentice accordingly presented a Bill to allow local authorities to trade and compete with private sector providers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 119].
11 National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Limitation of annual effect on public expenditure)—(Mr Sam Galbraith)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, to leave out the words 'ceases to exist' and insert the words 'is dissolved or abolished by the Secretary of State', instead thereof.—(Mr Kevin Barron.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

12 Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Special Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 9) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, to leave out the word 'or'.—(Mr John McFall.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 16, after the word 'of,' to insert '(i)'.—(Mr John McFall.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 1, to leave out the words 'at which it appears to the board' and insert the words 'in respect of which the board has received specific information', instead thereof.—(Mr John McFall.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 2 to 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 24, to leave out the words 'all reasonable' and insert the word 'such', instead thereof.—(Mr John McFall.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 7, 8, 15, 11 and 12) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

13 Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 29th April, be approved.—(Mr Michael Ancram.)

14 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Deregulation and Contracting Out (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Sir John Wheeler);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community Documents).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 101.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Llew Smith, Mr Harry Barnes: 14.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Deregulation and Contracting Out (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved.

15 Trustees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Trustee
Investments (Division of Trust Fund) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 845), dated 18th March 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th March, be approved—(Mr Derek Conway)—It was agreed to.

16 Charities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Charities (Trustee Investments Act 1961) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 21st March, be approved—(Mr Derek Conway)—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 Delegated Legislation), That the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 28th March, be approved—(Mr Derek Conway)—It was agreed to.

18 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Income Support (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 28th March, be approved—(Mr Derek Conway)—It was agreed to.

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.24 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Value Added Tax.—Value Added Tax (Payments on Account) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1196), dated 30th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Financial Services.—Financial Services Act 1986 (Gas Industry Exemption) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1197), dated 1st May 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

Other Papers:

3 Broadcasting.—Copy of the Royal Charter for the continuance of the The British Broadcasting Corporation [by Command] [Cm. 3248] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

4 Defence.—Statement on the Defence Estimates 1996 [by Command] [Cm. 3223] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

5 Miscellaneous (No. 12, 1996).—Agreement, done at Brussels on 19th June 1995, among the states parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and the other states participating in the Partnership for Peace regarding the status of their forces [by Command] [Cm. 3237] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

6 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of Trade and Industry: Sale of the Mining Operations of the British Coal Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 360] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Health Service.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 29th April 1996 on borrowing by—

(1) Dorset Healthcare NHS Trust,
(2) East Suffolk Local Health Service NHS Trust,
(3) Kent and Sussex Weald NHS Trust,
(4) Leicestershire Mental Health Service NHS Trust,
(5) St. James’s and Seacroft University Hospital NHS Trust,
(6) St. Mary's Hospital NHS Trust,
(7) South Kent Hospital NHS Trust, and
(8) South Manchester University Hospitals NHS Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

8 National Health Service (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 26th April 1996 on borrowing by—
(1) Fife Healthcare NHS Trust, and
(2) Raigmore Hospital NHS Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

9 Police (Northern Ireland),—(1) Paper, entitled Foundations for Policing: Proposals for policing structures in Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cm. 3249], and
[Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

10 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Seventh to Ninth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts [by Command] [Cm. 3243] [Mr Michael Jack].

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 Air Force Reserve personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

12 Treaty Series (No. 40, 1996),—Amendment to the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations under the Patent Co-operation Treaty (PCT), done at Washington on 19th June 1970, adopted by the Assembly of the International Patent Co-operation Union (PCT Union) on 3rd October 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3236] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Redundant Mineworkers (Payments Schemes) (Amendment and Consolidation) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Robert Atkins, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Den Dover, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr Harold Elletson, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Michael Fabricant, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Tom King, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Richard Page, Sir Irvine Patnick, Mr Ian Pearson and Mr Paddy Tipping.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Child Support Departure Direction (Anticipatory Application) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Spencer Batiste, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr David Congdon, Mr James Cran, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Neil Gerrard, Lynne Jones, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Max Madden, Sir Michael Marshall, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr David Porter, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Malcolm Wicks and Mr Jimmy Wray.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Social Security (Industrial Injuries and Diseases) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Kevin Barron, Mr John Biffen, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Michael Brown, Judith Church, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Roger Evans, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr Robert Key, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Tim Rathbone, Joan Walley and Mr John Wilkinson.

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Social Security (Adjudication) and Child Support (Amendment) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Keith Bradley, Mr John Butcher, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Churchill, Mr David Congdon, Mr
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 215-ii] [Mr Michael Colvin].


3 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 382-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 357-iii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 355-ii] [Mr Clive Soley].

6 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—(1) Third Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Report of the Health Service Ombudsman for 1994-95]; 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. 39]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 1st May; to be printed [No. 380-i] [Mr James Pawsey].

7 Procedure,—(1) First Report from the Select Committee on Procedure [Proceedings at the Start of a Parliament]; together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 386];

   (2) Second Report from the Select Committee on Procedure [Reference to Matters Subject to Injunction]; 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. 252]; and

   (3) Third Report from the Select Committee on Procedure [Use of the Welsh Language in Parliamentary Proceedings in Wales]; together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 387] [Sir Peter Emery].

8 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 1st May; to be printed [No. 388-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

9 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 249-iii] [Sir Giles Shaw].

10 Social Security,—Third Report from the Social Security Committee [Housing Benefit Fraud], 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. 90-I and -II] [Mr Frank Field].

11 Trade and Industry,—(1) Second Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Second Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96, on Nuclear Privatisation]; to be printed [No. 383]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 369-ii] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

12 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 283-x] [Sir Thomas Arnold].
13 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 1st May; to be printed [No. 384] [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 Redundant Mineworkers (Payments Schemes) (Amendment and Consolidation) Order 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(2) the Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the Child Support Departure Direction (Anticipatory Application) Regulations 1996 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(4) the Social Security (Industrial Injuries and Diseases) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(5) the Social Security (Adjudication) and Child Support (Amendment) Regulations 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Redundant Mineworkers (Payments Schemes) (Amendment and Consolidation) Order 1996;

(2) Sir John Hunt Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996;

(3) Mr James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Child Support Departure Direction (Anticipatory Application) Regulations 1996;

(4) Mr Donald Anderson Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Social Security (Industrial Injuries and Diseases) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996;

(5) Sir Alan Haselhurst Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Social Security (Adjudication) and Child Support (Amendment) Regulations 1996;

(6) Mr Norman Hogg, Mr Michael J. Martin and Mr John Maxton Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the meeting of the Committee in Dundee on Monday 13th May;

(7) Sir Michael Shersby Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 13099/95 and 4647/96, relating to the welfare of calves; and

(8) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 7774/95, relating to consumer credit.

[No. 96.]

Thursday 2nd May 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously enquired 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 enquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.
2 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th May.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Ann Winterton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992 (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir James Molyneaux reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

Sexual Orientation Discrimination Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to render unlawful discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation in the employment field, including discrimination as regards terms and conditions of employment; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

9 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 1st April, be approved (Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

10 Agricultural Policy and Associated Countries.—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. 12503/95, relating to a study of alternative strategies for the development of relations in the field of agriculture between the EU and the associated countries with a view to the future accession of those countries; and supports the Government's intention to press for a Common Agricultural Policy which is affordable, in which support distorts neither prices nor production and is targeted on environmental and other specific objectives, which contains fair common rules and which facilitates the accession of these countries (Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

11 Progress towards Convergence.—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. 10380/95, a Commission report on Employment in Europe 1995; 11417/95, relating to the impact of currency fluctuations on the internal market; 11478/95, the Communication, The Future of Social Protection: a framework for a European debate; 11987/95, a report by the European Monetary Institute on Progress towards convergence; and 12633/95, relating to exchange rate relations between participating and non-participating countries in Stage 3 of Economic and Monetary Union; and agrees with the Government that Protocol (No. 11) annexed to the EC Treaty, which means that the United Kingdom is not committed to move to Stage 3 of Economic and Monetary Union, and can decide whether to join on the basis of the United Kingdom's national interest given the circumstances at the time, is to be welcomed (Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

12 Arbitration Bill [Lords].—The Arbitration Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn (Mr Richard Ottaway.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Five o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 7th May, pursuant to Order [25th April].

[Adjourned at 5.24 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Telecommunications,—Public Telecommunication System Designation (Torch Communications Limited) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1203), dated 1st May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1198), dated 1st May 1996 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Other Papers:


4 Telecommunications,—Licence granted under Section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Torch Communications Limited [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 Water Resources,—Account of the National Rivers Authority for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 391] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Mr Andrew Mitchell (nominated in respect of the Social Security (Adjudication) and Child Support (Amendment) Regulations 1996); and had appointed in substitution Mr Roger Evans.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 2nd May; to be printed [No. 235-vii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 Transport,—Memorandum [Ferry Safety] laid before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 390] [Mr Paul Channon].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Mr Norman Hogg, Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Documents Nos. 13099/95 and 4647/96, relating to the welfare of calves (in place of Sir Michael Shersby).

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
Tuesday 7th May 1996.

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 Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Redundant Mineworkers (Payments Schemes) (Amendment and Consolidation) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Child Support Departure Direction (Anticipatory Application) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 635), referred to a Committee on 30th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Civil Aviation Act 1982 so as to provide for the prosecution of persons committing offences on foreign aircraft while in flight to the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make new provision about trusts of land including provision phasing out the Settled Land Act 1925, abolishing the doctrine of conversion and otherwise amending the law about trusts for sale of land; to amend the law about the appointment and retirement of trustees of any trust; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords].—The Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 123].

The Bill stood referred to a second reading committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58B (Law Commission bills).

7 Representation of the People (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to fix the maximum number of Members of the House of Commons at five hundred—(Mr Spencer Batiste);

And the Question 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);—It was negatived.

8 Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords];

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Ann Coffey, Ms Janet Anderson: 257.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.
9 Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords] [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

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

(i) any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in consequence of the Act,

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

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund under any other enactment; and

(c) the payment into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund of any sums received under or by virtue of the Act—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

10 Contracting Out.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Contracting Out (Administration of Civil Service Pension Schemes) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 25th March, be approved—(Mr David Willetts);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Michael Bates: 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Jane Kennedy: 240.

So the Question was agreed to

Resolved, That the draft Contracting Out (Administration of Civil Service Pension Schemes) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 25th March, be approved.

11 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 15th May, Standing Order No. 10 (Wednesday sittings) shall have effect with the following variations: in paragraph (1) in place of the words 'two o'clock' shall be inserted 'half-past ten o'clock and between one o'clock and two o'clock'; in place of paragraph (5) shall be inserted 'Not more than two subjects shall be raised between half-past nine o'clock and half-past ten o'clock and not more than two subjects shall be raised between one o'clock and two o'clock'; and the Speaker shall suspend the sitting on that day between half-past ten o'clock and one o'clock.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

12 National Heritage,—Ordered, That Mr Michael Fabricant be discharged from the National Heritage Committee and Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.1 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 3rd May 1996, during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other papers:

2 Public Health,—(1) Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish and Plants) (Partial Revocation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1213), and
   (2) Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Salmon and Migratory Trout) (Revocation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1212),
   dated 2nd May 1996 [Mr Secretary Hague].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 7th May 1996:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants),—(1) Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) (Continuing Service: Compensation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1139), and
   (2) Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) (Retirement and Compensation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1138),
   dated 24th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

4 Housing,—North Hull Housing Action Trust (Transfer of Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1186), dated 29th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

   (2) Income Tax (Manufactured Overseas Dividends) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1229),
   (3) Income Tax (Stock Lending) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1228), and
   (4) Income Tax (Unapproved Manufactured Payments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1226),
   dated 7th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

6 Local Government,—Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Staff) (No. 3) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1214), dated 1st May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].


Other Papers:


9 Commonwealth Scholarship Commission,—Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom for the period 1st October 1994 to 30th September 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Initiatives to Manage Technical Risk on Defence Equipment Programmes [by Act]; to be printed [No. 361] [Clerk of the House].

11 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions),—Report from the Independent Assessor of Military Complaints Procedures in Northern Ireland for 1995 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 364] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

12 Old Age,—Paper, entitled A New Partnership for Care in Old Age [by Command] [Cm 3242] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].
13 Public Petitions. — Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petitions [13th March] from —

(1) Residents of Albion Towers,
(2) Residents of Shirley Towers, and
(3) Residents of Sturminster House

in the City of Southampton for the removal of asbestos from council-owned properties [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

14 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:

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish and Plants) (Partial Revocation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1213), and

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Salmon and Migratory Trout) (Revocation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1212)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Statutory Instruments. — Nineteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xix] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 98.]

Wednesday 8th May 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 University College London Bill. — The University College London Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Henry Johnson, Sons and Co., Limited Bill. — The House proceeded to consider the Henry Johnson, Sons and Co., Limited Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Selection (see Appendix II).

6 Select Committees (See Appendix III).

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation. — Mr Donald Anderson reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Social Security (Industrial Injuries and Diseases) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 425), referred to a Committee on 30th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 European Standing Committee A. — Mr Norman Hogg reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the European Community Documents Nos. 13099/95 and 4647/96 on the welfare of calves; and supports the Government's objective
of seeking early introduction throughout the European Community of space allowances
and dietary requirements which fully meet the welfare needs of calves.

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

9 European Standing Committee B.—Sir James Molyneaux reported from European Standing
Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 7774/95 and
the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and
Industry on 11th January 1996, relating to consumer credit; and supports the
Government’s view that proposals to change the Consumer Credit Directive would
require critical appraisal.

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

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

Defamation Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend
the law of defamation and to amend the law of limitation with respect to actions for
defamation or malicious falsehood; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this
House.

11 Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was
read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed
(Bill 126).

12 Defamation Bill [Lords].—The Defamation Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered
to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 127].

13 Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) Bill.—Mr Tim Renton, supported by Mr Roger Sims,
Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Tim Yeo, Mr Cyril D. Townsend, Dr John Marek and Sir
Russell Johnston, presented a Bill to provide for the acquisition of British citizenship by
certain women who are Hong Kong residents: And the same was read the first time; and
ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 124].

14 Part-Time Workers (Maternity Rights).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to
extend maternity rights to part-time workers; and for connected purposes: And that Mr
Elfyn Llwyd, Roseanna Cunningham, Mr Robert Hicks, Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr Simon Hughes,
Mrs Margaret Ewing and Ms Liz Lynne do prepare and bring it in.

15 Part-Time Workers (Maternity Rights) Bill.—Mr Elfyn Llwyd accordingly presented a Bill
to extend maternity rights to part-time workers; and for connected purposes: And the
same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July
and to be printed [Bill 125].

16 Opposition day [11th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of
the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business),
the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Water Supplies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this
House deplores the long-term failure of the Government and the privatised water
companies to reduce leaks from company pipes and to take other measures to reduce the
threat to water supplies this coming summer and notes that they must mend their ways if
they are to restore the confidence of consumers without whose co-operation measures to
maintain supplies in some parts of the country may fail if there is a prolonged spell of hot
dry weather—(Mr Frank Dobson);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word
‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the fact that, in the past
year of severe drought in many areas, normal water supplies have been maintained with
only limited restrictions, in contrast to 1976 when supplies were cut off for large parts of
each day for over 1 million people for nearly two months; notes that under public
ownership the water authorities did not invest sufficiently in infrastructure, causing
pollution of beaches and the sea, high leakage rates, and drinking water of significantly
poorer quality than today; notes that since privatisation in 1989 the water companies have
invested over £17 billion in greatly improving their operations, efficiency and service to
customers; notes the assessment of the Environment Agency that the measures taken so
far by the private companies should be sufficient to maintain supplies in the coming
summer, even if it is very dry, with limited further restrictions; notes that those companies
have since last autumn put in hand more than £400 million of investment to ensure
supplies; and commends the water regulator, the Environment Agency (and its
predecessor, the National Rivers Authority), and the Government for the action that they
have taken separately and jointly to enable the companies to meet their supply obligations both in the short and the longer term', instead thereof. — (Mr Secretary Gummer.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Malcolm Chisholm: 251.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 285.

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 fact that, in the past year of severe drought in many areas, normal water supplies have been maintained with only limited restrictions, in contrast to 1976 when supplies were cut off for large parts of each day for over 1 million people for nearly two months; notes that under public ownership the water authorities did not invest sufficiently in infrastructure, causing pollution of beaches and the sea, high leakage rates, and drinking water of significantly poorer quality than today; notes that since privatisation in 1989 the water companies have invested over £17 billion in greatly improving their operations, efficiency and service to customers; notes the assessment of the Environment Agency that the measures taken so far by the private companies should be sufficient to maintain supplies in the coming summer, even if it is very dry, with limited further restrictions; notes that those companies have since last autumn put in hand more than £400 million of investment to ensure supplies; and commends the water regulator, the Environment Agency (and its predecessor, the National Rivers Authority), and the Government for the action that they have taken separately and jointly to enable the companies to meet their supply obligations both in the short and the longer term.

Fire Service. — A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House congratulates the Fire Service on its exemplary record as one of the most consistently high-performing services in local government; is appalled by the uncertainty over the future of the world-renowned Fire Services College; and deeply regrets the lack of any clear strategy by Her Majesty's Government properly to sustain and to develop the 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 'recognises that fire brigades in the United Kingdom provide an unfailingly effective service to the public, pays tribute to the bravery of fire-fighters, who risk their lives in difficult and often dangerous circumstances, and welcomes the Government's continuing support for the fire service', 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 Eric Clarke, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 285.

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 fire brigades in the United Kingdom provide an unfailingly effective service to the public, pays tribute to the bravery of fire-fighters, who risk their lives in difficult and often dangerous circumstances, and welcomes the Government's continuing support for the fire service.

17 European Communities. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Kazakhstan) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 29th February, be approved—(Mr Richard Ottaway). — It was agreed to.

18 European Communities. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation),
That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Moldova) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 29th February, be approved—(Mr Richard Ottaway).—It was agreed to.

European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Kyrgyz Republic) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 29th February, be approved—(Mr Richard Ottaway).—It was agreed to.

European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Belarus) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 29th February, be approved—(Mr Richard Ottaway).—It was agreed to.

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.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the congregation of Dunnichen, Letham and Kirkden Church against the release of videos such as 'Natural Born Killers' was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

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

[Adjourmed at 10.37 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Insider Dealing.—Draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

2 Northern Ireland.—Draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

3 Sea Fisheries,—Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1242), dated 7th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Local Government (Scotland).—Local Government (Superannuation and Compensation for Premature Retirement) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1241), dated 7th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:

5 Broadcasting.—Report and Financial Statements 1995 of the Channel Four Television Corporation [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

6 European Communities (No. 8, 1996).—Europe Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 12th June 1995, establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part, including Protocols and Exchange of Letters with Declarations and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 3238] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 Port of London.—Report and Accounts of the Port of London Authority for 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].
8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Employment on the Petition [1st April] from residents of London in support of the 'Roots and Shoots' training project [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Treaty Series (No. 41, 1996).—Amendments, adopted by the Standing Committee on 26th January 1996, to Appendices II and III of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, done at Berne on 19th September 1979 [by Command] [Cm. 3244] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Treaty Series (No. 42, 1996).—Amendments to the Annex to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic 1965, as amended [by Command] [Cm. 3246] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

11 Treaty Series (No. 43, 1996).—Notes exchanged at London on 8th November 1995 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador concerning the United Kingdom/Ecuador Debt ODA Rescheduling Agreement 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3247] [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 seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Arbitration Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr David Evans, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Brian Jenkins, Jane Kennedy, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Michael Stephen, Mr Michael Stern, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Nigel Waterson.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Michael Carttiss, Mr David Congdon, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Jim Cousins, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Roger Evans, Sir John Gorst, Mr Jerry Hayes, Ms Liz Lynne, Sir Roger Moate, Mr Edward O'Hara, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Tim Renton, Rachel Squire, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Malcolm Wicks.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Value Added Tax (Payments on Account) (Amendment) Order 1996, viz.: Mr John Austin-Walker, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Jamie Caan, Mr William Cash, Sir Sydney Chapman, Judith Church, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Michael Fabricant, Dr Liam Fox, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Sir Peter Lloyd, Alice Mahon, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr David Porter, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Ken Purchase, Sir Teddy Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Mr John Butcher (nominated in respect of the Social Security (Adjudication) and Child Support (Amendment) Regulations 1996); and had appointed in substitution Dr Robert Spink.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Fourth Report from the Defence Committee [Western European Union], 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. 105 (including 803 of Session 1994-95)]; and

(2) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 215-iii]

[Mr Michael Colvin].

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 382-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
European Legislation.—(1) Eighteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xviii]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 8th May; to be printed [No. 319-iii]
[Mr Jimmy Hood].

Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 370-ii] [Mr David Howell].

Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 393-i and -ii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 8th May; to be printed [No. 380-ii] [Mr James Pawsey].

Public Accounts.—(1) Eighteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [BBC World Service]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 206]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 8th May; to be printed [No. 394-i]
[Mr Robert Sheldon].

Public Service.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 313-iv] [Mr Giles Radice].

Scottish Affairs.—(1) First Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Removal of the Tariff Rebate Subsidy on Northern Isles Freight], 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. 229-I];
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 85-v]; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Scottish Affairs Committee
[Mr William McKelvey].

Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 325-iii] [Mr Frank Field].

Transport.—(1) Second Report from the Transport Committee [UK Airport Capacity], 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];
(2) Second Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Observations on the First Report from the Committee, Session 1995–96, The Consequences of Bus Deregulation]; to be printed [No. 392]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 356-ii]
[Mr Paul Channon].

Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 8th May; to be printed [No. 283-xi] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDA

Constitution of Standing Committees.—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated—
(1) the Arbitration Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A;
(2) the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee F; and
(3) the Value Added Tax (Payments on Account) (Amendment) Order 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.
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 Barry Jones Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Arbitration Bill [Lords];

(2) Sir David Knox and Mr John Maxton Chairmen of Standing Committee F in respect of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords];

(3) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (in place of Sir John Hunt);

(4) Sir Giles Shaw Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Value Added Tax (Payments on Account) (Amendment) Order 1996;

(5) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 5215/96, relating to agricultural price proposals; and

(6) Mr James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 4512/96, relating to the detection of fraud and irregularities.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 3rd May 1996, relating to supplementary payment to the sheep producers in the island of Ireland, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

[No. 99.]

Thursday 9th May 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th May.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Alan Haselhurst reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Social Security (Adjudication) and Child Support Amendment Regulations (S.I., 1996, No. 182), referred to a Committee on 30th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

King's College London Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to unite the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St. Thomas's Hospitals and King's College London; to transfer all rights, properties and liabilities from the Schools to the College; and for connected and other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 King's College London Bill [Lords].—The King's College London Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

8 Coal Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Redundant Mineworkers (Payments Schemes) (Amendment and Consolidation) Order
1996, which was laid before this House on 8th March, be approved—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—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 Delegated Legislation), That the draft Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 16th April, be approved—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—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 Delegated Legislation), That the draft International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992 (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 17th April, be approved—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—It was agreed to.

11 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Motor Vehicles Tests) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 1st April, be approved—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—It was agreed to.

12 Deregulation.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Parking Equipment) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 1st April, be approved—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—It was agreed to.

13 Natural Mineral Waters.—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. 12712/95, relating to natural mineral waters, and supports the Government's opposition to those parts of this proposal which impose unnecessary new requirements on producers of 'spring waters'—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Armed Forces Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Secretary of State for making grants towards expenditure in connection with the repair or maintenance of—

(a) the land and buildings on the site known as the Royal Naval College; or

(b) any object of historical interest situated on that land or in those buildings.—

(Mr Nicholas Soames.)

15 Armed Forces Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, as amended in the Select Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Ordered. That the Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, Clauses Nos. 1 to 4; New Clause No. 5; New Schedule No. 1; Clauses Nos. 5 to 7; Schedule No. 1; Clause No. 8; Schedule No. 2; Clause No. 9; New Clause No. 3; Clause No. 10; Schedule No. 3; Clause Nos. 11 to 13; Schedule No. 4; Clauses Nos. 14 to 27; New Clause No. 4; Clauses Nos. 28 to 31; Schedules Nos. 5 and 6; Clause No. 32; remaining New Clauses other than New Clause No. 1; remaining New Schedules; New Clause No. 1.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Enlistment or entry for local service).

Amendment (No. 81) proposed, in page 2, line 10, at end to insert the words—

'Provided that no regulations shall be made under paragraphs (j) and (k) above until a full report on the consultative process and pilot studies relating to the Ministry of Defence Police has been made to the House,'.—(Mr Bruce George.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.

A Clause (Procedure for dealing with offences under Services Acts)—(Mr Nicholas Soames)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Schedule (Procedure for dealing with offences under Services Acts)—(Mr Nicholas Soames)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Clauses Nos. 5 to 7 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (Findings of Unfitness to Stand Trial and Insanity).

Amendments (Nos. 17 to 41) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Fingerprinting of certain offenders).

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Another Clause (Taking of samples from certain offenders)—(Mr Nicholas Soames)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Clause No. 10 agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 11 and 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Review of findings and sentences of courts-martial).

Amendment (No. 3) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 4 (Amendments relating to the Review of Findings and Sentence).

Amendments (Nos. 42 to 56) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 14 to 16 agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Services redress of complaints procedures).

Amendments (Nos. 4 to 6) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 18 to 20 agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Equal treatment: Great Britain).

Amendment (No. 7) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 22 (Equal treatment: Northern Ireland).

Amendment (No. 8) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Other complaints: Great Britain).

Amendments (Nos. 9 to 16) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 24 to 26 agreed to.

Clause No. 27 (Greenwich Hospital).

Amendment (No. 83) proposed, in page 22, line 43, at the beginning to insert the words 'Where he is satisfied that the objectives set out in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (2) of this section are met.'—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Another Clause (Grants for preservation of Royal Naval College site)—(Mr Nicholas Soames)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Clauses Nos. 28 to 31 agreed to.
Schedule No. 5 (Minor and Consequential Amendments).
Amendments (Nos. 57 to 63) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 6 (Repeals).
Amendments (Nos. 64 to 79) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 32 agreed to.

Another Clause (Postponement of sentences of courts-martial)—(Mr Nicholas Soames)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Pardon for Great War soldiers)—(Mr Andrew Mackinlay)—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 Terry Lewis, Mr Dennis Skinner: 129.
Tellers for the Noes: Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Derek Conway: 203.

Another Clause (Persons subject to military law: Gibraltar)—(Mr Michael Colvin)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Sexual conduct to prejudice of good order and discipline)—(Mrs Edwina Currie)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harry Cohen: 120.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 188.

Amendment (No. 80) made.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to continue the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 and the Naval Discipline Act 1957; to amend those Acts and other enactments relating to the armed forces; to make further provision in relation to proceedings before service courts; to provide for the taking of fingerprints and samples from offenders convicted in service proceedings; to amend the Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968; to make further provision in relation to complaints to industrial tribunals by members of the armed forces; to provide for further exemptions from the Firearms Act 1968; to make further provision in relation to Greenwich Hospital; to amend the Visiting Forces Act 1952; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Bowen Wells reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

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

Mr Greg Knight, 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.

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.
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 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 half-past Ten o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Adjudication) Amendment Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Countryside,—National Park Authorities (Wales) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1224), dated 1st May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

3 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Civil Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1257), dated 7th May 1996, and

(2) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1258), dated 8th May 1996

[by Act] [Mr Jonathan Evans].

4 Medical Profession,—(1) General Medical Council Health Committee (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1219), and


dated 8th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

5 Social Security,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Subsidy) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1217), dated 1st May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

6 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Cultural Services) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1256), and

(2) Value Added Tax (Fiscal Warehousing) (Treatment of Transactions) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1255),

dated 8th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Other Papers:

7 Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission on the Education Bill and School Inspections Bill: a report on the consolidation of certain enactments relating to education [by Command] [Cm. 3251] [Mr Jonathan Evans].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Matthew Banks, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr James Clappison, Mr Chris Davies, Mr Den Dover, Mr Douglas French, Helen Jackson, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Robert B. Jones, Mr William O'Brien, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Eric Pickles, Bridget Prentice, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Peter Thurnham and Mr Keith Vaz.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 9th May; to be printed [No. 355-iii] [Mr Clive Soley].

[No. 100.]

Friday 10th May 1996.

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

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix).

2 Noise Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Noise Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Authorised Officers)—(Mr Roy Thomason)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill in page 1, to leave out lines 6 to 18.—(Mr David Evennett.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 5 to 24) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Treasure Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Treasure Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Railway Heritage Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Railway Heritage Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Energy Conservation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Energy Conservation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Journalistic Corrupt Practices Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Journalistic Corrupt Practices 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 12th July.

7 Registration of Domiciliary Care Agencies Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Domiciliary Care Agencies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

8 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 12th July.

9 House of Commons (Reform) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons (Reform) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

10 Stalking Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stalking Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

11 Sexual Offences against Children (Registers of Offenders) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sexual Offences against Children (Registers of Offenders) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

12 Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

13 Adoption Leave Arrangements Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adoption Leave Arrangements Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

14 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Implementation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Implementation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

15 Regulation of Funding of Political Parties Bill,—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 19th April, That the Regulation of Funding of Political Parties Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 12th July.

16 Regulation of Diet Industry Bill,—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd March, That the Regulation of Diet Industry Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 12th July.

17 Access to the Countryside Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to the Countryside Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

18 Welfare of Broiler Chickens Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welfare of Broiler Chickens Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

19 Hostage Recovery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hostage Recovery Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

20 Tobacco (Protection of Children and Restriction of Promotion) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tobacco (Protection of Children and Restriction of Promotion) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

21 Local Authorities (Trading and Competition Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Trading and Competition Powers) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

22 Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Civil Aviation (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 Michael Colvin):—It was negatived.
   The Bill stood committed to a Standing Committee.

23 Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) Bill,—The Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) 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 Cyril D. Townsend)—It was negatived.

The Bill stood committed to a Standing Committee.

24 Business of the House,—Ordered, That—

1) at the sitting on Tuesday 14th May Standing Orders Nos. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents) and 15 (Delegated legislation (negative procedure)) shall apply to the Motions in the name of Mr Tony Blair relating to Education; and

2) at any one sitting of the House the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to the civil service not later than three hours after their commencement or Seven o'clock, whichever is the later.—(Mr Michael Bates).

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 13th May.

[Adjourned at 3.5 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1260), dated 22nd April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

2 Customs and Excise,—Hydrocarbon Oil (Designated Markers) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1251), dated 8th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

3 Education,—Local Government Reorganisation (Compensation for Redundancy or Loss of Remuneration) (Education) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1240), dated 3rd May 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

4 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Members' Interests) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1215), dated 30th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


6 Pensions,—Occupational Pension Schemes (Member-nominated Trustees and Directors) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1216), dated 2nd May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

7 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1259), dated 8th May 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

8 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1250), dated 9th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Other Papers:

9 Employment,—(1) Accounts of the Commissioner for Protection against Unlawful Industrial Action for 1995-96, and

(2) Accounts of the Commissioner for the Rights of Trade Union Members for 1995-96 with Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 395 and 397] [Clerk of the House].

10 Moldova (No. 1, 1996),—Agreement, done at London on 19th March 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Moldova for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cm. 3255] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
[No. 101.]

**Monday 13th May 1996.**

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

**PRAYERS.**

1 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:  
   Allied Irish Banks Bill.  
   Bill committed.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

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

   Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

5 Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order for reading the Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill [Lords] a second time on Friday 21st June was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12th July.

6 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 12th July and to be printed [Bill 128].

7 Opposition day [12th 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.

   Northern Ireland Economy,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Northern Ireland Economic Council's Report No. 118, February 1996. (Sir James Molyneaux.)

   Cattle Disposal Scheme,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its concern at the continuing delay and confusion arising from the Government's cattle disposal scheme (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 'welcomes the Government's commitment to restoring consumer confidence in the UK beef industry by introducing a slaughter scheme for cattle over the age of 30 months; notes the progress made in the 30-month scheme; recognises the dependence of the scheme on co-operation between farmers, auctioneers, slaughterers and renderers and welcomes the steps taken to foster such co-operation to ensure that the maximum slaughter rates are achieved', instead thereof. (Mr Tony Baldry.)

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

   Mr Archy Kirkwood rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

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

   And the Question being accordingly put;

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Don Foster: 62.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 124.

   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 Government's commitment to restoring consumer confidence in the UK beef industry by introducing a slaughter scheme for cattle over the age of 30 months; notes the progress made in the 30-month scheme; recognises the dependence of the scheme on cooperation between farmers, auctioneers, slaughterers and renderers and welcomes the steps taken to foster such cooperation to ensure that the maximum slaughter rates are achieved.

8 Adjournment (Spring),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Wednesday 22nd May, do adjourn till Tuesday 4th June—(Mr Gary Streeter):—It was agreed to.

9 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Peter Butler be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Mr Warren Hawksley be added to the Committee.—(Mr Andrew Mackay, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gary Streeter.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Waste Management Licensing (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1279), dated 13th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

2 Deregulation,—Proposal under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act 1951 (Repeal)) Order 1996, with an explanatory memorandum by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

3 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Progress in Completing the New British Library [by Act]; to be printed [No. 362] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—(1) Nineteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Department of Social Security: Appropriation Accounts 1994-95; Class XIII, Vote 1: Income Support and Fraud]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 224]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 13th May; to be printed [No. 398-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 13th May; to be printed [No. 85-vi] [Mr William McKelvey].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 13th May; to be printed [No.283-xii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDUM

Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords] and the Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) Bill to Standing Committee C.
PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously enquired 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 enquired into is applicable thereto, viz:

King's College London Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 Henry Johnson, Sons and Co., Limited Bill,—The Henry Johnson, Sons and Co., Limited Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill [Lords].—The Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 Deregulation Committee.—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Insurance Companies Act 1982) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 11th March, a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House.

That the draft Deregulation (Gun Barrel Proving) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 29th April, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

6 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

7 Arbitration Bill [Lords].—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Arbitration Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 130].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 400].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Non-Domestic Rating (Information) Bill, without Amendment.

9 Fishery Limits (Amendment).—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that the Fishery Limits Act 1976 shall have effect regardless of the provisions of the European Communities Act 1972; that Part II of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988 shall have effect as though it had not been repealed by the Merchant Shipping (Registration etc.) Act 1993; to confer upon the Secretary of State powers to license fishing vessels to fish within United Kingdom waters; to exclude specified vessels or vessels of specified nations from fishing within United Kingdom waters; to negotiate common policies with other countries to preserve fish stocks; to invalidate any provisions of the Common Fisheries Policy of the European Community; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Peter Shore, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr William Ross, The Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr Nigel Spearing, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Iain Duncan Smith and Mr Christopher Gill do prepare and bring it in.

10 Fishery Limits (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Austin Mitchell accordingly presented a Bill to provide that the Fishery Limits Act 1976 shall have effect regardless of the provisions of the European Communities Act 1972; that Part II of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988 shall have effect as though it had not been repealed by the Merchant Shipping (Registration etc.) Act 1993; to confer upon the Secretary of State powers to license fishing vessels to fish within United Kingdom waters; to exclude specified vessels or vessels of specified nations from fishing within United Kingdom waters; to negotiate common policies with other countries to preserve fish stocks; to invalidate any provisions
of the Common Fisheries Policy of the European Community; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 129].

11 Opposition day [13th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Westminster City Council.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deprecates the scandalous conduct of the Tory flagship Westminster City Council; calls on the Government to condemn this malpractice on an unprecedented scale; and will regard any failure to do so as further evidence of electorally-motivated support for the council—(Mr Frank Dobson);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'notes the publication of the Public Interest Report made by Westminster City Council's appointed auditor, Westminster City Council Audit of Accounts 1987-88 to 1994-95; approves the action of the Government in insisting on the correct legal process; endorses the independence of the auditor; commends the Government's refusal to prejudge or condemn individuals before the conclusion of the due process of law; respects the view that parliamentary privilege is a powerful weapon for the protection of individuals and should not be used to provide cover for party political attacks; and notes that Westminster City Council provides high quality services at a value for money price', instead thereof. (Mr Secretary Gummer.)

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

Mr Donald Dewar rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 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 the publication of the Public Interest Report made by Westminster City Council's appointed auditor, Westminster City Council Audit of Accounts 1987-88 to 1994-95; approves the action of the Government in insisting on the correct legal process; endorses the independence of the auditor; commends the Government's refusal to prejudge or condemn individuals before the conclusion of the due process of law; respects the view that parliamentary privilege is a powerful weapon for the protection of individuals and should not be used to provide cover for party political attacks; and notes that Westminster City Council provides high quality services at a value for money price.

12 Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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 Scottish Standing Committee—(Mr Richard Ottaway).—It was agreed to.

13 Welfare of Calves.—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. 13099/95 and 4647/96 on the welfare of calves; and supports the Government's objective of seeking early introduction throughout the European Community of space allowances and dietary requirements which fully meet the welfare needs of calves—(Mr Richard Ottaway).—It was agreed to.

14 Consumer Credit.—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. 7774/95 and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 11th January
1996, relating to consumer credit; and supports the Government's view that proposals to change the Consumer Credit Directive would require critical appraisal—(Mr Richard Ottaway)—It was agreed to.

15 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Education (Grants for Nursery Education) (England) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 253), dated 15th February 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th February, be revoked—(Mr Peter Kilfoyle);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bridget Prentice, Mr Malcolm Chisholm: 210.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 236.

So the Question was negatived.

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Coventry and others, against the latest increase in National Health Service prescription charges, 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 Timothy Wood);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.9 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Countryside.—National Park Authorities (England) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1243), dated 7th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation.—Fifteenth Report from the Deregulation Committee, [Proposal for the Deregulation (Insurance Companies Act 1982) Order 1996; The draft Deregulation (Gun Barrel Proving) Order 1996]; to be printed [No. 403] [Mr Barry Field].

2 National Heritage.—(1) Second 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 of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 240]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 14th May; to be printed [No. 399-i]

[Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Statutory Instruments.—Twentieth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xx] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
Wednesday 15th May 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

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

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 Wildlife Bill.—Mr John Maxton reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Wildlife Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

    Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 12th July; and to be printed [Bill 121].

    Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 404].

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Income-Related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 462), referred to a Committee on 30th April.

    Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 European Standing Committee A.—Sir James Molyneaux reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

    That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 5215/96, relating to agricultural prices for 1996-97 and related measures, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 3rd May 1996 on supplementary premium payable to sheep producers in non- Less Favoured Areas of Ireland and the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland; and supports the Government's intention to negotiate an outcome on the price proposals which takes account of the interests of UK producers, consumers and taxpayers alike, and to seek an outcome on the supplementary premium proposal which is affordable, non-discriminatory in the island of Ireland and does not disadvantage other EU sheep producers.

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

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. 4512/96 and the Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 7th May 1996, relating to on-the-spot checks and inspections by the Commission for the detection of frauds and irregularities, accepts the need for stronger Commission powers to fight fraud throughout the Community and supports the Government’s aim to ensure that such powers are not open to abuse.

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

9 National Savings Pension,—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in respect of national savings schemes to enable persons to have an income in retirement: And that Mr Frank Field, Mr Stephen Day, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Kate Hoey, Mr Alan Howarth, Jane Kennedy and Mr David Shaw do prepare and bring it in.

10 National Savings Pension Bill,—Mr Frank Field accordingly presented a Bill to make provision in respect of national savings schemes to enable persons to have an income in retirement: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 131].
11 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.

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—Special Grant Report on Community Care Special Grant and Supplementary Mismatch Scheme Grant for 1996-97 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Lotteries (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1306), dated 13th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

3 Education,—Education (Coleg Normal Bangor Higher Education Corporation) (Dissolution) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1225), dated 29th April 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

4 Highways,—Severn Bridges Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1316), dated 15th May 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

5 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Employments) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1312), and
   (2) Personal Pension Schemes (Tables of Rates of Annuities) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1311), dated 14th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

Other Papers:

6 Biodiversity,—Government response to the UK Steering Group report on biodiversity [by Command] [Cm. 3260] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

7 Commonwealth Development Corporation,—Statement of guarantee given by the Treasury on 14th May 1996 on borrowing by the Commonwealth Development Corporation [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

8 Environment,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Environment Committee, Session 1995-96, on Housing Need [by Command] [Cm. 3259] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

9 Social Fund,—Account of the Social Fund for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 405] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Scottish Standing Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Michael Bates, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr George Kynoch, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr John McFall, Mr David Marshall, Mrs Ray Michie, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Raymond S. Robertson, Mr Allan Stewart and Mr Bill Walker.
2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Food Safety (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Michael Ancram, Mr Hugh Bayley, Dr Michael Clark, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Harold Elletson, Sir George Gardiner, Mr John Garrett, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Eric Illesley, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Bill Michie, Mr John Redwood, Mr William Ross, Mr Richard Ryder, Mr Neville Trotter, Joan Walley, Mr Jimmy Wray and Mr Tim Yeo.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 1996, the draft Jobseeker's Allowance and Income Support (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and the draft Social Security (Adjudication) Amendment Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Richard Burden, Mr David Congdon, Mr Roger Evans, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Douglas Hurd, Mr John Hutton, Mr Ian McCartney, Sir Michael Neubert, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr John Patten, Sir Geoffrey Pattie and Mr George Walden.

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Peter Butler, Judith Church, Mr Frank Cook, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Alistair Darling, Mr Nigel Forman, Dr Liam Fox, Sir Marcus Fox, Sir Ralph Howell, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Nigel Jones, Mrs Angela Knight, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Tony Marlow, Mr Mike O'Brien, Mr Graham Riddick, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Michael Trend and Mr Charles Wardle.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Disclosure to Parliament about Defence Exports]; to be printed [No. 407]; and

   (2) Fifth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Replies to the Second and Third Reports from the Defence Committee, Session 1994-95, on Manning and Recruitment and NATO's Southern Flank]; to be printed [No. 408]

   [Mr Michael Colvin].

2 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Employment Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 396-i] [Sir Malcolm Thornton).

3 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 149-viii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 European Legislation,—(1) Nineteenth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xix]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 15th May; to be printed [No. 409-i]

   [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 370-iii] [Mr David Howell].

6 Home Affairs,—(1) Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Murder: the Mandatory Life Sentence (Supplementary Report)]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 412]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee

   [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

7 National Heritage,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 399-ii]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the National Heritage Committee

   [Mr Gerald Kaufman].
8 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 15th May; to be printed [No. 380-iii] [Mr James Pawsey].

9 Public Accounts.—(1) Twentieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Overseas Development Administration: Health and Population]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 277]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 15th May; to be printed [No. 410-i]
[Mr Robert Sheldon].

10 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 325-iv] [Mr Frank Field].

11 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 356-iii] [Mr Paul Channon].

12 Treasury,—(1) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 31st January; to be printed [No. 411-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 411-iii]
[Sir Thomas Arnold].

13 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Current Problems facing the Sea Fishing Industry in Wales], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 312];

(2) First Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96, (The Nursery Voucher Scheme in Wales)]; to be printed [No. 406];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 15th May; to be printed [No. 150-ii]; and

(4) 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 Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee;

(2) the draft Food Safety (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) Regulations, the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance and Income Support (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and the draft Social Security (Adjudication) Amendment Regulations 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(4) the draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 1996 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

2 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Documents Nos. 6141/96, relating to small and medium sized enterprises, and 6431/96, relating to the financial perspective, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.
Thursday 16th May 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 21st May at Seven o'clock.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Family Law Bill [Lords].—Mr Edward O'Hara reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Family Law Bill [Lords] (except Clauses Nos. 5 and 7), 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 132].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 415].

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Giles Shaw reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Value Added Tax (Payments on Account) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1196).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

Industrial Tribunals Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate enactments relating to industrial tribunals and the Employment Appeal Tribunal; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Employment Rights Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate enactments relating to employment rights; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Industrial Tribunals Bill [Lords].—The Industrial Tribunals Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 135].

8 Employment Rights Bill [Lords].—The Employment Rights Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 134].

9 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 137].

10 Stalking (Scotland) Bill.—Mr John McFall, supported by Mrs Helen Liddell, Mrs Irene Adams, Maria Fyfe, Rachel Squire, Mr John McAllion, Mr Gordon McMaster, Mr William McKelvey, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Malcolm Chisholm and Mr Eric Clarke presented a Bill to make provision in relation to Scotland for a new criminal offence of stalking and for a prohibitory order with sanctions against stalking; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 133].

11 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Social Security (Claims and Payments Etc.) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 672) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin):—It was agreed to.

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

Mr Donald Dewar 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 Malcolm Chisholm, Mr George Mudie: 252.
Tellers for the Noes, Ann Coffey, Mr Greg Pope: 1.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 10.14 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—Draft Stansted Airport Aircraft Movement Limit (Amendment) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

2 Companies,—Draft Disclosure of Interests in Shares (Amendment) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Electricity,—Fossil Fuel Levy (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1309), dated 16th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


6 Insolvency,—Insolvent Partnerships (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1308), dated 14th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other papers:

7 Armed Forces Pay,—Supplement to the Twenty-fifth Report 1996 of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay, Service Medical and Dental Officers [by Command] [Cm. 3258] [The Prime Minister].

8 Industrial Development,—Accounts of the Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cm. 3261] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

9 Standards in Public Life,—Second Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, Local Public Spending Bodies, Volumes I and II [by Command] [Cm. 3270-I and -II] [The Prime Minister].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Social Security (Claims and Payments Etc.) Amendment Regulations 1996, viz.: Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Jamie Cann, Judith Church, Sir Anthony Durant, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Andrew Faulds, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Barry Porter, Mr Terry Rooney, Sir Tim Sainsbury, Sir Nicholas Scott, Mr Nigel Spearing and Mr Mark Wolfson.
2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Mr Sam Galbraith (nominated in respect of the draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 1996, the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance and Income Support (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and the draft Social Security (Adjudication) Amendment Regulations 1996); and had appointed in substitution Mr Mike Hall.

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Social Security (Claims and Payments Etc.) Amendment Regulations 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Social Security (Claims and Payments Etc.) Amendment Regulations 1996;

(2) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Food Safety (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;

(3) Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 1996, the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance and Income Support (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1996, and the draft Social Security (Adjudication) Amendment Regulations 1996;

(4) Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 1996;

(5) Mr Michael J. Martin and Mr Allan Stewart Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the meeting of the Committee in Dunfermline on Monday 20th May; and

(6) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 5179/96, relating to transport pricing.

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);

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

3 Scottish Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the Order of the House [11th December] be further amended, as follows—

(a) in paragraph 10, by leaving out the words “in Scotland on Monday 10th June” and inserting the words “in the County Buildings, Ayr, on Monday 10th June”;

(b) in paragraph 11, by leaving out the words “in Scotland on Monday 17th June” and inserting the words “in the City Hall, Perth, on Monday 17th June to take Questions for oral answer and”;

(c) in paragraph 12, by leaving out the words “in Scotland on Monday 8th July” and inserting the words “in the Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries, on Friday 5th July”
(2) notwithstanding the Orders of the House [11th December and 29th January]—

(a) the Chairman shall interrupt the proceedings on Monday 17th June at half-past One o'clock; and

(b) the Committee shall meet on Friday 5th July at Two o'clock and the Chairman shall interrupt the proceedings at half-past Four o'clock.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

4 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 5th June, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to the language of parliamentary proceedings not later than one and a half hours after their commencement; and the said Motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 20th May.

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Disabled Persons,—Disability Discrimination (Sub-leases and Sub-tenancies) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1333), dated 17th May 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


3 Housing,—Housing (Change of Landlord) (Payment of Disposal Cost by Instalments) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1269), dated 10th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

4 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) (Wales) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1313), dated 13th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

5 Pensions,—(1) Occupational Pension Schemes (Internal Dispute Resolution Procedures) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1270), and

(2) Personal and Occupational Pension Schemes (Pensions Ombudsman) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1271),

dated 10th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

6 Employment,—Reports of the Commissioner for the Rights of Trade Union Members and Commissioner for Protection Against Unlawful Industrial Action for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7 Pensions,—Report by the Occupational Pensions Board on the Personal and Occupational Pension Schemes (Pensions Ombudsman) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1271), preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 3262] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 Treaty Series (No. 46, 1996),—Agreement, done at Male on 20th January 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Maldives concerning air services [by Command] [Cm. 3256] [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 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

   Education (Scotland) 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 Scottish Qualifications Authority; to provide for the transfer of functions, property, rights, liabilities, obligations and staff to that body and for the conferring of other functions on it; to make provision enabling payment of grant to providers of education for children under school age; to amend certain legislation relating to school education in Scotland, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 138].

5 Agricultural Price Proposals.—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. 5215/96, relating to agricultural prices for 1996-97 and related measures, and the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 3rd May 1996 on supplementary premium payable to sheep producers in non-Less Favoured Areas of Ireland and the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland; and supports the Government's intention to negotiate an outcome on the price proposals which takes account of the interests of UK producers, consumers and taxpayers alike, and to seek an outcome on the supplementary premium proposal which is affordable, non-discriminatory in the island of Ireland and does not disadvantage other EU sheep producers—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

6 Detection of Frauds and Irregularities.—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. 4512/96 and the Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 7th May 1996, relating to on-the-spot checks and inspections by the Commission for the detection of frauds and irregularities, accepts the need for stronger Commission powers to fight fraud throughout the Community and supports the Government's aim to ensure that such powers are not open to abuse—(Mr Timothy Wood): It was agreed to.

7 Reserve Forces Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Reserve Forces Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (Appointment of Director General Reserve Forces and Cadets)—(Mr Julian Brazier) 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 3, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—

   '(3) Parliament shall authorise a maximum number of members of the permanent staff of the reserve forces.'.—(Mr Paul Murphy.)

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

   Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, to leave out lines 21 to 24.—(Mr Paul Murphy.)

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

   Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 34, to leave out the words 'from time to time' and insert the words 'at least every five years', instead thereof.—(Mr Paul Murphy.)

   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, to leave out lines 13 to 15.—(Dr John Reid)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 53, to leave out lines 18 to 22.—(Dr John Reid)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

8 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 (Comittal of bills), That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr Gyles Brandreth)—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 Gyles Brandreth 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.

9 Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in any sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

10 Agriculture,—Ordered, That Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours be discharged from the Agriculture Committee and Mr Gordon Prentice be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Education and Employment,—Ordered, That Mr Warren Hawksley be discharged from the Education and Employment Committee and Mr Graham Riddick be added to the Committee.—(Sir Fergus Montgomery, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—Draft Stansted Airport Aircraft Movement Limit (Amendment) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

2 Council Tax,—Draft Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 Deregulation,—Draft Deregulation (Still-Birth and Death Registration) Order 1996, together with a statement by the General Register Office, Office for National Statistics [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].
4 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (The Energy Charter Treaty) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Education,—Education (Grant-Maintained and Grant-Maintained Special Schools) (Finance) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1334), dated 13th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].


7 Town and Country Planning (Scotland),—Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1266), dated 7th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

8 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statutes made by the Governing Body of the University of Cambridge on 16th January 1996 amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Other Papers:


10 European Passenger Services Ltd,—Department of Transport Minutes concerning contingent liabilities consequent on the taking into public ownership of European Passenger Services Ltd in relation to—

(1) the construction of Ashford International passenger station, and

(2) the leasing of European Night Stock

[by Command] [Secretary Sir George Young].


Paper withdrawn:

12 Civil Aviation,—Draft Stansted Airport Aircraft Movement Limit (Amendment) Order 1996 [laid 16th May].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture and Health,—Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken jointly before the Agriculture and Health Committees on 27th March, 17th and 18th April; to be printed [No. 331] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Management of Fire Risks]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 257]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 20th May; to be printed [No. 417-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

3 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 20th May; to be printed [No. 325-v] [Mr Frank Field].

4 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 20th May; to be printed [No. 283-xiii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].
Tuesday 21st May 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 King's College London Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the King's College London Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords],—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 136].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 418].

5 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Social Security (Claims and Payments Etc.) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 672), referred to a Committee on 16th May.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir James Molyneaux reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Food Safety (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and the draft Jobseeker's Allowance and Income Support (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and the draft Social Security (Adjudication) Amendment Regulations 1996.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Reserve Forces Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

   The Lords have agreed to the National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Bill, without Amendment.

9 Representation of the People (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Paul Flynn, supported by Mr Nick Ainger, Mr George Foulkes, Mr David Winnick, Ms Diane Abbott and Mr Andrew Mackinlay, presented a Bill to impose national spending limits on political parties at parliamentary general elections: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 139].

10 Licensing Act 1964 (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove the power of the relevant court to award costs in respect of a decision by licensing justices to grant a justices' licence, in cases where the unsuccessful objector is a properly constituted residents association: And that Mr Robert G. Hughes, Mr Michael Brown, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Kate Hoey and Mr Eric Pickles do prepare and bring it in.

11 Licensing Act 1964 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Robert G. Hughes accordingly presented a Bill to remove the power of the relevant court to award costs in respect of a decision by licensing justices to grant a justices' licence, in cases where the unsuccessful objector is a properly constituted residents association: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 140].

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

   A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
And it being Seven o'clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 16 (Time for taking private business), further proceeding stood postponed.

13 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords];

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

Mr Robert Hicks rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Archy Kirkwood: 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Terry Lewis: 19.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time:— It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

14 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 Defamation Bill [Lords], the Police Bill [Lords], the Industrial Tribunals Bill [Lords] and the Employment Rights Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Roger Knapman).— It was agreed to.

15 Defamation Bill [Lords].—The House resumed the postponed proceedings on the Question, That the Defamation Bill [Lords] be now read a second time.

Question put and agreed to.

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

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:— It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be not committed.—(Mr Gary Streeter).— It was agreed to.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), 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 Industrial Tribunals Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Tribunals Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:— It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be not committed.—(Mr Gary Streeter).— It was agreed to.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), 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.

18 Employment Rights Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Rights Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:— It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be not committed—(Mr Gary Streeter)—It was agreed to.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), 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.

19 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 5th June, Standing Orders Nos. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents) and 15 (Delegated legislation (negative procedure)) shall apply to the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Blair relating to the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1996.—(Mr Gary Streeter.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.19 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—(1) Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Compensation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1351), and
(2) Brucellosis and Tuberculosis (England and Wales) Compensation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1352),
dated 20th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

(2) Exchange Gains and Losses (Deferral of Gains and Losses) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1348), and
dated 21st May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1346), dated 20th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

4 Social Security,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Subsidy) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1314), dated 15th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

5 Broadcasting,—Report and Financial Statements of the Radio Authority for 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

6 DoA Limited,—Department of Transport Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent on the transfer of obligations, in regard of Strathclyde Passenger Transport, from Railtrack PLC to DoA Limited [by Command] [Secretary Sir George Young].

7 Industrial Injuries,—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council reviewing the prescription of chronic bronchitis and emphysema for underground coal workers [by Command] [Cm. 3240] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Overseas Development Administration: Turkish Universities Equipment Project [by Act]; to be printed [No. 401] [Clerk of the House].
9 National Health Service,—Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 421] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Health,—Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish and Plants) (Partial Revocation No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1319), dated 20th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [22nd April] from residents of Canvey Island against the overdevelopment of the area [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Reserve Forces,—Statements 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, the Army Reserve, and the Air Force Reserve [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

13 Science and Technology,—Papers, entitled—
   (1) Forward Look of Government-funded Science, Engineering and Technology 1996, and
   (2) Science, Engineering and Technology Statistics 1996 [by Command] [Cm. 3257-I and -II] [Mr Secretary Lang].

14 Social Services (Training),—Account of the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 420] [Clerk of the House].

15 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) National Engineering Laboratory for the period 1st April to 31st October 1995, and
   (2) National Physical Laboratory for the period 1st April to 30th September 1995, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 378 and 379] [Mr Secretary Lang].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee on 21st May; to be printed [No. 413] [Mr Ernie Ross].

2 European Legislation,—Twentieth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xx] [Sir David Knox].

3 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 21st May; to be printed [No. 399-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xxi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).
4 Selection (see Appendix II).
5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
6 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 1996. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
7 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. 5179/96, relating to policies aimed at establishing fairer competition between the various modes of transport, and endorses the Government's approach to the policy of internalising the external costs of transport wherever possible.
   Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
8 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:
   Non-Domestic Rating (Information) Act 1996
   Reserve Forces Act 1996
   National Health Service (Residual Liabilities) Act 1996
   Police Act 1996
   Industrial Tribunals Act 1996
   Employment Rights Act 1996.
9 Developments in the Civil Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the Government's policies on the Civil Service, as set out in the White Papers 'Continuity and Change' and 'Taking Forward Continuity and Change', including the promulgation of the Civil Service Code from 1st January 1996, the establishment of the Senior Civil Service from 1st April 1996 and the strengthening of the role of the Civil Service Commissioners in maintaining the principles of fair and open competition and selection on merit in recruitment; also welcomes the Government's policy with regard to the privatisation of Recruitment and Assessment Services, with the proposed safeguards to protect the quality of Civil Service recruitment; and looks forward to the intended publication in July of a White Paper on training and development in the Civil Service, associated with the further development by the Civil Service College of a number of partnerships with the private sector which will enhance its status in the provision of courses for those working in the public and private sector—(Mr Roger Freeman);
   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 statement in the White Paper 'Continuity and Change' that "the Government recognises that the Civil Service is not the property of any single administration", and commends the Government for constructing consensus around the Civil Service code; regrets the Government's refusal to manage other Civil Service reform by seeking consensus or properly consulting staff; recognises the widespread feeling of job insecurity and "initiative fatigue" throughout the Civil Service; urges the Government not to proceed so late in the Parliament with the privatisation of HMSO, RAS and OHSA and to join opposition parties in seeking consensus by requesting the Public Service Committee to conduct a thorough independent review of all recent Civil Service reforms', instead thereof.(Mr Derek Foster.)
   And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Malcolm Chisholm: 134.
   Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Gary Streeter: 209.
   So the Question was negatived.
   And the Main Question being put:—It was agreed to.
   Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government's policies on the Civil Service, as set out in the White Papers 'Continuity and Change' and 'Taking Forward Continuity and Change', including the promulgation of the Civil Service Code from 1st January 1996, the establishment of the Senior Civil Service from 1st April 1996 and the
strengthening of the role of the Civil Service Commissioners in maintaining the principles of fair and open competition and selection on merit in recruitment; also welcomes the Government's policy with regard to the privatisation of Recruitment and Assessment Services, with the proposed safeguards to protect the quality of Civil Service recruitment; and looks forward to the intended publication in July of a White Paper on training and development in the Civil Service, associated with the further development by the Civil Service College of a number of partnerships with the private sector which will enhance its status in the provision of courses for those working in the public and private sector.

10 Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Value Added Tax (Payments on Account) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1196), dated 30th April 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st May, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—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 Delegated Legislation), That the draft Food Safety (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 30th April, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

12 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 28th March, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

13 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Jobseeker's Allowance and Income Support (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 30th April, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

14 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security (Adjudication) Amendment Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 9th May, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

15 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Industrial and Provident Societies) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 22nd April, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

16 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Gaming Machines and Betting Office Facilities) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 22nd April, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

17 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Resolutions of Private Companies) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 25th March, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth):—It was agreed to.

18 Council Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 20th May, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Gummer);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr John Cummings: 118.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 20th May, be approved.

19 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 4th June, pursuant to Resolution [13th May].

[Adjourned at 9.25 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Roads and Bridges (Scotland),—Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals,—Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Compensation (Scotland) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1358), dated 21st May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


6 Income Tax,—Personal Equity Plan (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1355), dated 22nd May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

7 Local Government (Scotland),—Compensation for Redundancy or Premature Retirement (Scottish Environment Protection Agency and River Purification Boards Transitional Arrangements) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1560), dated 16th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

8 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1333), dated 16th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


Other Papers:


12 Charities,—Report and Accounts of the Charity Commission for England and Wales for 1995, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 389] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

13 European Communities (No. 11, 1996),—Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, done at Brussels on 20th November 1995, establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, including Protocols with Exchange of Letters, Declarations and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 3239] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

14 Historic Scotland,—Paper, entitled Protecting the built heritage, a consultation document about Scotland's built heritage [by Command] [Cm. 3267] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

15 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health—

(1) on 16th May 1996 on borrowing by—

(i) Andover District Community Health Care NHS Trust,

(ii) Chase Farm Hospital NHS Trust,

(iii) Glenfield General Hospital NHS Trust, and
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 Defamation Bill [Lords], viz.: Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Sebastian Coe, Jean Corston, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr Jonathan Evans, Mr John Hutton, Helen Jackson, Mr David Lidington, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Gary Streeter and Dr Tony Wright.

2 Standing Committee B,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Michael Carttiss, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Frank Cook, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Ken Eastham, Mr Bruce George, Mr David Hinchliffe, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr David Maclean, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Alun Michael, Sir Trevor Skeet, Mr Anthony Steen and Mr Peter Viggers.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Hartley Booth, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr James Couchman, Mr James Cran, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr George Galloway, Margaret Hodge, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Sir David M adel, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Tim Smith, Mr Walter Sweeney, Mr Jon Trickett, Sir John Wheeler and Mr Tony Worthington.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Disclosure of Interests in Shares (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and the Financial Services Act 1986 (Uncertificated Authorities) (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Julian Brazier, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Judith Church, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Alistair Darling, Mr Michael Fabricant, Dr Liam Fox, Sir George Gardiner, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Nigel Jones, Mrs Angela Knight, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Alan Simpson and Mr Don Touhig.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Fifth Report from the Defence Committee [British Forces in Bosnia]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 423]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 22nd May; to be printed [No. 424-i]

[Mr Michael Colvin].
2 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Employment Committee on 22nd May; to be printed [No. 414] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

3 Public Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 22nd May; to be printed [No. 313-v] [Mr Giles Radice].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the Defamation Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A;

(2) the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B (transferred from Standing Committee C);

(3) the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and


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 Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr John McWilliam and Mr James Hill Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Defamation Bill [Lords];

(3) Mr Edward O'Hara Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

(4) Mr James Hill Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Periodicals (Protection of Children) Bill;

(5) Mr Norman Hogg and Mrs Ann Winterton Chairmen of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

(6) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1996;

(7) Mr Robert Hicks Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Disclosure of Interests in Shares (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and the Financial Services Act 1986 (Uncertificated Securities) (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1996; and

(8) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 5415/96, relating to driving licences.
Tuesday 4th June 1996.

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 Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 142].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 435].

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

Disabled Persons and Carers (Short-term Breaks) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for assessments of health and social needs of disabled persons to include assessments of the needs for short-term breaks for the disabled person and any carer; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Law Reform (Year and a Day Rule) Bill, without Amendment.

6 Disabled Persons and Carers (Short-term Breaks) Bill [Lords].—The Disabled Persons and Carers (Short-term Breaks) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 143].

7 Quarantine.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision in respect of quarantine—(Mr Tony Banks);

And the Question 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 Tony Banks, Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Simon Hughes, Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Alan Meale, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Paul Tyler and Mr David Mellor do prepare and bring in the Bill.

8 Quarantine Bill.—Mr Tony Banks accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision in respect of quarantine: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 141].

9 Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (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 a Second Reading to the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] because it makes provision to implement the introduction of nursery vouchers for Scottish nursery education, an innovation which is educationally unsound, administratively wasteful and socially divisive’, instead thereof.—(Mr George Robertson.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Hain: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 276.

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 Michael Bates, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 273.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alex Salmond, Mr Andrew Welsh: 40.

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 special standing committee—(Mr George Robertson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Hain: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 268.

So the Question was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared that the Bill stood committed to a Standing Committee.

10 Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] [Money], Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) any sums required by the Secretary of State as payments of grants or other payments made in pursuance of section 13 of the Act;

(b) any sums required to enable the Secretary of State to make loans to the Scottish Qualifications Authority under section 14 of the Act;

(c) any sums required by the Secretary of State for fulfilling a guarantee under section 15 of the Act;

(d) any sums required by the Secretary of State as payments of grants made in pursuance of section 23 of and Schedule 3 to the Act;

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

(f) any increases 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 any sums received by the Secretary of State in pursuance of sections 14 and 15 of the Act—(Mr Richard Ottaway): It was agreed to.

11 Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], Ordered, That the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with as if it had been certified by the Speaker as relating exclusively to Scotland.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

12 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 94F (Scottish Grand Committee (delegated legislation)), That the Special Grant Report on Community Care Special Grant and Supplementary Mismatch Scheme Grant for 1996-97 be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—It was agreed to.

13 Transport 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. 5179/96, relating to policies aimed at establishing fairer competition between the various modes of transport, and endorses the Government's approach to the policy of internalising the external costs of transport wherever possible—(Mr Richard Ottaway):—It was agreed to.

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of South East Essex and elsewhere for tighter laws on gun control 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—(Mr Roger Knapman);
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 past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.13 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 Animals,—Report of the Animal Procedures Committee for 1995 [Cm. 3280] [Mr Secretary Howard].

2 Treaty Series (No. 47, 1996).—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on preshipment inspection [Cm. 3263] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 Treaty Series (No. 48, 1996).—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on trade related investment measures [Cm. 3264] [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:

23rd May 1996


24th May 1996


6 River,—Prohibition of Keeping of Live Fish (Crayfish) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1345), dated 16th May 1996 [Mr Secretary Lilley].


29th May 1996


11 Defence,—(1) Rules of Procedure (Air Force) (Amendment) Rules 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1389), and
   dated 24th May 1996 [Mr Secretary Portillo].

12 Hong Kong,—Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) (Pension Supplements) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1294), dated 15th May 1996 [Mr Tony Newton].

13 Social Security,—Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1363), dated 22nd May 1996 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

30th May 1996

15 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1390), dated 28th May 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young].

16 Environmental Protection,—Notification of Existing Substances (Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1373), dated 22nd May 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer].


31st May 1996


3rd June 1996


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 4th June 1996:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

20 Deregulation,—Draft Deregulation (Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996, together with a statement by the Secretary of State for National Heritage [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

21 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Draft Ipswich Port Authority Transfer Scheme 1996 Confirmation Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

22 Justices of the Peace,—Draft Maximum Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Gary Streeter].

23 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

24 Defence,—Armed Forces (Compensation Limits) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1420), dated 29th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

25 Disabled Persons,—National Disability Council (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1410), dated 31st May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

26 Savings Banks,—Draft National Savings Bank (Investment Deposits) (Limits) (Amendment) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

27 Water Industry,—Southern Water Services Limited (Dover and Folkestone Waste Water Treatment Scheme—Land at East Cliff and adjoining Coronation Parade and Wear Bay Road Folkestone) Compulsory Purchase Order 1995, dated 8th May 1996, together with a certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 2(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

28 National Health Service,—Statements of guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 31st May 1996 on borrowing by—

(1) Epsom Healthcare NHS Trust, and

(2) Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Trust

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].
29 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 Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve personnel [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

30 Scottish Examination Board.—Report of the Scottish Examination Board for 1995 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

31 Telecommunications.—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 to SWEB Telecoms Limited [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

32 Transport.—Statement of determination of the salaries of members of the British Railways Board [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr Jonathan Evans (nominated in respect of the Defamation Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr Richard Ottaway.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Mr Richard Ottaway (nominated in respect of the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1996); and had appointed in substitution Mr Patrick McLoughlin.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 4th June; to be printed [No. 189-iii] [Mr Michael Colvin].

[No. 110.]

Wednesday 5th June 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 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 Education Bill [Lords] and the School Inspections Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That it had gone through the Bills, and had made Amendments to the former; and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 5th June.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 442-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 442-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 442-II].

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
6 Periodicals (Protection of Children) Bill.—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Periodicals (Protection of Children) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 12th July; and to be printed [Bill 143].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 439].

7 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. 5415/96, relating to driving licences, and endorses the Government's proposed approach to negotiations on the proposal in the Council.

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

8 Choice of Schools.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish in England a system for administering school admissions similar to that for administering university admissions so as to provide an independent and coordinated method for parents and guardians to choose nursery, primary and secondary schools for their children, and to appeal against any refusal of admission to schools; and for connected purposes—(Mr Simon Hughes);

And the Question 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 Archy Kirkwood, Ms Liz Lynne: 34.

Tellers for the Noes, Lady Olga Maitland, Mr Bob Dunn: 40.

So the Question was negatived.

9 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 965), dated 28th March 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd April, be revoked—(Mr Keith Bradley);

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 [21st May].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Jane Kennedy: 247.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Roger Knapman: 273.

So the Question was negatived.

10 Sea Fisheries, Resolved, That the Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1242), dated 7th May 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved.—(Mr Tony Baldry.)

11 Language of Parliamentary Proceedings.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, whilst English is and should remain the language of this House, the use of Welsh be permitted in parliamentary proceedings held in Wales, subject to the conditions set out in the Third Report from the Select Committee on Procedure, Session 1995–96 (House of Commons Paper No. 387)—(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 [17th May]—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 twenty-six minutes to Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 9.34 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Building Societies.—Draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of section 41) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

2. Companies.—Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1444), dated 5th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

3. Family Law and Social Security.—Draft Child Benefit, Child Support and Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

4. Northern Ireland.—Draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5. Consumer Credit.—Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1445), dated 4th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


10. Social Security.—Family Credit (General) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1418), dated 1st June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

11. Family Law and Social Security.—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee and Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the draft Child Benefit, Child Support and Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 [by Command] [Cm. 3296] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

12. Health Service Commissioner.—Second Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1995-96, on investigation of complaint handling by Salford Royal Hospitals NHS Trust [by Act]; to be printed [No 429] [Clerk of the House].


14. Miscellaneous (No. 15, 1996).—Amendment, adopted at New York on 22nd May 1995, to Article 20, Paragraph 1 of the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, adopted at New York on 18th December 1979 [by Command] [Cm. 3286] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

15. National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department for Education and Employment; financial control of payments made under the Training for Work and Youth Training programmes in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 402] [Clerk of the House].

16. Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [14th May] from residents of Coventry and others, against the latest increase in National Health Service prescription charges [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].


   (2) Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee and Statement by the Secretary
of State for Social Security on the Family Credit (General) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1418) [by Command] [Cm. 3299 and 3297] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

18 Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 5th June 1996 on borrowing by the British Railways Board [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

19 Treaty Series (No. 49, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Agriculture [by Command] [Cm. 3268] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

20 Treaty Series (No. 50, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Textiles and Clothing [by Command] [Cm. 3269] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

21 Treaty Series (No. 51, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 3271] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Standing Committee A,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee A, Mr Sebastian Coe (nominated in respect of the Defamation Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr Edward Leigh.

2 Standing Committee B,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Ken Eastham and Mr David Hinchliffe (nominated in respect of the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr Graham Allen, Ms Janet Anderson and Mr Don Touhig.

3 Standing Committee F,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee F, Mr Gwilym Jones (nominated in respect of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr Jonathan Evans.

4 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 Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Michael Bates, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Nijj Joseph Deva, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Maria Fyfe, Mr Phil Gachie, Mr George Galloway, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr George Kynoch, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr John McFall, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Martin O'Neill, Mr Raymond S. Robertson, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Bill Walker and Mr Andrew Welsh.

5 Second Reading Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee on the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Michael Alison, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Jean Corston, Mr Jim Cunningham, Sir Terence Higgins, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr John Hutton, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Bill Michie, Sir Tim Sainsbury, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Bowen Wells.

6 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (The Energy Charter Treaty) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Robert Banks, Mr John Battle, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Simon Coombs, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Andrew Faulds, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr John Gunnell, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr David Hunt, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Richard Page, Mr Stuart Randall, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Richard Tracey, Sir Gerard Vaughan and Mr David Young.

7 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Stansted Airport Aircraft Movement Limit (Amendment) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Richard Burden, Mr David Chidgey, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Terry Dicks,
Mr Paul Flynn, Sir Peter Fry, Sir Alan Haselhurst, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Michael Jopling, Mr Alan Keen, Sir Jim Lester, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Sir David Mitchell, Mr Steve Norris, Mr William Powell, Mr Gordon Prentice and Dr Ian Twinn.

8 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1996, viz.: Mr Jonathan Aitken, Mr Michael Bates, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr John Carlisle, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Sir Norman Fowler, Mr Phil Gallie, Mr George Galloway, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr John McAllion, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mrs Ray Michie, Sir Hector Monro and Rachel Squire.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Memorandum laid before the Agriculture Committee [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Defence,—(1) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 424-ii]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 424]

[Mr Michael Colvin].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Employment Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 396-ii] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 437-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 European Legislation,—Twenty-First Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xxi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Home Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Judicial Appointments Procedures], 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. 52];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 441-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee

[Sir Ivan Lawrence].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 5thJune; to be printed [No. 355-iv] [Mr Clive Soley].

8 Procedure,—Fourth Report from the Procedure Committee [Delegated Legislation], together with Appendices of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152] [Sir Peter Emery].

9 Public Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 313-vi] [Mr Giles Radice].

10 Scottish Affairs,—(1) Second Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Mountain Rescue 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. 365]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Scottish Affairs Committee

[Mr William McKelvey].

11 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 5th June; to be printed [No. 440] [Mr Frank Field].

12 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 5th June; to be printed [Nos. 301-iv and 356-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 Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee;

(2) the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (The Energy Charter Treaty) Order 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the draft Stansted Airport Aircraft Movement Limit (Amendment) Order 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(4) the Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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

(1) Mr Michael J. Martin and Mr Allan Stewart Chairmen of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

(2) Sir Giles Shaw Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (The Energy Charter Treaty) Order 1996;

(3) Mr Frank Cook Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Stansted Airport Aircraft Movement Limit (Amendment) Order 1996;

(4) Mrs Ann Winterton Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1996;

(5) Mr John Maxton and Mr Michael J. Martin Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the meeting of the Committee in Ayr on Monday 10th June; and

(6) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 8564/95, relating to conservation of wetlands.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 6813/96, relating to maritime policy, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

[No. 111.]

Thursday 6th June 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 King's College London Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the King's College London Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th June.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Allied Irish Banks 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 Allied Irish Banks 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.

4 Australia and New Zealand Banking Group 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 Australia and New Zealand Banking Group 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.
5 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

6 Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 12th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 444].

7 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir James Molyneaux reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee 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 Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill, without Amendment.

10 Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 975) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Tony Newton):—It was agreed to.

11 Scottish Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 94H (Scottish Grand Committee (sittings)), That, notwithstanding the Order of the House [29th January] relating to the Scottish Grand Committee, the Chairman shall interrupt the proceedings on Monday 10th June at half-past one o’clock.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin):—It was agreed to.

12 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.

13 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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 19) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 428] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Civil Aviation.—Aerodromes (Designation) (Facilities for Consultation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1392), dated 28th May 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

3 Disability Discrimination.—(1) Draft Code of Practice for the elimination of discrimination in the field of employment against disabled persons or persons who have had a disability [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard];

(2) Draft Code of Practice: Rights of Access-Goods, Facilities, Services and Premises [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley]; and
(3) Draft Guidance on matters to be taken into account in determining questions relating to the definition of disability [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

5 Financial Services,—Financial Markets and Insolvency Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1469), dated 5th June 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].


(2) Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1470), and

(3) Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1472),

dated 5th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].


8 Pharmacists,—Pharmaceutical Qualifications (Recognition) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1405), dated 29th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

9 Telegraphs,—Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1464), dated 4th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

10 Defence (Royal Air Force),—Revision of Air Publication 3393 (3rd edition) relating to the commissioning of officers and terms of service of officers and airmen (aircrew) in the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

11 Environment,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Environment Committee, Session 1994-95, on burning of secondary liquid fuel in cement kilns [by Command] [Cm. 3295] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

12 European Communities (No. 9, 1996),—Developments in the European Union July to December 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3250] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

13 Intelligence Services,—Report of the Intelligence Services Commissioner for 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3288] [The Prime Minister].

14 Interception of Communications,—Report of the Interception of Communications Commissioner for 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3254] [The Prime Minister].

15 Judicial Statistics,—Judicial Statistics for England and Wales for 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3290] [Mr Gary Streeter].

16 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [18th April] from citizens of Coventry relating to anti-personnel mines, and

(2) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [23rd April] from residents of West Wales and elsewhere seeking an independent inquiry into the grounding of the 'Sea Empress' and related matters

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

17 Security Service,—Report of the Security Service Commissioner for 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3253] [The Prime Minister].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 6th June; to be printed [No. 235-viii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Mrs Ann Winterton a Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], in place of Mr Allan Stewart.

[No. 112.]

Friday 7th June 1996.

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 Roger Knapman);

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 the Speaker shall—

(1) at the sitting on Thursday 13th June, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents), put the Question on the Motion in the name of Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew relating to the draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings thereon or at Ten o’clock, whichever is the earlier; and

(2) at the sitting on Wednesday 19th June—

(i) put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to sentencing policy not later than Seven o’clock or three hours after their commencement, whichever is the later; and

(ii) notwithstanding Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents), put the Question on the Motion in the name of Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew relating to the draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1996 not later than Ten o’clock.—(Mr Bowen Wells.)

4 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 10th June.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 21) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 431] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—(1) Habitat (Former Set-Aside Land) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1478),
(2) Habitat (Salt-Marsh) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1479), and
(3) Habitat (Water Fringe) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1480),
dated 6th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

3 Coal Industry,—Manchester Ship Canal (Bridgewater Canal) Act 1907 (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1484), dated 6th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


(2) Amusement Machine Licence Duty (Special Licences) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1423), dated 5th June 1996, and
[by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].


7 Horse Racing and Betting,—Horse Racing (Charges on Bookmakers) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 208), dated 20th May 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].


9 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1428), dated 3rd June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


Other Papers:

11 British Railways Board,—Department of Transport Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent on the balance of the liabilities and assets of the British Railways Board at 31st March 1996 [by Command] [Secretary Sir George Young].

12 Public Accounts,—Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the Eleventh and Twelfth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1995–96 [by Command] [Cm. 3298] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

13 Social Security,—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee and Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Social Security (Disability Living Allowance and Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1436) [by Command] [Cm. 3233] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

14 Treaty Series (No. 52, 1996),—Notes exchanged at Peking on 5th and 6th February 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China concerning the liability for damage during the launch stage of the Apstar-IA and Apstar-IIR Satellites [by Command] [Cm. 3274] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
Monday 10th June 1996.

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 London Regional Transport Bill, without Amendment.

4 Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.
   A Clause (Regulation of community care services provided by means of direct payments)—(Mr David Hinchliffe)—brought up, and read the first time.
   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Clause (National criteria for contributions)—(Mr Alan Milburn)—brought up, and read the first time.
   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
   Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, after the word 'services', to insert the words 'and
   (b) the person is of a description which is specified for the purposes of this subsection by regulations made by the Secretary of State.'—(Mr John Bowis.)
   Question put, That the Amendment be made.
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Simon Burns: 296.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 280.
   Other Amendments (Nos. 13 to 16) made to the Bill.
   Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—
   '(4A) A person in receipt of a payment under subsection (1) above may secure the provision of the service to which it relates from a person, notwithstanding that that person is of a description specified in regulations under subsection (4) above, provided that the authority are satisfied that the person by whom the services are to be provided is an appropriate person.'—(Mr Tom Clarke.)
   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—
   '(4A) The Secretary of State shall issue guidance to local authorities to provide for procedures to be adopted for the assessment and review of any financial contribution which may be required from the person under subsection (2) above, and for the amount of any such contribution to be notified to the person after the direct payment has been made to him but before any such contributions are deducted.'—(Mr Alan Milburn.)
   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
   Other Amendments (Nos. 12 and 17 to 20) made to the Bill.
   The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

5 Arbitration Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Arbitration Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.
   A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;
   Mr Secretary Lang, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.
   Mr Secretary Lang, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent,
as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

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

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

6 Health,—Ordered, That Mr Richard Spring be discharged from the Health Committee and Lady Olga Maitland 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 Simon Burns.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Tunisia) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

2 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—Special Grant Report on Community Care Special Grant and Supplementary Mismatch Scheme Grant for 1996-97 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

3 Social Security,—Draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Pilot Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Agriculture,—(1) Arable Area Payments (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1482), dated 5th June 1996,

(2) Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1500), dated 10th June 1996,

(3) Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1454), dated 5th June 1996,

(4) Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1487), dated 4th June 1996, and


5 Civil Aviation,—(1) Civil Aviation Authority (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1494), and

(2) Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1495), dated 10th June 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

6 Dentists,—Dental Qualifications (Recognition) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1496), dated 10th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

7 Environmental Protection,—Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1431), dated 26th May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

8 Food,—(1) Bread and Flour (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1501), dated 10th June 1996,

(2) Food Labelling Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1499), dated 9th June 1996, and


11 National Health Service,—(1) Grantham and District Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1433), dated 4th June 1996,
   (2) National Health Service (Wheelchair Charges) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1503), dated 10th June 1996, and
   (3) Nottingham Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1432), dated 4th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

12 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (General Medical Services, Pharmaceutical Services and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1504), dated 6th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

13 Pensions,—(1) Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1476), dated 4th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth]; and

   (2) Oil and Fibre Plant Seeds (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1451), dated 29th May 1996,
   (3) Seeds (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1486), dated 5th June 1996, and

15 Social Security,—Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1443), dated 4th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

16 Criminal Procedure (Scotland),—Criminal Appeals and Alleged Miscarriages of Justice, Report by the Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Lord Advocate [by Command] [Cm. 3245] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

17 Deregulation,—Proposals under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 together with explanatory memoranda by—
   (1) the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the Deregulation (Employment in Bars) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard]; and
   (2) the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry for the Deregulation (Weights and Measures) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

18 Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minute, dated 10th June 1996, indicating a further financial objective for the Patent Office Executive Agency for the period 1st April 1995 to 31st March 2000 [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

19 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Wales—
   (1) on 9th April 1996 on borrowing by—
      (i) Bridgend and District NHS Trust, and
      (ii) Glan Clwyd NHS Trust, and
   (2) on 18th April 1996 on borrowing by Carmarthen and District NHS Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

20 New Roads and Street Works,—Report for 1995 under section 18 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

21 Transport,—Statement of determination in respect of remuneration payable to members of the British Waterways Board from 1st July 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].
Paper withdrawn:

22 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—Special Grant Report on Community Care Special Grant and Supplementary Mismatch Scheme Grant for 1996-97 [laid 15th May].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce: Preventing, Detecting and Acting on Irregularities]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 238];
(2) Twenty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [National Heritage Memorial Fund Grant-in-Aid and Lottery Distribution Accounts 1994–95: Replacement of the Accounting Officer of the National Heritage Memorial Fund]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 199]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 10th June; to be printed [No. 456-i]
[Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 10th June; to be printed [No. 411-iii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

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 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (The Energy Charter Treaty) Order 1996, in place of Sir Giles Shaw.

[No. 114.]

Tuesday 11th June 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 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 an allotted day (being the second allotted day (second part) in the present Session).

That a day not later than 5th August be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimate for the financial year 1996-97:

Class II, Votes 1 to 5, Foreign and Commonwealth Office: overseas representation; other external relations; BBC World Service; The British Council and Overseas Development Administration: external assistance: in so far as they relate to the future role of the Commonwealth.

Report to lie upon the Table.

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 an allotted day (being the third allotted day in the present Session).

That a day not later than 5th August be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimates for the financial year 1996-97:

1. Class I, Vote 1, Defence: operational and support costs: in so far as it relates to British forces in Bosnia;
2. Class VI, Vote 1, Housing and construction, England: in so far as it relates to housing need;

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

Report to lie upon the Table.
4 Liaison.—Sir Terence Higgins reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 131 (Liaison Committee), That the Liaison Committee had directed him to report that it had chosen the Second Report from the Employment Committee, Session 1995-96, on the Right to Work/Workfare, and the Sixth Report from the Treasury Committee, Session 1995-96, on the Private Finance Initiative, to be debated on Wednesday 26th June pursuant to Standing Order No. 10 (Wednesday sittings).

5 Deregulation Committee.—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

That the draft Deregulation (Still-Birth and Death Registration) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 20th May, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

That the draft Deregulation (Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 4th June, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

6 Selection (see Appendix II).

7 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

8 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Hill reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (The Energy Charter Treaty) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

Party Wall etc. Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision in respect of party walls, and excavation and construction in proximity to certain buildings or structures; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Damages Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make new provision in relation to damages for personal injury, including injury resulting in death; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

10 Damages Bill [Lords].—The Damages Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 148].

The Bill stood referred to a second reading committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58B (Law Commission Bills).

11 Sexual Offences against Children (Supervision of Offenders) Bill.—Mr John Hutton, supported by Ms Janet Anderson, Mr David Alton, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Alan Milburn, Dame Jill Knight, Ann Coffey, Jane Kennedy and Mr Julian Brazier presented a Bill to make provision for the courts to impose an offender supervision order on persons convicted of certain sexual offences against children; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 146].

12 Referendum.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the holding of a referendum on the need for changes to the treaty on European Union affecting the United Kingdom’s continuing membership of the Union and its participation in European monetary union and a single currency; to provide for the action to be taken consequent on the results of the referendum; and for connected purposes—(Mr William Cash);

And the Question 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 David Wilshire, Mr Graham Riddick: 95.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Rupert Allason: 1.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr William Cash, Mr John Redwood, Mr David Trimble, Mr Peter Shore, Mr John Biffen, Mr Norman Lamont, Mr Jonathan Aitken, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr John Townend, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr Richard Shepherd and Mr David Martin do prepare and bring in the Bill.

13 Referendum Bill.—Mr William Cash accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the holding of a referendum on the need for changes to the treaty on European Union affecting the United Kingdom’s continuing membership of the Union and its participation in
European monetary union and a single currency; to provide for the action to be taken consequent on the results of the referendum; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 147].

14 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.

Standards in Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that raising standards in schools is essential for the economic prosperity and social cohesion of the nation; notes the appalling disparity in skills between the United Kingdom and other developed nations; condemns the Government's obsession with structures at the expense of standards; and further urges Ministers to concentrate their efforts on providing excellence for all rather than returning to the divisions of the past—(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 measures which Her Majesty's Government has introduced to raise educational standards through greater diversity and parental choice, the establishment of a common framework for the curriculum, assessment and regular testing, greater self-government for schools and colleges, and enhanced accountability through inspection and the publication of performance information; and welcomes the increases in achievement and participation which have followed', 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, Bridget Prentice, Mr Malcolm Chisholm: 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Richard Ottaway: 285.

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 measures which Her Majesty's Government has introduced to raise educational standards through greater diversity and parental choice, the establishment of a common framework for the curriculum, assessment and regular testing, greater self-government for schools and colleges, and enhanced accountability through inspection and the publication of performance information; and welcomes the increases in achievement and participation which have followed.

Prior Options Review.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that Government support for science and technology is vital to the United Kingdom's future; recognises the crucial long-term contribution which the public sector research establishments make to the economy and to extending the boundaries of knowledge; regrets the rationalisation and fragmentation of these establishments in recent years and opposes the dogma-driven privatisation objectives of the Prior Options Review—(Dr Gavin Strang);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the Government's continuing commitment to science, engineering and technology, as reaffirmed in the Forward Look 1996 (Cm. 3257-1); and endorses the programme of prior options reviews of public sector research establishments, which aims to secure the best possible quality science and technology for the United Kingdom with the best value for money from the substantial public resources spent on science', instead thereof.-(Mr Douglas Hogg.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
Mr Robert Ainsworth 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 Peter Hain, Mr Eric Clarke: 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 281.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 30 (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 Government's continuing commitment to science, engineering and technology, as reaffirmed in the Forward Look 1996 (Cm. 3257-1); and endorses the programme of prior options reviews of public sector research establishments, which aims to secure the best possible quality science and technology for the United Kingdom with the best value for money from the substantial public resources spent on science.

15 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox)—It was agreed to.

16 Insider Dealing,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox)—It was agreed to.

17 Companies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Disclosure of Interests in Shares (Amendment) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 16th May, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox)—It was agreed to.

18 Financial Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Uncertificated Securities) (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1322), dated 16th May 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox)—It was agreed to.

19 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Financial Services Act 1986 (Uncertificated Securities) (Extension of Scope of Act) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1322), dated 16th May 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox)—It was agreed to.

20 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Plymouth and elsewhere on mandatory life sentences for those who commit murder, and

(2) residents of Beddington and elsewhere for alteration in the addresses and postcodes allocated to them

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

21 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sebastian Coe.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.47 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law (Scotland),—Draft Community Service by Offenders (Hours of Work) (Scotland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Pensions,—(1) Contracting-out (Transfer and Transfer Payment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1462), and

(2) Protected Rights (Transfer Payment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1461), dated 5th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

4 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the Independent Television Commission for 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

5 Courts and Legal Services,—Report of the Legal Services Ombudsman for 1995 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 426] [Mr Gary Streeter].

6 Development of Tourism,—Statement on the appointment and remuneration of the Chairman of the British Tourist Authority and the English Tourist Board [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

7 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall,—Financial Statements of the Duchy of Cornwall for 1995 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 434] [Mr Michael Jack].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton (nominated in respect of the draft Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 975)); and had appointed in substitution Mr Raymond S. Robertson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—Sixteenth Report from the Deregulation Committee [The draft Deregulation (Still-Birth and Death Registration) Order 1996; The draft Deregulation (Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996]; to be printed [No. 462] [Mr Barry Field].

2 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee on 11th June; to be printed [No. 449-1] [Mr Ernie Ross].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xxii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 115.]

Wednesday 12th June 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adjudgment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Sebastian Coe);

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill [Lords].—The Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords].—Mr James Hill reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees 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 Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees 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. 472].
7 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Frank Cook reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Stansted Airport Aircraft Movement Limit (Amendment) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Ann Winterton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Rent Officers (Additional Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 975), referred to a Committee on 6th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 European Standing Committee A,—Sir James Molyneaux reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 8564/95, relating to the wise use and conservation of wetlands; supports the Ramsar Convention’s definition of sustainable use as ‘human use of a wetland so that it may yield the greatest continuous benefit to present generations while maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of future generations’; shares the Government’s concern to avoid duplication of existing national and international provisions; and shares the Government’s view that the planned Demonstration Programme on coastal management will be a helpful and important means of providing information on broader issues of co-ordination.

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

10 Pensioner Trustees Bill,—Mr Jim Cunningham, supported by Mr Jon Trickett, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Bill Oner, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr John Hutton, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Michael Connarty and Ms Liz Lynne, presented a Bill to give pensioner members of occupational pension schemes the statutory right to be member-nominated trustees of such schemes: and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 149].

11 Paedophiles (Registration and Miscellaneous Provisions),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to control and monitor convicted paedophiles in order to provide greater protection for children: And that Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Peter Hardy, Dr Robert Spink, Mr Nigel Spearing, Mr Rupert Allason, Mr Graham Riddick, Mr David Jameson, Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr David Evans and Mrs Teresa Gorman do prepare and bring it in.

12 Paedophiles (Registration and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Mr Anthony Coombs accordingly presented a Bill to control and monitor convicted paedophiles in order to provide greater protection for children: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 150].

13 Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Witness summons: securing attendance of witness)—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (War Crimes: abolition of transfer procedure)—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Abolition of witness orders)—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Use of written statements and depositions at trial)—(Mr Timothy Kirkhope) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Time limits: transitional)—(Mr Solicitor General) brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

A Clause (Restrictions on use by accused of sexual or violent prosecution material)—(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 David Clelland, Mr Joe Benton: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Bowen Wells: 235.

Another Clause (Video recordings of cross-examination of child witnesses)—(Mrs Llin Golding) 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 David Clelland, Mr Joe Benton: 186.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Dr Liam Fox: 238.

Another Clause (Evidence of multiple sexual offences)—(Tessa Jowell)—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 Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 190.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Roger Knapman: 234.

Another Clause (Penalty for failure to disclose)—(Mr Alan Michael)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Codes of conduct (non-police investigations))—(Mr Alan Michael)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 34, to leave out from the word 'accused' to the word 'or' in line 36 and insert the words 'and which may be relevant to an issue in the case', instead thereof.—(Mr Chris Mullin.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 72) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 35, to leave out the word 'undermine' and insert the words 'cast serious doubt on', instead thereof.—(Mr Alan Michael.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 143.
Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Simon Burns: 200.

Amendments (Nos. 10 to 16, 18, 35, 36, 1 to 9 and 19) made to the Bill.
A Schedule (Statements and depositions)—(Mr David Maclean)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 38 to 57, 17, 70, 20 to 29 and 58 to 68) made to the Bill.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

14 European Communities,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (The Energy Charter Treaty) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 20th May, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

15 Deregulation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Gun Barrel Proving) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 29th April, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

16 Driving Licences,—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. 5414/96, relating to driving licences, and endorses the Government's proposed approach to negotiations on the proposal in the Council—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 8.40 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Argentina) Order 1996, (2) draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mongolia) Order 1996, and (3) draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Venezuela) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].


3 Local Government,—(1) Draft Cambridgeshire (City of Peterborough) (Structural, Boundary and Electoral Changes) Order 1996, (2) draft Cheshire (Boroughs of Halton and Warrington) (Structural Change) Order 1996, (3) draft Devon (City of Plymouth and Borough of Torbay) (Structural Change) Order 1996, (4) draft Essex (Boroughs of Colchester, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock and District of Tendring) (Structural, Boundary and Electoral Changes) Order 1996, (5) draft Hereford and Worcester (Structural, Boundary and Electoral Changes) Order 1996, (6) draft Kent (Borough of Gillingham and City of Rochester upon Medway) (Structural Change) Order 1996, (7) draft Lancashire (Boroughs of Blackburn and Blackpool) (Structural Change) Order 1996, (8) draft Nottinghamshire (City of Nottingham) (Structural Change) Order 1996, and (9) draft Shropshire (District of The Wrekin) (Structural Change) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

4 Northern Ireland,—Draft Explosives (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Electricity,—Fossil Fuel Levy (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1512), dated 4th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


9 Medicines,—Medicines (Products Other Than Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1514), dated 10th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Other Papers:

10 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas,—Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Wales for 1994-95 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

11 Registration Service,—Birth Statistics: England and Wales for 1994 [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

12 Weights and Measures,—Weights and Measures, Report by the President of the Board of Trade [by Act]; to be printed [No. 416] [Mr Secretary Lang].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Nicholas Baker, Mr Stuart Bell, Sir Richard Body, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr David Evennett, Mr David Faber, Dr Liam Fox, Sir John Hannam, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr David Martin, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Alan Simpson and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of Section 41) Order 1996, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Richard Alexander, Mr David Amess, Dr Jeremy Bray, Sir Graham Bright, Judith Church, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Alistair Darling, Ms Angela Eagle, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Warren Hucksley, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Nigel Jones, Mrs Angela Knight, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Rod Richards and Mr Mark Robinson.

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1996, viz.: Mr Michael Bates, Mr Vivian Bendall, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr Thomas Graham, Sir Michael Grylls, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Thomas McCaVoy, Mr John McFall, Mr John Marshall, Mrs Ray Michie, Sir Wyn Roberts, Sir James Spicer, Mr Tony Worthington and Mr Jimmy Wray.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1996, viz.: Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Kenneth Baker, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Paul Boasteng, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr John Fraser, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Richard Needham, Sir Cranley Onslow, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Keith Vaz and Mr Peter Viggers.

5 European Standing Committee A.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had discharged from European Standing Committee A Mr Sebastian Coe, and had appointed in substitution Mr Peter Butler.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 40-xii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee

[Mr Richard Alexander].

2 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 215-iv] [Mr Michael Colvin].

3 Education and Employment.—(1) Third Special Report from the Education and Employment Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Education Committee, Session 1995–96, (Education and Training for 14 to 19 Year Olds)]; to be printed [No. 454]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Employment Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 450-i]

[Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 437-ii] [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. 51-xxii] [Mr Robert Hicks].

6 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 306-ii] [Mr David Howell].
7 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 441-ii] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Inland Revenue Department: Account Matters]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 217];

(2) Twenty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Civil Legal Aid Means Testing]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 314];

(3) Twenty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Education and Library Boards: Maintenance of Board Property]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 269]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 12th June; to be printed [No. 473-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

9 Trade and Industry,—(1) Third Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Export Licensing and BMARC], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 87];

(2) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 7th February; to be printed [No. 87-viii];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 369-iii]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee [Mr Martin O’Neill].

10 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before Transport Committee on 12th June; to be printed [Nos. 301-v and 356-v] [Mr Paul Channon].

11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 471-i] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

12 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 12th June; to be printed [No. 150-iii]; and

(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 Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(2) the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of section 41) Order 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1996 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(4) the draft Maximum Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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 the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1996;

(2) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of section 41) Order 1996;

(3) Mr Roger Sims Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1996;

(4) Sir Alan Haselhurst Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1996; and

(5) Mr Norman Hogg and Mr Allan Stewart Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the meeting of the Committee in Perth on Monday 17th June.
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. 7208/95, relating to water for human consumption, and 7181/96, relating to CAP compensatory aid; administration and control, to European Standing Committee A; and

(2) European Community Documents Nos. 6431/96 COR1, relating to the financial perspective (with E.C.D. No. 6431/96, referred on 15th May), and 6929/96, relating to loans to small and medium-sized enterprises (with E.C.D. No. 6141/96, referred on 15th May), to European Standing Committee B.

[No. 116.]

Thursday 13th June 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Allied Irish Banks Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Allied Irish Banks Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

2 King's College London Bill [Lords].,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the King's College London Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th June.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Defamation Bill [Lords],—Mr James Hill reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Defamation Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 151].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 478].

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

Belfast Charitable Society Bill [Lords].,—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision as to the objects, powers, constitution and management of the Belfast Charitable Society; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Bill [Lords].,—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the approval of premises within the City of London (including the Temples) for the solemnization of civil marriages; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Belfast Charitable Society Bill [Lords].,—The Belfast Charitable Society Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

8 City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Bill [Lords].,—The City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

9 Party Wall etc. Bill [Lords].,—The Party Wall etc. Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 152].

10 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 5 were agreed to.

11 Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved.—(Sir John Wheeler.)
12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes to Nine o’clock, adjourned till Monday 17th June.

[Adjourned at 8.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 Appropriations in Aid.—Treasury Minute, dated 13th June 1996, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Revised Estimates and the New Estimates for 1996-97 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

2 Competitiveness.—Paper, entitled Competitiveness—Creating the Enterprise Centre of Europe [by Command] [Cm. 3300] [Mr Secretary Heseltine].

3 Merchant Shipping.—Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 430] [Secretary Sir George Young].

4 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Management of Teaching and Research Equipment in Scottish Higher Education Institutions [by Act]; to be printed [No. 432] [Clerk of the House].

5 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 and of the Army Reserve [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

6 Supply Estimates, 1996-97.—Revised Estimates, Summer Supplementary Estimates and New Estimates for 1996-97 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 427] [Mr Michael Jack].

7 United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.—Department of Trade and Industry Minute concerning liabilities consequent on the separation of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority from AEA Technology plc [by Command] [Mr Secretary Lang].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 13th June; to be printed [No. 437-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 13th June; to be printed [No. 235-ix] [Mrs Marion Roe].

3 National Heritage.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 13th June; to be printed [No. 476-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 European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 7181/96, relating to CAP compensatory aid: administration and control.
Monday 17th June 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Child Care Procedures and Practice in North Wales,—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Report of the Examination Team on Child Care Procedures and Practice in North Wales.—(Mr Secretary Hague.)

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

5 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 Arbitration Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

6 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:
   - Law Reform (Year and a Day Rule) Act 1996
   - Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996
   - London Regional Transport Act 1996
   - Arbitration Act 1996
   - Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Act 1996.

7 Family Law Bill [Lords] [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Family Law Bill [Lords] [Money] (No. 2); Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Family Law Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of expenses incurred by the Lord Chancellor in connection with the provision of marriage counselling.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

8 Family Law Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Family Law Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.
   A Clause (Provision of marriage counselling)—(Mr Gary Streeter)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
   A Clause (Power of abridgement (transitional provision)—(Mr Paul Boateng)—brought up, and read the first time.
   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:— Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Clause (Division of pension rights)—(Mr John Denham)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
   Another Clause (Statement of conscientious objection)—(Dame Jill Knight)—brought up, and read the first time.
   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:— Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Clause (Separate representation of children and their interests)—(Mr Elfyn Llwyd)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:— Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Clause (Welfare of children)—(Mr Elfyn Llwyd)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
   Another Clause (Provision for separate representation for children (No. 3)—(Mr Paul Boateng)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Provision for third parties to act on behalf of victims of domestic violence (No. 3))—(Mr Paul Boateng)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 18, 108, 19 to 21, 22 as amended by (a), and 23 to 28) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 26, to leave out the words 'one year' and insert the words 'nine months', instead thereof.—(Sir Jim Lester.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Elfyn Llwyd: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Alison, Mr David Alton: 154.

It being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

9 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 Family Law Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

10 Family Law Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Family Law Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 29 to 44, 104 and 12) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 98) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 34, at the end, to insert the words—

'(5A) Where the court considers that there is a child of the family under the age of nineteen years, a certificate must be produced to the court, in a form to be prescribed, stating that the Secretary of State is satisfied that the relevant information he requires under the provisions of the Child Support Act 1991 has been provided by the parties.'—(Mr Frank Field.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 45, 46, 47 as amended by (a), and 48) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 119) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 27, after the word 'includes', to insert the words—

'(a) hardship attributable to the fact that the person concerned has a deeply held religious belief that marriage is indissoluble; and

(b)'.—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Alison, Mr David Alton: 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Ms Janet Anderson: 260.

Other Amendments (No 109, 49 to 53, 110 to 112, 106 and 54) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (1 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, to leave out lines 17 to 25 and insert the word—

'(1) This section applies if—

(a) one cohabitant, former cohabitant, or former spouse is entitled to occupy a dwelling house by virtue of a beneficial estate or interest or contract, or by virtue of any enactment giving him the right to remain in occupation;

(b) the cohabitant, former cohabitant or former spouse is not so entitled; and

(c) the dwelling house—

(i) in the case of the cohabitants or former cohabitants, is the home in which they live together as husband and wife or a home in which they at any time so lived together or intended so to live together, or

(ii) in the case of a former spouse, was at any time their matrimonial home or was at any time intended by them to be their matrimonial home.

(2) The cohabitant, former cohabitant or former spouse not so entitled may apply to the court for an order under this section against the other cohabitant, former cohabitant or former spouse ("the respondent"), instead thereof.—(Diana Maddock.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Ms Liz Lynne: 207.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Derek Conway: 261.

Other Amendments (Nos. 55 to 62, 13 to 15, 63 as amended by (a), and 64) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 120) proposed to the Bill, in page 46, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) No financial provision order, other than an interim order, may be made under section 22A above before the end of the first three months of the period for reflection and consideration, unless—

(a) it is an order in the terms applied for to which the other party agrees; or
(b) it takes effect, in accordance with subsection (1), before the making of a divorce order or separation order, and the court is satisfied—

(i) that there are exceptional circumstances, and
(ii) that it would be just and reasonable for the order to be made earlier.'.—(Mr Julian Brazier.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Robert Spink, Mr Michael Brown: 169.
Tellers for the Noes, Ms Janet Anderson, Jane Kennedy: 223.

Other Amendments (Nos. 65 to 90, 16, 91, 92, 107, 93 to 96 and 17) made to the Bill.

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

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Timothy Wood: 427.
Tellers for the Noes, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr Edward Leigh: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

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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-two minutes past Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.22 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th June 1996 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 44, 1996),—Europe Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 4th October 1993, establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part, including Exchanges of Letters with Declarations and Final Act [Cm. 3272] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th June 1996 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Food,—Food Safety (Fishery Products and Live Bivalve Molluscs and Other Shellfish) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1547), dated 13th June 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

3 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance at Police Stations (Remuneration) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1534), and
Legal Aid in Family Proceedings (Remuneration) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1555), dated 14th June 1996 [Mr Gary Streeter].

Social Security,—Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Supply of Information (Jobseeker’s Allowance) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1510), dated 10th June 1996 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 17th June 1996:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5 Deregulation,—Draft Deregulation (Building) (Initial Notices and Final Certificates) Order 1996, together with a Statement by the Secretary of State for the Environment [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

6 Fees and Charges,—Draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

7 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, and (2) draft Industrial Tribunals (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

8 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—Draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

9 Road Traffic,—Draft Driving Licences (Community Driving Licence) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

10 Highways,—Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1483), dated 6th June 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].


12 Sea Fisheries,—Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1475), dated 31st May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


Other Papers:

14 Child Care Procedures and Practice in North Wales,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day for a Return of the Report of the Examination Team on Child Care Procedures and Practice in North Wales; to be printed [No. 480] [Mr Secretary Hague].

15 Compliance Cost Assessments,—List of Compliance Cost Assessments produced in the period 1st July and 31st December 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3307] [Mr Roger Freeman].

16 Crime,—Paper, entitled Sentencing and Supervision of Sex Offenders: a consultation document [by Command] [Cm. 3304] [Mr Secretary Howard].

17 Crime (Scotland),—Paper, entitled Crime and Punishment [by Command] [Cm. 3302] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

18 Race Relations,—Report of the Commission for Racial Equality for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

19 Radiocommunications,—Spectrum Management: into the 21st Century [by Command] [Cm. 3252] [Mr Secretary Lang].

20 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 1995–96, on Human Genetics: the Government’s response [Cm. 3061] [by Command] [Cm. 3306] [Mr Secretary Lang].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Mr Stuart Bell (nominated in respect of the Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1996); and had appointed in substitution Mr Geoffrey Hoon.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Environment,—(1) Fourth Report from the Environment Committee [World Trade and the Environment], 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. 149]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Committee

[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 118.]

Tuesday 18th June 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Allied Irish Banks Bill,—The Allied Irish Banks Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Broadcasting Bill [Lords].—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Broadcasting Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 153].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 490].

5 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir John Hunt reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1444).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of section 41) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Public Order (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the power of arrest of section 5 of the Public Order Act 1986: And that Estelle Morris, Mr Terry Davis, Mr James Pawsey, Lynne Jones, Mr Patrick Thompson, Tessa Jowell, Mrs Ann Winterton, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Roy Thomason, Mr Keith Bradley and Mr Warren Hawksley do prepare and bring it in.

8 Public Order (Amendment) Bill,—Estelle Morris accordingly presented a Bill to amend the power of arrest of section 5 of the Public Order Act 1986: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 154].

9 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.

Fraud in the Benefit System.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the recent report from the Social Security Committee on measures needed to tackle housing benefit fraud, is appalled at the complacency of Her
Majesty's Government's response; endorses the proposals made by the Committee; believes that further measures are urgently required to root out organised landlord fraud in the housing benefit system, to step up the number of home visits to claimants, and to clean up the National Insurance number system; and affirms its belief that accuracy and efficiency in the spending of social security funds is vital for those in need and for the taxpayer—(Mr Chris Smith);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the priority given by Her Majesty's Government to tackling all aspects of benefit fraud; endorses the Government's successful work in detecting and preventing fraud which has resulted in the benefit savings target of £1.3 billion being exceeded in 1995-96; congratulates the Government on carrying out the first systematic review of the amount and type of Housing Benefit fraud; notes that Housing Benefit administration is the responsibility of local authorities and that local authorities only started tackling fraud seriously once the Government introduced financial incentives for them to do so; welcomes the new fraud strategy which will result in savings of £2.5 billion a year by 1999; deplores the Labour Party's attempt to exaggerate the amount of fraud as a pretext to spend more money, and condemns the Labour Party's continuing half-heartedness in tackling benefit fraud and abuse', 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 Greg Pope, Mr John Cummings: 239.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 266.

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 priority given by Her Majesty's Government to tackling all aspects of benefit fraud; endorses the Government's successful work in detecting and preventing fraud which has resulted in the benefit savings target of £1.3 billion being exceeded in 1995-96; congratulates the Government on carrying out the first systematic review of the amount and type of Housing Benefit fraud; notes that Housing Benefit administration is the responsibility of local authorities and that local authorities only started tackling fraud seriously once the Government introduced financial incentives for them to do so; welcomes the new fraud strategy which will result in savings of £2.5 billion a year by 1999; deplores the Labour Party's attempt to exaggerate the amount of fraud as a pretext to spend more money, and condemns the Labour Party's continuing half-heartedness in tackling benefit fraud and abuse.

Privatisation of the Nuclear Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that the publication of the Pathfinder prospectus for the sale of British Energy confirms the suspicions of Her Majesty's Opposition that the sale is a bad deal for the taxpayer; further notes that the proceeds are anticipated to be less than the cost of building Sizewell B whilst the other seven reactors are being given away free, that boardroom pay will rise by 40 per cent. whilst one in 20 employees have lost their jobs in the last year, that it has yet to be demonstrated that the sale proceeds will cover the shortfall in the Magnox liabilities, that the bulk of the initial Segregated Fund to pay for British Energy's clean up costs comes in the form of a 'dowry' from the balance sheets of the pre-privatisation publicly-owned companies and that the Government has not sufficiently settled issues relating to the ability of a privatised nuclear industry to compete in the electricity generating industry on an equal footing with other private generators; and condemns the privatisation as a reckless and cynical attempt to raise short term cash at the expense of the long term interests of taxpayers—(Margaret Beckett);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the publication of the Pathfinder prospectus for the sale of British Energy which confirms that the sale fulfills the Government's commitment to ensuring that liabilities follow assets into the private sector and is a good deal for the taxpayer, further notes that the proceeds are anticipated to be more than the cost of building Sizewell B whilst the other seven reactors are being given away free, that boardroom pay will rise by 40 per cent. whilst one in 20 employees have lost their jobs in the last year, that it has yet to be demonstrated that the sale proceeds will cover the shortfall in the Magnox liabilities, that the bulk of the initial Segregated Fund to pay for British Energy's clean up costs comes in the form of a 'dowry' from the balance sheets of the pre-privatisation publicly-owned companies and that the Government has not sufficiently settled issues relating to the ability of a privatised nuclear industry to compete in the electricity generating industry on an equal footing with other private generators; and condemns the privatisation as a reckless and cynical attempt to raise short term cash at the expense of the long term interests of taxpayers', 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, Ann Coffey, Ms Janet Anderson: 235.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Simon Burns: 266.

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 publication of the Pathfinder prospectus for the sale of British Energy which confirms that the sale fulfills the Government's commitment to ensuring that liabilities follow assets into the private sector and is a good deal for the taxpayer who will benefit from equity proceeds, debt repayment and the permanent transfer to the private sector of responsibility for almost £4 billion of nuclear liabilities, for British Energy employees who will now have the opportunity to take a real stake in the future of their industry, and for Magnox Electric which will be a robust public sector company capable of meeting its liabilities as they fall due; further notes that the privatisation of British Energy serves the long term interests of the taxpayer, the industry and consumers; and condemns the persistent attempts by the Opposition to undermine this and other privatisations.

10 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 Reports [11th June] of the Liaison Committee—(Dr Liam Fox)—It was agreed to.

11 Civil Aviation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Stansted Airport Aircraft Movement Limit (Amendment) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 20th May, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox)—It was agreed to.

12 Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees 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.

13 Conservation of Wetlands,—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. 8564/95, relating to the wise use and conservation of wetlands; welcomes the call for a Community strategy on the conservation and wise use of wetlands; supports the Ramsar Convention's definition of sustainable use as 'human use of a wetland so that it may yield the greatest continuous benefit to present generations while maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of future generations'; shares the Government's concern to avoid duplication of existing national and international provisions; and shares the Government's view that the planned Demonstration Programme on coastal management will be a helpful and important means of providing information on broader issues of co-ordination—(Dr Liam Fox)—It was agreed to.

14 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—Ordered, That the Order [11th June] that the Special Grant Report on Community Care Special Grant and Supplementary Mismatch Scheme Grant for 1996–97 be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee be discharged and that the instrument shall stand referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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 or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Functions relating to Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2. Local Government.—Draft Berkshire (Structural Change) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:


9. National Health Service (Scotland),—Statement of guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 13th June 1996 on borrowing by Dumfries & Galloway Acute & Maternity Hospitals NHS Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

10. Telecommunications,—Licence granted under Section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Atlantic Telecommunications Limited [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1. Administration,—First Report from the Administration Committee [All Party and Parliamentary Groups]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 494] [Mr Michael J. Martin].

2. Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 18th June; to be printed [No. 40-xiii] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

3. Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 18th June; to be printed [No. 306-iii] [Mr David Howell].

4. National Heritage,—Third Report from the National Heritage Committee [Structure and Remit of the Department of National Heritage], 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. 399] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

5. Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xxii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A.

[No. 119.]

Wednesday 19th June 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr Liam Fox);

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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

Belfast Charitable Society Bill [Lords]
City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr John Whittingdale reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills to which the Deer (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 19th June.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 498-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 498-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 498-II].

5 Selection (see Appendix II).

6 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

7 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Roger Sims reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1370).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Alan Haselhurst reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Maximum Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 European Standing Committee A,—Sir James Hill reported from European Standing Committee A the following resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 7181/96, relating to the integrated administration and control system for certain Community aid schemes, supports the Government's intention to continue to seek to safeguard expenditure from the Community budget and shares its concern to ensure even and effective implementation of the integrated system throughout the European Union.

Report together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

10 Liaison,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee on 26th March, 30th April and 11th June be printed [No. 497].
11 Water (Supply Pipe Responsibility).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to impose a duty upon water companies to maintain and repair domestic supply pipes: And that Dr Tony Wright, Helen Jackson, Mr Richard Burden, Jane Kennedy, Mr David Hanson, Mr Jeff Rocker, Estelle Morris, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Frank Field and Kate Hoey do prepare and bring it in.

12 Water (Supply Pipe Responsibility) Bill.—Dr Tony Wright accordingly presented a Bill to impose a duty upon water companies to maintain and repair domestic supply pipes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 155].

13 Sentencing Proposals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports the proposals set out in the White Paper 'Protecting the Public' to introduce automatic life sentences for serious violent and sex offenders, mandatory minimum prison sentences for persistent house burglars and drug dealers, and to introduce greater honesty into the sentencing process—(Mr Secretary Howard);

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, given the doubling of crime since 1979, the record of Her Majesty's Government on crime is the worst of any British administration since the war and the worst record of 16 western countries surveyed by the Home Office; further notes that the proposals contained in the White Paper 'Protecting the Public' (Cm. 3190) represent a complete reversal of the sentencing policies of Her Majesty's Government as contained in the Criminal Justice Act 1991; and believes that the comprehensive proposals of Her Majesty's Opposition to be tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime will be far more effective in tackling crime and disorder in England and Wales, and in ensuring tough and appropriate sentences for serious or persistent criminals within a proper framework of justice', instead thereof.—(Mr Jack Straw).

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being Seven o'clock, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th June].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Eric Clarke: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Sebastian Coe: 278.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Resolved, That this House supports the proposals set out in the White Paper 'Protecting the Public' to introduce automatic life sentences for serious violent and sex offenders, mandatory minimum prison sentences for persistent house burglars and drug dealers, and to introduce greater honesty into the sentencing process.

14 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th June]:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved.

15 Companies.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1444), dated 5th June 1996, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

16 Building Societies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Continuance of section 41) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

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

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Environment,—Draft Statutory Guidance, given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, the Secretary of State for Wales and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under Section 4 of the Environment Act 1995 with respect to objectives of the Environment Agency and its contribution towards achieving sustainable development [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 Financial Services,—(1) Financial Services Act 1986 (Exemption) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1587), and


   (2) Retirement Benefits Schemes (Restriction on Discretion to Approve) (Excepted Schemes) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1582), dated 18th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

5 Medical Profession,—European Primary Medical Qualifications Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1591), dated 19th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

6 Pensions,—Personal and Occupational Pension Schemes (Protected Rights) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1537), dated 12th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

7 Taxes,—(1) Capital Gains Tax (Pension Funds Pooling Schemes) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1583), and


Other Papers:

8 Criminal Records,—Papers, entitled—

   (1) On the Record in Scotland: Proposals for Improved Access to Criminal Records [by Command] [Mr Secretary Forsyth]; and

   (2) On the Record: The Government’s Proposals for Access to Criminal Records for Employment and Related Purposes in England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 3308] [Mr Secretary Howard].

9 European Communities (No. 13, 1996),—Internal Agreement, done at Brussels on 20th December 1995, between the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the financing and administration of Community Aid under the Second Financial Protocol to the Fourth ACP-EC Convention [by Command] [Cm. 3292] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


   (2) Fourth Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1995-96, being the Annual Report for 1995-96 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 464 and 465] [Clerk of the House].

11 Treaty Series (No. 45, 1996),—Europe Agreement, done at Brussels on 8th March 1993, establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part including Exchanges of Letters with Declarations and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 3273] [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 seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Michael Alison, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Jean Corston, Mr Jim Cunningham, Sir Terence Higgins, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr John Hutton, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Bill Michie, Sir Tim Sainsbury, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Bowen Wells.

2 Second Reading Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated seventeen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee on the Damages Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr Donald Anderson, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr David Congdon, Jean Corston, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr John Hutton, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr David Lidington, Mr Peter Luff, Mr John Marshall, Mr Bill Michie, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Roy Thomason and Mr Don Touhig.

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Pilot Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and the draft Child Benefit, Child Support and Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Jacques Arnold, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Judith Church, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr David Congdon, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Edward Garnier, Margaret Hodge, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Barry Legg, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr John Townend and Mr Malcolm Wicks.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Community Service by Offenders (Hours of Work) (Scotland) Order 1996, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Peter Brooke, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Nitj Joseph Deva, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr George Galloway, Mr Jimmy Hood, Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr John McFall, Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Paul Marland, Mrs Ray Michie, Mr Tim Rathbone, Rachel Squire, Mr Roy Thomason and Mr Jimmy Wray.

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 19) and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 21) viz.: Mr David Ashby, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Hugh Boyley, Mr John Bowis, Sir Rhodes Boyson, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Robin Corbett, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr David Evans, Mr David Faber, Mr John Gunnell, Helen Jackson, Mr Michael Lord, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr David Mellor, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr David Rendel and Mr David Sumberg.

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, that it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Ipswich Port Authority Transfer Scheme 1996 Confirmation Order 1996, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr David Chadsey, Mr David Clelland, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Paul Flynn, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr David Jameson, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Mr Steve Norris, Sir John Stanley and Mr David Tredinnick.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Employment Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 493] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

2 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 437-iv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 370-iv] [Mr David Howell].

4 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 440] [Mr Frank Field].
5 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 495] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

6 Transport.—(1) Third Report from the Transport Committee [Risk Reduction for Vulnerable Road Users], 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. 273]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 19th June; to be printed [No. 356-vi]
[Mrs Paul Channon].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Pilot Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and the draft Child Benefit, Child Support and Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(2) the draft Community Service by Offenders (Hours of Work) (Scotland) Order 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 19) and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 21) to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(4) the draft Ipswich Port Authority Transfer Scheme 1996 Confirmation Order 1996 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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 Second Reading Committee in respect of the Damages Bill [Lords];

(2) Sir James Hill and Mr John McWilliam Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords];

(3) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Pilot Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and the draft Child Benefit, Child Support and Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996;

(4) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Community Service by Offenders (Hours of Work) (Scotland) Order 1996;

(5) Mr Donald Anderson Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 19) and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 21);

(6) Sir James Hill Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Ipswich Port Authority Transfer Scheme 1996 Confirmation Order 1996; and

(7) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 6141/96, relating to small and medium-sized enterprises, and European Community Document No. 6929/96, relating to loans to small and medium-sized enterprises.

Thursday 20th June 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 King's College London Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the King's College London Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 24th June at Seven o'clock.

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:

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

The Lords have agreed to the University College London Bill, without Amendment.

5 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

6 Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords].—Mr John Maxton reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 158].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 503].

7 Statutory Instruments (Production and Sale) Bill.—Mr Roger Freeman, supported by Mr Secretary Heseltine, Mr Tony Newton, Dr Brian Mawhinney, Mr Secretary Forsyth, Mr Secretary Hague, Mr Solicitor General and Mr David Willetts, presented a Bill to make provision (with retrospective effect) for the printing and sale of statutory instruments under the authority of the Queen’s printer, for their issue under the authority of Her Majesty’s Stationery Office and for the reception in evidence of lists of such instruments which do not bear the imprint of the Queen’s printer: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 156].

8 Social Security (Overpayments) Bill.—Mr Secretary Lilley, supported by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr Secretary Dorell, Mr Secretary Forsyth, Mr Secretary Hague and Mr Roger Evans, presented a Bill to amend section 71 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 and section 69 of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 157].

9 Data Protection and Privacy Bill.—Mr Harry Cohen presented a Bill to make provision, replacing the Data Protection Act 1984, for regulating the holding, use, disclosure and transfer of information (including automatically processed information) relating to individuals and the provision of services in respect of such information; to provide for the appointment of a Data Protection Commissioner and the establishment of a Data Protection Tribunal; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 159].

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

11 Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921.—Resolved, That it is expedient that a Tribunal be established for inquiring into a definite matter of urgent public importance, that is to say, the abuse of children in care in the former County Council areas of Gwynedd and Clwyd.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit twenty-eight minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out.—Draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Tax Billing, Collection and Enforcement Functions) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

2 Copyright.—Draft Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].
3 Education,—Draft Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

4 Local Government,—Draft Local Authorities (Charges for Overseas Assistance and Public Path Orders) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5 Representation of the People,—Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) (Miscellaneous Changes) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Ancient Monuments,—Ancient Monuments (Class Consents) (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1507), dated 4th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


Other Papers:

9 Home Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Prison Service for 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 447] [Mr Secretary Howard].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on National Health Service Supplies in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 457] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Health Service (Scotland),—Treasury Minute relating to the part remission of the outstanding debt of certain NHS Trusts in Scotland [by Command] [Mr Michael Jack].

12 Parliamentary Constituencies,—Interim Report of the Boundary Commission for England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 438] [Mr Secretary Howard].

13 Police (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary for 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

14 Water Industry,—Report of the Director General of Water Services for 1995-96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 422] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 20th June; to be printed [No. 235-x] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 National Heritage,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 20th June; to be printed [No. 476-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].
Friday 21st June 1996.

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 Tony Newton);

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 the Speaker shall

(1) at the sitting on Thursday 27th June, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates), put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Michael Jack relating to Estimates, 1996-97 not later than Seven o'clock; and

(2) at any one sitting of the House, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 14A (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents), put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Gummer relating to Local Government (Structural Changes etc.) not later than three 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.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

4 Social Security (Overpayments) Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the Social Security (Overpayments) 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 Gyles Brandreth.)

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

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 24th June.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Building Societies,—(1) Building Societies (Prescribed Contracts) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1605), and

(2) Building Societies (Supplementary Capital) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1606),

dated 20th June 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

2 Pensions,—Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1577), dated 19th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

3 Prisons,—Closure of Prisons (H.M. Young Offender Institution Finnamore Wood) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1551), dated 23rd May 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

4 Sex Discrimination,—Report of the Equal Opportunities Commission for 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].
Monday 24th June 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

3 Defamation Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Defamation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (Evidence relating to proceedings in Parliament)—(Mr Paul Boateng)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

   It being Seven o'clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 16 (Time for taking private business), further proceedings stood postponed.

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

   Bill committed.

5 Defamation Bill [Lords].—The House resumed the postponed proceedings on consideration of the Defamation Bill [Lords].

   Another Clause (Limitation of actions: Scotland)—(Mr Peter Brooke)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

   Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 27, to leave out the words 'nature or'.—(Mr Peter Bottomley.)

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

   It being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

6 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 Defamation Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.

7 Defamation Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Defamation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

   Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 1, to leave out from the word ‘in’ to the second word ‘and’ in line 2 and insert the words ‘an article of the same size and type and of the same prominence as the defamatory article’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Ashby.)

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

   Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 32, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 17 on page 11.—(Mr Paul Boateng.)

   Question put, That the Amendment be made.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Clive Soley: 201.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Michael Brown: 264.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
8 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Skipton and Ripon for action to provide plenty of exercise room, food and warmth for circus animals 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 nine minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.51 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Deregulation,—Draft Deregulation (Insurance Companies Act 1982) Order 1996, together with a statement from the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (Teachers) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1603) dated 24th June 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


Other Papers:

4 European Communities (No. 14, 1996),—Agreement, done at Mauritius on 4th November 1995, Amending the Fourth ACP-EC Convention of Lome with Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 3278] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

5 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Management of Space in Higher Education Institutions in Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 458] [Clerk of the House].

6 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 17th June 1996 on borrowing by The Rockingham Forest NHS Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

7 Secure Training Centres,—Home Department Minute relating to a contingent liability in respect of contracts proposed whereby the Crown acts as an insurer of last resort for new secure training centres in England and Wales [by Command] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 Treaty Series (No. 55, 1996),—Final Act, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, embodying the results of the Uruguay Round of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations with Ministerial Decisions and Declarations and Understanding on Commitments in Financial Services [by Command] [Cm. 3283] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

9 Treaty Series (No. 56, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994: Interpretive Understandings and Marrakesh Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 3282] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Second Report from the Health Committee [Allocation of Resources to Health Authorities], 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. 477] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Castle Court Shopping Centre in Belfast: Arrangements for Clawback and Urban Development Grant]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 268].

(2) Twenty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Sale of DTELS];
to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 151];

(3) Twenty-ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Sales of the Government’s Debts in British Telecommunications and the Privatised Electricity Companies], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 286];

(4) Thirtieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Management of Works of Art], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 337]; and

(5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 24th June; to be printed [No. 516-i]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

3 Treasury.—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96 (The Private Finance Initiative)], to be printed [No. 513]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 24th June; to be printed [No. 411-iv]

[Sir Thomas Arnold].

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**ECCLESIASTICAL COMMITTEE**

In pursuance of section 2(2) of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, the Speaker nominated Mr Peter Bottomley to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, on the Ecclesiastical Committee.

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[No. 123.]

**Tuesday 25th June 1996.**

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

**PRAYERS.**

1 Belfast Charitable Society Bill [Lords].—The Belfast Charitable Society Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Bill [Lords].—The City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Deregulation.—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolution:

> That the draft Deregulation (Building) (Initial Notices and Final Certificates) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 17th June, should be approved.

*The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.*

5 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

6 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Pilot Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and the draft Child Benefit, Child Support and Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir James Hill reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Ipswich Port Authority Transfer Scheme 1996 Confirmation Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
8 First Scottish Standing Committee (Conduct of Members).—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, to which the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was referred, That, having drawn attention to the presence of Roseanna Cunningham, Member for Perth and Kinross, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Member for Moray, and Mr Alex Salmond, Member for Banff and Buchan, not being members of the Committee, in the part of the Committee Room reserved for members of the Committee, and the honourable Members having declined to withdraw, he had been directed to report Roseanna Cunningham, Mrs Margaret Ewing and Mr Alex Salmond to the House.

Report to lie upon the Table.

9 Trade Unions (Limitation of Financial Powers).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the power of trade unions to dispose of their funds for certain purposes—(Mr Piers Merchant);

And the Question 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 Patrick Nicholls, Mr Edward Leigh: 38.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Alan Simpson: 134.

So the Question was negatived.

10 Opposition day [16th 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.

Government policy on bovine spongiform encephalopathy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that, in view of the Government’s mishandling of the BSE and beef crisis, the salary of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food should be reduced by £1,000.—(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 ‘congratulates the Government on securing a clear framework for the lifting of the European ban on British beef; welcomes the package of support the Government has provided to the beef industry over the last three months; and urges the Liberal Democrat Party to work with the Government to restore confidence in British beef instead of carping and criticising from the sidelines,’ instead thereof—(Mr Tony Baldry.)

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

Mr Archy Kirkwood rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Don Foster: 60.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Roger Knapman: 144.

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 the Government on securing a clear framework for the lifting of the European ban on British beef; welcomes the package of support the Government has provided to the beef industry over the last three months; and urges the Liberal Democrat Party to work with the Government to restore confidence in British beef instead of carping and criticising from the sidelines.

11 Roads and Bridges (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1996, dated 18th May 1996, a copy of
which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

12 Justices of the Peace.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Maximum Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

13 Common Agricultural Policy Compensatory Aid: Administration and Control.—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. 7181/96, relating to the integrated administration and control system for certain Community aid schemes; supports the Government's intention to continue to seek to safeguard expenditure from the Community budget; and shares its concern to ensure even and effective implementation of the integrated system throughout the European Union—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

14 Consolidation, &c., Bills (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mr Andrew Mackinlay 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 Gerry Sutcliffe be added to the Committee.—(Mr Michael Bates).

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

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 or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out.—Draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Investment Functions) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

2 Representation of the People.—Draft European Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

3 Road Traffic.—Draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:


6 Education.—Paper, entitled Self-Government for Schools [by Command] [Cm. 3315] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

7 European Parliamentary Constituencies.—Second Supplementary Report of the European Parliamentary Constituencies from the Boundary Commission for Scotland [by Command] [Cm. 3289] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

8 Judicature (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of Funds in Court in Northern Ireland for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 519][Clerk of the House].

9 Special Procedure Orders.—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, that no petition has been presented against the Southern Water Services Limited (Dover and Folkestone Waste Water Treatment Scheme—Land at East Cliff and adjoining Coronation Parade and Wear Road Folkestone) Compulsory Purchase Order 1995 [by Act] [Chairman of Ways and Means].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—(1) Seventeenth Report from the Deregulation Committee, [Proposal for the Deregulation (Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials (Repeal)) Order 1995; the draft Deregulation (Building) (Initial Notices and Final Certificates) Order 1996]; to be printed [No. 522]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Deregulation Committee on 25th June; to be printed [No. 523]

[Mr Barry Field].

2 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee on 25th June; to be printed [No. 449-ii] [Mr Ernie Ross].

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

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

to be printed [Nos. 34-xxiv and 35-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 124.]

Wednesday 26th June 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

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

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Mr Terry Rooney reported from the Committee on the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords], That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned beyond the next sitting day.

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

6 Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords],—Sir James Hill reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 161].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 529].

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir James Molyneaux reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Community Service by Offenders (Hours of Work) (Scotland) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Donald Anderson reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 21) (House of Commons Paper No. 431).
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 European Standing Committee B.—Mr Barry Jones reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 6141/96, relating to a third multi-annual programme for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), and 6929/96, relating to loan guarantees for investments by SMEs creating employment; recognises the important economic role that SMEs play throughout the European Union and supports the Government's intention to support the proposals for the multi-annual programme, subject to satisfactory agreement with the Commission and other Member States about the detailed contents of the programme and the level of the programme budget, and to examine further the proposals relating to loan guarantees for investment by SMEs creating employment.

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

10 Sexual Orientation Discrimination Bill [Lords].—The Sexual Orientation Discrimination Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 163].

11 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 Procedure and Investigations Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Treasure Bill, without Amendment.

12 First Scottish Standing Committee (Powers of Chairman).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee appointed in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] shall have power to order any Member who is not a member of the Committee to withdraw immediately from the Committee Room; and the Serjeant at Arms shall act on such orders as he may receive from the Chairman in pursuance of this Order—(Mr Tony Newton);

Mr Jeff Rooker rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.
And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Roger Knapman: 349.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Welsh, Mr Cynog Dafis: 5.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee appointed in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] shall have power to order any Member who is not a member of the Committee to withdraw immediately from the Committee Room, and the Serjeant at Arms shall act on such orders as he may receive from the Chairman in pursuance of this Order.

13 Energy Conservation (Provision of Information).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in respect of information to be provided in connection with the energy efficiency of residential buildings: And that Mr Tim Yeo, Sir John Hannam, Mr Richard Needham, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Matthew Taylor, Dr Michael Clark and Mr Patrick Thompson do prepare and bring it in.

14 Energy Conservation (Provision of Information) Bill.—Mr Tim Yeo accordingly presented a Bill to make provision in respect of information to be provided in connection with the energy efficiency of residential buildings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 162].

15 Opposition Day [17th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Bureaucracy and Patient Care in the NHS.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House notes that patients are suffering as NHS services are overstretched, that there is a shortage of intensive care beds, that waiting lists are long and set to rise, that patients have to spend hours on trolleys in Accident and Emergency Departments because of the cuts in hospital beds and that community and mental health services are struggling to meet growing need; believes that the Government aims to reduce the NHS to a safety net service, that people should not be forced to pay to go private to get
excellent and prompt care and that the NHS must meet patients' needs and expectations; regards it as a scandal that extra resources put into the NHS have been squandered by the Government on extra bureaucracy for the internal market; and calls on the Government to cut the red tape and put the money into patient care, scrap the internal market, replace GP fundholding with GP commissioning, and thereby renew the NHS as a one nation health service which is fairer and more efficient—(Ms Harriet Harman);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'congratulates the staff of the National Health Service for providing high quality care to a record number of patients, and notes that their achievements have been underpinned by the Government's unique commitment to increasing National Health Service funding, which has meant an extra £9.5 billion since 1992, and is dismayed that the Opposition proposals put ideology before patients, in particular by removing the option of fundholding from the 50 per cent. of general practitioners who have decided that this system offers the best prospect for their patients', instead thereof—(Mr Secretary Dorrell.)

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

Ann Coffey rose in her place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Hain, Jane Kennedy: 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 260.

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 the staff of the National Health Service for providing high quality care to a record number of patients, and notes that their achievements have been underpinned by the Government's unique commitment to increasing National Health Service funding, which has meant an extra £9.5 billion since 1992, and is dismayed that the Opposition proposals put ideology before patients, in particular by removing the option of fundholding from the 50 per cent. of general practitioners who have decided that this system offers the best prospect for their patients.

16 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Ipswich Port Authority Transfer Scheme 1996 Confirmation Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

17 Family Law and Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Child Benefit, Child Support and Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

18 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Pilot Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

19 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Still-Birth and Death Registration) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 20th May, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.36 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Family Law,—Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

2 Pensions,—Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

3 Road Traffic,—Draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

4 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Anti-avoidance (Heating)) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1661), dated 26th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Health and Safety,—Adventure Activities (Enforcing Authority and Licensing Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1647), dated 22nd June 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


7 Local Government,—(1) Local Government Act 1988 (Defined Activities) (Exemption) (London Borough of Bexley) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1579), and


dated 17th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

8 Agricultural Botany,—Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the transfer of the pensions of employees and former employees of the National Institute of Agricultural Botany to a funded pension scheme [by Command] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

9 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of S4C for 1995 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

10 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment of a new member to the English Tourist Board [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

11 Foreign Affairs,—Government Observations on the First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1995-96, on The Future Role of the Commonwealth [by Command] [Cm. 3303] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

12 Gift of Public Property,—Department of National Heritage Minute, dated 26th June 1996, transferring the National Railway Museum, York, to the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum [by Command] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

13 Health Service Commissioner,—Fifth Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1995-96, on Investigations of Complaints About Long Term NHS Care [by Act]; to be printed [No. 504] [Clerk of the House].

14 Northern Ireland,—Draft Codes of Practice, pursuant to section 61 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1991, for the detention, treatment and questioning, and for the identification of persons detained under the Prevention of Terrorism (Emergency Provisions) Act 1989 [by Act] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

15 Treaty Series (No. 57, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation with Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes and Trade Policy Review Mechanism [by Command] [Cm. 3277] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

16 Treaty Series (No. 58, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation General Agreement on Trade in Services with Annexes [by Command] [Cm. 3276] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 1996, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr John Austin-Walker, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Tony Benn, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr Jamie Cann, Judith Church, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Den Dover, Mr Michael Fabricant, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Douglas French, Mr Roger Gale, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Sir Irvine Patnick, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, Dawn Primarolo and Sir Dudley Smith.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Special Grant Report on Community Care Special Grant Report and Supplementary Mismatch Scheme Grant for 1996-97, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Michael Carttiss, Mr William Cash, Mrs Edwina Currie, Mr Nirj Joseph Deva, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Clifford Fosythe, Mr Neil Gerrard, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr John Gunnell, Alice Mahon, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Tim Renton, Sir Trevor Skeet, Joan Walley and Mr John Wilkinson.

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Robert Atkins, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Derek Conway, Sir John Cope, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Dame Peggy Fenner, Mr George Fouke, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Jeremy Hanley, Mr David Hanson, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Max Madden, Mr David Shaw, Sir Keith Speed and Mr Cyril D. Townsend.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Argentina) Order 1996, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mongolia) Order 1996, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Venezuela) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Rupert Allason, Sir Anthony Durant, Mr Michael Fabricant, Dr Liam Fox, Dr John Gilbert, Mr Thomas Graham, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Keith Hill, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Robert Jackson, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Sir Russell Johnston, Lynne Jones, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Andrew Robathan and Sir Donald Thompson.

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Explosives (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Churchill, Mr Iain Duncan-Smith, Mr Harold Etelsson, Mr George Galloway, Sir Archibald Hamilton, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Tom King, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Robert Parry, Mr Clive Soley, Sir Michael Spicer, Mr Anthony Steen, Sir John Wheeler, Mr Timothy Wood and Mr Tony Worthington.

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Tunisia) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Spencer Batiste, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Derek Conway, Mr David Davis, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Derek Fatchett, Mr Edward Garner, Mr Bernie Grant, Helen Jackson, Mr Charles Kennedy, Sir Peter Lloyd, Sir Roger Moate, Mr David Porter, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Graham Riddick, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Mr Alan W. Williams and Mr David Young.

7 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Seventh
Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Clive Betts, Mr John Biffen, Mr John Butcher, Mr David Chidgey, Jean Corston, Mr Paul Flynn, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr John Greenway, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Norman Lamont, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr David Marshall, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Peter Snape and Mr Jon Trickett.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Employment Committee on 26th June; to be printed [No. 450-ii] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

2 Environment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 26th June; to be printed [No. 437-v] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 European Legislation.—Twenty-third Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xxiii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Home Affairs.—(1) Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Identity Cards], 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. 172]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee
   [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

5 Public Accounts.—(1) Thirty-First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [NHS Executive: Clinical Audit in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 304];
   (2) Thirty-Second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Sale of London Transport's Bus Operating Companies]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 251]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 26th June; to be printed [No. 530-i]
   [Mr Robert Sheldon].

6 Public Service.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 26th June; to be printed [No. 313-vii] [Mr Giles Radice].

7 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 26th June; to be printed [No. 85-vii] [Mr William McKelvey].

8 Social Security.—(1) Fourth Report from the Social Security Committee [Child Support: Good Cause and the Benefit Penalty], with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 440];
   (2) Fifth Report from the Social Security Committee [Church of England Pensions], 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. 340]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 26th June; to be printed [No. 528-i]
   [Mr Frank Field].

9 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 26th June; to be printed [No. 527] [Mr Martin O'Neil].

10 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 26th June; to be printed [No. 356-vii] [Mr Paul Channon].

11 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 26th June; to be printed [No. 150-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 Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(2) the Special Grant Report on Community Care Special Grant and Supplementary Mismatch Scheme Grant for 1996–97 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1996 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(4) the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Argentina) Order 1996, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mongolia) Order 1996, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Venezuela) Order 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(5) the draft Explosives (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(6) the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Tunisia) Order 1996 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(7) the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1996 to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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

(1) Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Damages Bill [Lords], in place of Mr Edward O’Hara;

(2) Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 1996;

(3) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Special Grant Report on Community Care Special Grant and Supplementary Mismatch Scheme Grant for 1996–97;

(4) Sir James Hill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1996;

(5) Sir Roger Sims Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Argentina) Order 1996, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mongolia) Order 1996 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Venezuela) Order 1996;

(6) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Explosives (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;

(7) Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Tunisia) Order 1996;

(8) Sir Michael Shersby Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1996; and

(9) Sir James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 8600/94, relating to ecological quality of water and European Community Document No. 5939/96, relating to European Community water policy.

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. 7701/96, relating to Common Fisheries Policy: Satellite-based vessel monitoring system, to European Standing Committee A; and
Thursday 27th June 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously enquired 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 enquired into is applicable thereto, viz.: London Local Authorities 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 Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr Michael J. Martin reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That it has gone through the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 160]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 531].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Offensive Weapons Bill, without Amendment.

7 Estimates [2nd allotted day, 2nd part].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [18th June], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 52 (Consideration of estimates).

Estimates, 1996-97 (Class II, Vote 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a sum not exceeding £343,886,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1997 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on its salaries, building and other accommodation services, and administration and those of HM Diplomatic Service, official information services, sundry services and loans and payments in connection with catering services (Dr Liam Fox);

And it being Seven o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [21st June]:—It was agreed to.

Class II, Vote 1

Resolved.—That a sum not exceeding £343,886,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1997 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on its salaries, building and other accommodation services, and administration and those of HM Diplomatic Service, official information services, sundry services and loans and payments in connection with catering services.

Class II, Vote 2

Resolved.—That a sum not exceeding £113,862,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1997 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on grants and subscriptions etc. to certain international
organisations, contributions in respect of international peacekeeping forces, special payments and assistance, scholarships, military aid and sundry other grants and services.

Class II, Vote 3

Resolved.—That a sum not exceeding £90,870,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1997 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on payments to the British Broadcasting Corporation for external radio broadcasting and monitoring services and for contractual services in connection with FCO relay stations.

Class II, Vote 4

Resolved.—That a sum not exceeding £53,824,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1997 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the British Council.

Class II, Vote 5

Resolved.—That a sum not exceeding £799,755,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1997 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Overseas Development Administration under the Overseas Development and Co-operation Act 1980 on the United Kingdom overseas aid; including financial and technical assistance to governments, institutions, voluntary agencies and individuals; capital and other subscriptions and contributions, including payments under guarantee, to multilateral development banks and other international and regional bodies; emergency, refugee and other relief assistance; pensions and allowances in respect of overseas service including contributions to pension funds (including payments under the Overseas Pensions Act 1973, and grants in lieu of pensions); and on global environment assistance; loans to the Commonwealth Development Corporation under the Commonwealth Development Corporation Acts 1978-1995; expenditure on the Turkey Ankara Metro mixed credit Aid and Trade provision project; payments to Crown Agents under the authority of the Crown Agents Act 1995; costs in connection with privatising Crown Agents and the Natural Resources Institute; running costs, related capital expenditure and other administrative costs including for the Natural Resources Institute (an executive agency); and payments (under the authority of the European Communities Act 1972) to certain beneficiaries of the Gibraltar Social Insurance Fund.

APPENDIX I

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 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Banking,—Financial Institutions (Prudential Supervision) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1669), dated 27th June 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

3 Civil Aviation,—Aviation Security (Air Cargo Agents) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1607), dated 19th June 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

4 Dangerous Drugs,—Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1597), dated 19th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].


7 Health and Safety,—Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1592), dated 14th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:
8 Dentists,—Account of the General Dental Council for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

9 Fair Trading,—Report of the Director General of Fair Trading for 1995 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 475] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Financial Services,—Report of the Securities and Investments Board for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

11 General Medical Council,—Accounts of the General Medical Council for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

12 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Wales on 13th June 1996 on borrowing by North Glamorgan NHS Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

13 Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland),—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 of persons suspected of the commission of criminal offences which are held by police officers at police stations, [by Statutory Instrument] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

14 Prisons,—Statistics of offences against prison discipline and punishments in England and Wales for 1995 [Cm 3316] [Mr Secretary Howard].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection
Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Mr Timothy Wood (nominated in respect of the draft Explosives (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996); and had appointed in substitution Mr Sebastian Coe.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees
National Heritage,—(1) Fourth Report from the National Heritage Committee [Press Coverage of the Euro '96 Football Competition]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 532]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 27th June; to be printed [No. 476-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

MEMORANDUM
Chairmen of Standing Committee,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Mr Michael J. Martin and Mr Allan Stewart Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the meeting of the committee in Dumfries on Friday 5th July.
Monday 1st July 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

2 Selection (see Appendix II).

3 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.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Family Law Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

4 Broadcasting Bill [Lords] [Ways and Means] (No. 2).—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Broadcasting Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the inclusion of provisions about tax in connection with transfers and other disposals of property, rights or liabilities which subsist for the purposes of or in connection with or are otherwise attributable to the BBC transmission network, as defined in the Act.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

5 Broadcasting Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Broadcasting Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be considered in the following Order, namely: New Clauses, New Schedules, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 33, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 34 to 69, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 70 to 109, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 101 to 122, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 123 to 125, Schedule No. 5, Clauses Nos. 126 to 128, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 129 to 134, Schedules Nos. 7 and 8 and Clauses Nos. 135 and 136.—(Mr Timothy Wood.)

A Clause (Taxation provisions with respect to transfer schemes)—(Mr Iain Sproat)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Transfer schemes: successor companies)—(Mr Bowen Wells)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Local licences)—(Mr Iain Sproat)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (The qualifying teletext service)—(Mr Iain Sproat)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Digital broadcasting of Gaelic programmes)—(Mr Iain Sproat)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Powers of Secretary of State in relation to code about provision for deaf and visually impaired)—(Mrs Secretary Bottomley)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Compliance with code about provision for deaf and visually impaired)—(Mr Simon Burns)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Unauthorised decoders)—(Mr Ian Taylor)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Apparatus &c. for unauthorised reception of transmissions)—(Mr Simon Burns)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Modification of Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 in its application to agreements relating to Channel 3 news provision)—(Mr Iain Sproat)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Avoidance of certain terms relating to use for purpose of news reporting of visual images from broadcast or cable programme)—(Mr Iain Sproat)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Copyright licensing)—(Mr Ian Taylor)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Amendments of Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 relating to cable programme services) — (Mr Ian Taylor) — brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Standards for transmission systems) — (Mr Ian Taylor) — brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

A Clause (Duty of Independent Television Commission and Radio Authority to promote quality in programmes) — (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, Mr John Cummings, Mr Eric Martlew: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 289.

Another Clause (Plan for reduction of violence depicted on television) — (Mr Cynog Dafis) — brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Elfyn Llwyd: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Roger Knapman: 352.

Another Clause (Duty of the Broadcasting Standards Commission to carry out research into use of 'V' chip to regulate portrayal of violence on television) — (Mr David Alton) — brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

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

6 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 Broadcasting Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour — (Mr Gyles Brandreth): It was agreed to.

7 Broadcasting Bill [Lords]. — The House again proceeded to consider the Broadcasting Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Establishment and annual review by order of list of protected sporting events) be read a second time: — The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Hain, Mr George Mudie: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Simon Burns: 287.

Another Clause (The secondary list of events) — (Dr John Cunningham) — 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 Hain, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 251.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 286.

Another Clause (BBC pensions) — (Dr Lewis Moonie) — 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 Hain, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 256.
Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Roger Knapman: 284.

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

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

8 Statutory Instruments (Production and Sale) Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the Statutory Instruments (Production and Sale) 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 Michael Bates.)

9 Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Speaker shall, notwithstanding Standing Orders Nos. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents) and 15 (Delegated legislation (negative procedure)),—

(1) at the sitting on Monday 8th July, put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew relating to Industrial Tribunals and Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) not later than one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion; and

(2) at the sitting on Tuesday 9th July, put the Questions on the Motions in the names of Mr Secretary Lilley and Mr Tony Blair relating to Occupational Pension Schemes 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.—(Mr Michael Bates.)

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10 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Salisbury against closure of the Salisbury tax office was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

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 28th June 1996 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 137 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 54, 1996),—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, establishing the World Trade Organisation Agreement on the application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures [Cm. 3275] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

2 Treaty Series (No. 114, 1995),—Fourth supplementary list of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc., for 1995 [Cm. 3309] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 28th June 1996 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6 Water (Scotland),—Protection of Water Against Agricultural Nitrate Pollution (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1564), dated 13th June 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 1st July 1996:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

7 Road Traffic,—Draft Driving Licences (Community Driving Licence) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


9 Health and Safety,—Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1513), dated 10th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


11 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 20th February 1996, made by the University of Oxford, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

12 Young Offender Institutions,—Young Offender Institution (Amendment) Rules 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1662), dated 24th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

13 Atomic Energy Authority,—Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 542] [Clerk of the House].

14 Civil Service,—Paper, entitled Development and Training for Civil Servants: A Framework for Action [by Command] [Cm. 3321] [Mr Roger Freeman].


16 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Seed Potato Development Council for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

17 Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission, entitled Statute Law Revision: Report on the Chronological Table of Local Legislation [by Command] [Cm. 3301] [Mr Gary Streeter].

18 Legal Aid,—Report of the Legal Aid Board for 1995-96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 505] [Mr Gary Streeter].


20 Police Complaints Authority,—Account of the Police Complaints Authority for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 515] [Clerk of the House].

21 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 personnel of the Air Force Reserve [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

22 Telecommunications,—Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 to National Transcommunications Limited [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Paper withdrawn:

23 Road Traffic,—Draft Driving Licences (Community Driving Licence) Regulations 1996 [laid 17th June].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Richard
[No. 127.]

Tuesday 2nd July 1996.

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 Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O'Hara reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1528).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Norman Hogg reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Special Grant Report on Community Care Special Grant and Supplementary Mismatch Scheme Grant for 1996-97.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir James Hill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Asylum and Immigration Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Asylum and Immigration Bill,—The Lords Amendments to the Asylum and Immigration Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 166].

8 Charter Trustees Bill,—Sir Colin Shepherd, supported by Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr John Townend, Sir Patrick Cormack and Mr Robert Key presented a Bill to provide for the creation in England of parishes in cities and towns where charter trustees have been constituted: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 164].

9 Access to Schools (Disabled Persons),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to ensure the findings of the Access Audits (as laid down in the Education Act 1993) be reported to Parliament; to improve access to schools; and for connected purposes: And that Mr John Heppell, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Bridget Prentice, Mr Frank Cook, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Neil Gerrard and Mr Keith Hill do prepare and bring it in.

10 Access to Schools (Disabled Persons) Bill,—Mr John Heppell accordingly presented a Bill to ensure the findings of the Access Audits (as laid down in the Education Act 1993) be reported to Parliament; to improve access to schools; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 18th July and to be printed [Bill 165].

11 Broadcasting Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Broadcasting Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.
Another Clause (Exemptions from television licence requirement of caravans as second homes) — (Dr Lewis Moonie) — brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Restriction on re-broadcasting of programmes forming subject of fairness complaint) — (Sir Michael Marshall) — brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Use of children in television advertisements) — (Mr Tony Banks) — brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Matters relating to conditional access systems) — (Dr Lewis Moonie) — brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Application of Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 to sale or transfer of broadcasting rights for sports events) — (Mr David Mellor) — 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 Radio Authority to set criteria for promotion of diversity) — (Mr Austin Mitchell) — brought up, and read the first time.

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

A Schedule (Transfer schemes relating to the BBC transmission network: taxation provisions) — (Mr Iain Sproat) — brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Schedule (Transfer schemes relating to the BBC transmission network: successor companies) — (Mr Iain Sproat) — brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Schedule (Amendments of Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 relating to cable programme services) — (Mr Iain Sproat) — brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 173 to 176 and 56 to 61) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 268) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 31, at the end, to insert the words 'which shall not be given until the licence has been publicly advertised and the Commission has assessed the existing provision against alternative bidders.' — (Mr Austin Mitchell.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 228, 229, 177 to 182, 165 and 183) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 166) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 42, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 3 on page 12. — (Mr Timothy Wood.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Roger Knapman: 282.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Dennis Turner: 260.

Other Amendments (Nos. 228, 62, 177 to 182, 165 and 183) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 250) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 30, to leave out the words 'one or two' and insert the words 'up to three', instead thereof. — (Mr Ted Rowlands.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 192, 14 to 16 and 63) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 224) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, line 12, at the beginning, to insert the words 'Subject to subsection (1A) below.'—(Mr Ted Rowlands.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 64, 193, 17, 65, 66, 194 to 202, 18, 203 to 211, 19, 212 and 213) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 232) proposed to the Bill, in page 113, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

'(ee) in the definition of “participant”, after “means” there is inserted “(subject to subparagraph (5A))”.,'

—(Mr Robert Maclennan.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 230, 22, 8, 92, 9 and 23 to 25) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 220) proposed to the Bill, in page 117, line 24, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 26 and insert the words 'No person shall at any one time—', instead thereof.—(Dr Lewis Moonie.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 234, 131, 235, 132 to 135, 236, 26, 136, 27 to 31, 147, 32, 148 to 151, 33 to 40, 152, 41, 153, 154 and 42) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 102) proposed to the Bill, in page 129, to leave out lines 32 to 37.—(Dr John Cunningham.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Richard Ottaway: 302.

Another Amendment (No. 261) proposed to the Bill, in page 129, line 34, to leave out "20" and insert "10", instead thereof.—(Mr Chris Mullin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Cook, Mr Brian Sedgemore: 73.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Roger Knapman: 303.

Other Amendments (Nos. 43 and 44) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 162) proposed to the Bill, in page 129, line 41, at the end to insert the words—

'(2A) If as a result of a takeover a person who owns or controls newspapers with a circulation market share above the percentage specified in paragraphs 4(1) and (2) becomes the holder of a licence to provide a Channel 3 service, the Independent Television Commission shall not for that reason alone revoke that licence unless a period of 12 months from the takeover has elapsed and the newspaper proprietor has failed to reduce the market share of those newspapers he controls to below the specified percentage.'—(Mr Robert Maclennan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Ms Liz Lynne: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr Roger Knapman: 273.

And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

12 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 Broadcasting Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Bowen Wells)—It was agreed to.

13 Broadcasting Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded further to consider the Broadcasting Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.
Other Amendments (Nos. 155, 45, 46, 156, 157, 67 to 85, 158 to 161 and 93 to 96) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 216) proposed to the Bill, in page 73, line 20, after the word 'determined', to insert the words 'subject to subsection (6B) below'.—(Mr Ted Rowlands.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 86, 87, 10, 141, 139, 253, 11, 12, 214, 13, 88, 89, 97, 98, 90, 99 to 101, 47, 215, 48, 7, 91, 140, 164, 252 and 172) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: An Act to make new provision about the broadcasting in digital form of television and sound programme services and the broadcasting in that form on television or radio frequencies of other services; to amend the Broadcasting Act 1990; to make provision about rights to televise sporting or other events of national interest; to amend in other respects the law relating to the provision of television and sound programme services; to provide for the establishment and functions of a Broadcasting Standards Commission and for the dissolution of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission and the Broadcasting Standards Council; to make provision for the transfer to other persons of property, rights and liabilities of the British Broadcasting Corporation relating to their transmission network; and for connected purposes.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

14 Criminal Law (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Community Service by Offenders (Hours of Work) (Scotland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

15 Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 21) (House of Commons Paper No. 431), which was laid before this House on 7th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

16 Small and Medium Sized Enterprises,—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. 6141/96, relating to a third multi-annual programme for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), and 6929/96, relating to loan guarantees for investments by SMEs creating employment; recognises the important economic role that SMEs play throughout the European Union and supports the Government's intention to support the proposals for the multi-annual programme, subject to satisfactory agreement with the Commission and other Member States about the detailed contents of the programme and the level of the programme budget, and to examine further the proposals relating to loan guarantees for investment by SMEs creating employment—(Mr Michael Bates):—It was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 11.42 pm

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (School Performance Information) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1665), dated 24th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

Other Papers:

2 Coal Industry,—Accounts of the Coal Authority for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 549] [Clerk of the House].

3 Legal Aid,—Paper, entitled Striking the Balance: The Future of Legal Aid in England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 3305] [Mr Gary Streeter].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee on 2nd July; to be printed [No. 449-iii] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xxv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 128.]

Wednesday 3rd July 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Selection (see Appendix II).

5 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Trading Schemes Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Noise 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 Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Defamation Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Roger Sims reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Argentina) Order 1996, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mongolia) Order 1996, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Venezuela) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir James Molyneaux reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Explosives (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 European Standing Committee A,—Sir James Hill reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 5939/96, on European Community water policy, and 8600/94, on ecological quality of water; and endorses the Government’s objective of ensuring that the Commission’s review of European water policy provides for the proper assessment of water priorities, including the evaluation of costs and benefits of different policy measures.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
10 Intensive Animal Husbandry (Review).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a body to investigate and report upon intensive animal husbandry and its implications for animal health and welfare, and for human health; and that Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Eric Martlew, Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Alan Meale, Sir Richard Body, Mr Bill Etherington, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Nigel Jones and Mr Terry Lewis do prepare and bring it in.

11 Intensive Animal Husbandry (Review) Bill.—Mr Chris Mullin accordingly presented a Bill to establish a body to investigate and report upon intensive animal husbandry and its implications for animal health and welfare, and for human health; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 167].

12 Statutory Instruments (Production and Sale) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statutory Instruments (Production and Sale) 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 Statutory Instruments (Production and Sale) Bill which, while purporting to remedy a long standing uncertainty, has been principally prompted by the Government’s decision to privatise HMSO’, instead thereof.—(Mr Derek Foster.) And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bridget Prentice, Mr Greg Pope: 192.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Roger Knapman: 235.
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.
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 Timothy Wood):—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 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.

13 Social Security (Overpayments) Bill.—The Social Security (Overpayments) 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—(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)
Clause No. 1 (Recovery of overpayments of social security benefit: amendments).
Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—
‘(1A) The following subsection shall be inserted after subsection (1)—
“(1A) A person shall only be taken to have failed to disclose a material fact within subsection (1) if—
(a) he knew the fact in question; and
(b) it was reasonable in all the circumstances (including but not limited to his mental state) for disclosure of the fact to be expected of him

whether or not the failure also constitutes a misrepresentation of a material fact within subsection (1).".—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 22, to leave out the word 'subsection' and insert the word 'subsections'.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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.

14 Local Government Finance (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Special Grant Report on Community Care Special Grant and Supplementary Mismatch Scheme Grant for 1996-97, which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

15 Landfill Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 1996, (S.I., 1996, No. 1528), dated 12th June 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

16 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

17 Deregulation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Building) (Initial Notices and Final Certificates) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

18 Deregulation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Dr Liam Fox):—It was agreed to.

19 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom for new legislation controlling firearms was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

20 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.22 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (Disability Statements for Further Education Institutions) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1664), dated 24th June 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

3 Health and Safety,—Work in Compressed Air Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1656), dated 25th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

4 Local Government,—(1) Local Government Act 1988 (Defined Activities) (Exemption) (Gosport Borough Council) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1657), and


5 Pensions,—Occupational Pension Schemes (Indexation) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1679), dated 26th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


Other Papers:

7 Crown Agents,—(1) Accounts of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 1995, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 499] [Clerk of the House]; and

   (2) Crown Agents Holding and Rehabilitation Board: Chairman's Report for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

8 Crown Estate,—(1) Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 521]; and


   [Clerk of the House].

9 Education,—Account of the Education Assets Board for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 554] [Clerk of the House].

10 Education and Employment Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Teachers' Pensions Agency for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 419] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

11 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 1994-95 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 470] [Mr Gary Streeter].

12 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Fifth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1995-96, on Selected Cases Volume 2 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 543] [Clerk of the House].

13 Police Complaints Authority,—Report of the Police Complaints Authority for 1995-96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 469] [Mr Secretary Howard].

14 Public Health,—Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish and Plants) (Partial Revocation No. 3) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1712), dated 2nd July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

15 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) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish and Plants) (Partial Revocation No. 3) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1712).

   [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

17 Treaty Series (No. 59, 1996).—Notes exchanged at London on 21st and 26th February 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Russian Federation concerning the United Kingdom/Russia Debt Agreement No. 3 (1995) [by Command] [Cm. 3287] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Clive Betts, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr David Chidgey, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Jean Corston, Mr Paul Flynn, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Sir Ralph Howell, Mr John MacGregor, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr David Marshall, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Peter Snape, Mr Richard Spring and Mr Jon Trickett.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) (Miscellaneous Changes) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Simon Burns, Mr D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Andrew Faulds, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Roger Godsiff, Sir John Gorst, Mr Jerry Hayes, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Toby Jessel, Mr Robert Key, Mr David Lidington, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Max Madden, Sir Michael Neubert, Mr David Rendell, Mr Tom Sackville, Mr Michael Stern and Mr David Wilshire.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Local Authorities (Charges for Overseas Assistance and Public Path Orders) Regulations 1996, viz.: Hilary Armstrong, Mr Matthew Banks, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Sir Paul Beresford, Sir Andrew Bowden, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr John Fraser, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mr Mike Hall, Mr John Heppell, Mr Robert G. Hughes, Helen Jackson, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Tony Marlow, Mr John Patten, Mr David Rendell and Sir Teddy Taylor.

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Contracting Out (Functions relating to Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Tim Devlin, Dr Liam Fox, Sir Marcus Fox, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Mr Douglas Hurd, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Barry Porter, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr John Redwood, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Michael Trend and Mr Tim Yeo.

5 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Michael Alison, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Dr Michael Clark, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Mildred Gordon, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Piers Merchant, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Richard Ryder, Sir Tim Sainsbury, Sir Nicholas Scott, Mr Neville Trotter, Mr George Walden, Mr Malcolm Wicks and Mr Alan W. Williams.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 3rd July, together with a Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 558-i] [Mr Michael Colvin].

2 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Employment Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 450-iii] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

3 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 3rd July, to be printed [No. 437-vii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
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4 European Legislation.—Twenty-fourth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xxiv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 553-i] [Mr David Howell].

6 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 565-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—(1) Second 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 1995-96]; to be printed [No. 556]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 559-i] [Mr James Pawsey].

8 Procedure.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 560-i] [Sir Peter Emery].

9 Public Service.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 313-viii] [Mr Giles Radice].

10 Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 3rd July; to be printed [No. 326-ii] [Mr Frank Field].

11 Trade and Industry.—Fourth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Trade with India], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 369] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

MEMORANDA

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

(1) the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(2) the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) (Miscellaneous Changes) Order 1996 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the draft Local Authorities (Charges for Overseas Assistance and Public Path Orders) Regulations 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(4) the draft Contracting Out (Functions relating to Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(5) the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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

(1) Sir James Hill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1996;

(2) Mr Donald Anderson Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) (Miscellaneous Changes) Order 1996;

(3) Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Local Authorities (Charges for Overseas Assistance and Public Path Orders) Regulations 1996;

(4) Mr Patrick Thompson Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Contracting Out (Functions relating to Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996;

(5) Sir David Knox Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996;
(6) Sir James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 6813/96, relating to maritime policy; and

(7) Mr Barry Jones Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 6431/96 and 6431/96 COR 1, relating to the Financial Perspective, and European Community Document No. COM (96) 300, relating to the European Communities Preliminary Draft Budget for 1997.

[No. 129.]

Thursday 4th July 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 King's College London Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the King's College London Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

2 Belfast Charitable Society 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 Belfast Charitable Society Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto.

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

3 City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) 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 City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

4 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

5 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

6 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

7 Damages Bill [Lords].—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Damages 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 Damages 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. 567].

8 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Tunisia) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Michael Shersby reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Prisoners' Earnings Bill, without Amendment.

Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the acquisition of British citizenship by certain women who are Hong Kong residents; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Noise Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Noise Bill to be considered on Friday 12th July; and to be printed [Bill 168].

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:

- Treasure Act 1996
- Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996
- Offensive Weapons Act 1996
- Family Law Act 1996
- Commonwealth Development Corporation Act 1996
- Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Act 1996
- Community Care (Direct Payments) Act 1996
- Defamation Act 1996
- Trading Schemes Act 1996
- University College London Act 1996.

Local Government.—Resolved, That the draft Cambridgeshire (City of Peterborough) (Structural, Boundary and Electoral Changes) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Gummer.)

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Cheshire (Boroughs of Halton and Warrington) (Structural Change) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Gyles Brandreth);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Don Foster: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Cheshire (Boroughs of Halton and Warrington) (Structural Change) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.

Local Government.—Resolved, That the draft Devon (City of Plymouth and Borough of Torbay) (Structural Change) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

Local Government.—Resolved, That the draft Essex (Boroughs of Colchester, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock and District of Tendring) (Structural, Boundary and Electoral Changes) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

Local Government.—Resolved, That the draft Hereford and Worcester (Structural, Boundary and Electoral Changes) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

Local Government.—Resolved, That the draft Nottinghamshire (City of Nottingham) (Structural Change) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

Local Government,—A Motion was made and the Question being put, That the draft Shropshire (District of The Wrekin) (Structural Change) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Gyles Brandreth);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Roger Knapman: 188.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Simon Hughes: 17.

So the Question was agreed to

Resolved, That the draft Shropshire (District of The Wrekin) (Structural Change) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.

20 Local Government.—Resolved, That the draft Lancashire (Boroughs of Blackburn and Blackpool) (Structural Change) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

The House divided

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 179.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr Don Foster: 15.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Kent (Borough of Gillingham and City of Rochester upon Medway) (Structural Change) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.

22 Local Government.—A Motion was made and the Question being put, That the draft Berkshire (Structural Change) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 18th June, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

23 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Buckinghamshire seeking rejection of Central Railway’s application for an Order under the Transport and Works Act 1992 in relation to a proposed freight railway system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes past eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 8th July.

[Adjourned at 8.10 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Customs and Excise.—Dual-Use and Related Goods (Export Control) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1736), dated 4th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

2 Food.—(1) Beef (Emergency Control) (Revocation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1742), and
(2) Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1743),
dated 4th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

3 Juries.—(1) Form of Jurors Oath Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 268), and
(2) Juries Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 269),
dated 2nd July 1996 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Gary Streeter].

4 Pensions.—Local Government (Discretionary Payments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1680), dated 26th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5 Police.—Police (Promotion) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1685), dated 26th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].
Other Papers:

6 British Library, — Department of National Heritage Minute, dated 4th July 1996, concerning the transfer of the freehold of 25 Southampton Buildings, London WC2, to the Board of the British Library [by Command] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

7 Church Commissioners, — Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for 1995 [by Measure] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 Data Protection, — Account of the Data Protection Registrar for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 568] [Clerk of the House].

9 Education (Northern Ireland), — Statements and Summary of the Education and Library Boards' Accounts for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cm. 3319] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

10 Railways, — Report and Accounts of the British Railways Board for 1995-96 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

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 a member of the Air Force Reserve [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

12 Royal Dockyards, — Ministry of Defence Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent on nuclear indemnities provided for Devonport Royal Dockyard and Rosyth Royal Dockyard [by Command] [Mr Secretary Portillo].


(1) Volume 1: Report, and

(2) Volume 2: Surveys and Studies

[by Command] [Cm. 3330-I and 3330-II] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 4th July; to be printed [No. 437-vii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Foreign Affairs, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 4th July; to be printed [No. 306-iv] [Mr David Howell].

3 Health, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 4th July; to be printed [No. 566-i] [Mrs Marion Roe].

4 National Heritage, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 4th July; to be printed [No. 476-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufmann].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees, — In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees) the Speaker appointed Mr Frank Cook Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Contracting Out (Functions relating to Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996, in place of Mr Patrick Thompson.
Monday 8th July 1996.

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 Marriage Ceremony (Prescribed Words) Bill, without Amendment.

   The Lords have agreed to the Security Service Bill, without Amendment.

4 Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) Bill,—Ordered That Standing Committee C be discharged from considering the Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) Bill.

   Bill withdrawn.

5 Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 169].

6 Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

   Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, New Clauses relating to Part I, amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 103 and Schedule No. 1, New Schedules relating to Part I, New Clauses relating to Part II, amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 104 to 117, New Schedules relating to Part II, New Clauses relating to Part III, amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 118 to 125 and Schedule No. 2, New Schedules relating to Part III, New Clauses relating to Part IV, amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 126 to 139, New Schedules relating to Part IV, New Clauses relating to Part V, amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 140 to 145, Schedule No. 3 and Clauses Nos. 146 to 149, and New Schedules relating to Part V.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

   A Clause (Housing grants: the age of the property)—(Mr James Clappison)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   A Clause (Publication of disabled facilities grant procedure)—(Mr Chris Davies)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

   Another Clause (Power to specify maximum amount of grant)—(Mr Chris Davies)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

   Another Clause (Grant for the reduction of concentration of radon) (Diana Maddock)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

   Amendments (Nos. 16, 119, 120 and 17 to 19) made to the Bill.

   Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 40 at the end, to insert the words—

   '7) Subject to the provisions in this section, the local housing authority shall approve an application for grant to make a property fit where the property is occupied by—

   (a) people whose household contains one or more persons with a disability;

   (b) a person who is receiving services or grants for services from the local welfare authority as part of a care package;

   (c) people whose health is being adversely affected by the state of the disrepair of their home; or

   (d) people of pensionable age.'.—(Mr Chris Davies.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 20 to 22) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 104) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

'\(k\) to comply with the requirements of a registration scheme made by a local housing authority under section 346 of the Housing Act 1985 (as amended by section 64 of the Housing Act 1996).'—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 23 to 25) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 105) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 8, after the word 'so', to insert the words 'in exceptional circumstances'.—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Joe Benton: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 271.

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 to 29) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 107) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, to leave out lines 30 to 33.—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 30 to 46, 121, 122 and 47 to 49) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 47, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

'\(e\) the period from its receipt within which an application for a home repair assistance grant shall be determined; the giving of written notice of determination; and the provision of reasons for any adverse determination.'—(Mr Chris Davies.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 123) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 47, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

'\(6\) A local housing authority shall not serve a deferred action notice in respect of a dwelling-house or house in multiple occupation which is occupied by one or more households containing a child under the age of 16.'—(Mr Chris Davies.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 110) proposed to the Bill, in page 47, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

'\(6\) Where a local housing authority has served a deferred action notice, they shall consider the provision of appropriate professional, technical and administrative services, as provided under section 169 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to the person on whom the notice has been served.

(7) Local housing authorities shall have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State with regard to action under (6) above.'—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 50 and 51) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 48, line 18, after the word 'aggrieved', to insert the words 'including any occupier of the premises'.—(Mr Chris Davies.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 52 to 60) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 111) proposed to the Bill, in page 58, line 6, to leave out from the word 'after' to the end of line 14 and insert the words 'the commencement of this Part', instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Ms Janet Anderson: 239.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 273.

Another Clause (Liability of adjudicator)—(Mr Nick Raynsford)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Joe Benton: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Dr Liam Fox: 275.

Another Clause (Binding nature of provisions)—(Mr Nick Raynsford)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Exception of professional negligence from adjudication)—(Mr Nick Raynsford)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 74 and 75) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 117) proposed to the Bill, in page 58, line 40, at the end, to insert the words—

'(3A) This Part shall not apply to any—

(a) joint venture or partnership agreement entered into for the purpose of carrying out construction operations for a third party;

(b) loan agreement, mortgage, charge or debenture entered into for the purposes of financing construction operations; or

(c) agreement which relates to construction operations and other matters where the consideration for the construction operations is included in—

(i) any amount payable in respect of the grant or transfer of an interest in land made or agreed to be made under the agreement, or

(ii) any amount payable in respect of the operation or management of the asset created by the carrying out of the construction operations;

which could otherwise be construed as a construction contract.'.—(Sir Sydney Chapman.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 76 to 83) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 133) proposed to the Bill, in page 61, line 5, after the first word 'under', to insert the words 'or in connection with'.—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 84 to 99) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 100) proposed to the Bill, in page 63, line 3, to leave out the words 'which has the effect of'.—(Mr Robert B. Jones.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Peter Hain: 246.

Other Amendments (Nos. 62 to 70) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 136) proposed to the Bill, in page 72, line 8, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1B) Subject to the provisions of this Act a person who (whether expressly or by implication) takes or uses any name, title, addition or description falsely implying that he is a registered architect in the course of business is guilty of an offence.'.—(Mr Keith Vaz.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 71) made to the Bill.
Another Clause (Regeneration and development: Welsh Development Agency)—(Mr Gwilym Jones)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 77, line 11, after the word 'dwelling', to insert the words 'and making any improvement having regard to the size of the applicant's household, including any person living with him or intending to live with him and any person on whom he is dependent or who is dependent on him'.—(Mr Chris Davies.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 115 and 116) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Existing housing grants: meaning of exempt disposal)—(Mr James Clappison)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (No. 1))—(Diana Maddock)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (No. 2))—(Diana Maddock)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Foster, Mr Simon Hughes: 86.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Richard Ottaway: 273.

Another Clause (Improvement of access and facilities for disabled people with respect to new buildings)—(Mr Peter Thurnham)—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 Hain, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 247.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Roger Knapman: 270.

Another Clause (Empty homes schemes)—(Diana Maddock)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Amendment (No. 142) proposed to the Bill, in page 81, line 36, after the word 'body', to insert the words 'or a legally constituted trust'.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 101, 128, 124, 125, 118, 127 and 126) made to the Bill.

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

Mr David Curry, 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 David Curry, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 250.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

7 Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Industrial Tribunals (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved.—(Mr Malcolm Moss.)
8 Northern Ireland, — Resolved, That the draft Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved. — ( Mr Malcolm Moss.)

9 Damages Bill [Lords]. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Damages 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.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50A (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Damages Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure attributable to the Act incurred by a Minister of the Crown, and

(b) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund — (Mr Bowen Wells): —

It was agreed to.

11 Scottish Grand Committee, — Ordered, That the Scottish Grand Committee shall meet in Westminster on Tuesday 16th July, to consider a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Committee and that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 94G (Scottish Grand Committee (substantive motions for the adjournment)), notice of the subject may be given not later than the rising of the House on Tuesday 9th July. — (Mr Bowen Wells.)

12 Business of the House, — Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 10th July, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to Members' Pay and Allowances and to the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1996 not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion, such Questions including the Questions on any Amendments to any of the said Motions which she may have selected, which may then be moved; and the said Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock. — (Mr Timothy Wood.)

13 Business of the House, — Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 15th July, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Gummer relating to Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Functions) 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. — (Mr Timothy Wood.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.03 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 5th July 1996 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 11A) pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Runnymede and Spelthorne (Borough Boundaries) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1684), dated 27th June 1996

[Mr Secretary Gummer.]
8th July 1996


3 Pensions,—Occupational Pension Schemes (Scheme Administration) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1715), dated 2nd July 1996 [Mr Secretary Lilley].


5 Protection of Wrecks,—Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 1) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1741), dated 4th July 1996 [Mr Secretary Hague].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 8th July 1996:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

6 Parliament,—(1) Draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1996 (No. 1), and
(2) draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1996 (No. 2)
[by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

7 Education,—Education (School Inspection) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1737), dated 3rd July 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

8 Medical Profession,—General Medical Council (Constitution) Amendment Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1630), dated 26th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

9 National Health Service,—National Health Service Trusts (Membership and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1755), dated 8th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


11 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—(1) Football Spectators (Corresponding Offences in Norway) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1634), and
(2) Football Spectators (Corresponding Offences in the Republic of Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1635),
dated 26th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].


Other Papers:


14 Appropriation Accounts, 1995–96,—Appropriation Account of the sums granted by Parliament for 1995–96 for Class XIXB (National Audit Office) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 463] [Sir Peter Horden].


16 British Library,—Accounts of the British Library Board for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 573] [Clerk of the House].

18 Criminal Justice.—Report of the Serious Fraud Office for 1995-96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 509] [Mr Attorney General].

19 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute concerning contingent liabilities arising in connection with the sale of the Married Quarters Estate [by Command] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

20 Deregulation.—Proposal by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Gaming on Sunday in Scotland) Order 1996, together with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

21 Environmental Health.—Paper, entitled The United Kingdom National Environmental Health Action Plan [by Command] [Cm. 3323] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

22 Local Government.—Report and Accounts of the London Residuary Body for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

23 London Regional Transport.—Report and Accounts of the London Regional Passengers Committee for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

24 National Heritage.—Account of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew for 1995-96 with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Sir George Young].

25 Pensions.—Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Amendment (No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1638), dated 26th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

26 Treaty Series (No. 60, 1996).—Europe Agreement, done at Brussels on 1st February 1993, establishing an Association between the European Communities, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, including Exchanges of Letters with Declarations and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 3266] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].


Paper withdrawn:

28 Copyright.—Draft Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 1996 [laid 20th June].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 8th July; to be printed [No. 584-i] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

[No. 131.]

Tuesday 9th July 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the City of Westminster Bill [Lords] be read the third time to-morrow.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Deregulation (Insurance Companies Act 1982) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 24th June, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir James Hill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1996.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Donald Anderson reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) (Miscellaneous Changes) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Authorities (Charges for Overseas Assistance and Public Path Orders) Regulations 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

Stalking (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to prohibit stalking and make provision for non-molestation orders with sanctions against stalking; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

9 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Statement of Changes in the Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 329) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Bowen Wells).—It was agreed to.

10 Landfill Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Landfill Tax (Contaminated Land) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1529) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Bowen Wells).—It was agreed to.

11 Landfill Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1527) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Bowen Wells).—It was agreed to.

12 Constitutional Change (Referendums).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in respect of referendums to be held throughout the United Kingdom when constitutional change affecting one part of the United Kingdom is proposed—(Mr David Shaw); And the Question 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 John Marshall, Mr Graham Riddick: 12.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Andrew Welsh: 139.

So the Question was negatived.

13 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.

Water Metering.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls upon Her Majesty's Government to abandon its hidden agenda to force water metering on every household, which would prove expensive, unjust, dangerous to health and the least cost-effective way of protecting the environment—(Mr Frank Dobson);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'notes that Her Majesty's Government is committed to sustainable development and recently published an assessment of global warming in the United Kingdom with its sharp reminder of the increasing pressure on water resources; further notes that the increasing demand for water therefore requires a long-term approach to the management of water resources and that an important part of that task is to discourage unnecessary wastage of water both by companies and by customers; therefore welcomes the new duty on water companies to promote the efficient use of water and, although the Government has never supported a policy of compulsory metering, notes that metering can also be effective in encouraging customers to use only the water that they need and that this helps to increase the sustainability of water use; and looks to the water companies to use the flexibility available to them to develop their own tariff structures and methods best suited to the
needs of customers and to local circumstances', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Gummer.)

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 Greg Pope: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 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 Her Majesty's Government is committed to sustainable development and recently published an assessment of global warming in the United Kingdom with its sharp reminder of the increasing pressure on water resources; further notes that the increasing demand for water therefore requires a long-term approach to the management of water resources and that an important part of that task is to discourage unnecessary wastage of water both by companies and by customers; therefore welcomes the new duty on water companies to promote the efficient use of water and, although the Government has never supported a policy of compulsory metering, notes that metering can also be effective in encouraging customers to use only the water that they need and that this helps to increase the sustainability of water use; and looks to the water companies to use the flexibility available to them to develop their own tariff structures and methods best suited to the needs of customers and to local circumstances.

Policies for Family-friendly Employment,—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House sees helping parents combine responsibilities at work and home as fundamental both to maintaining stable family life in the UK and to the long-term success and strength of the British economy; deplores the Government's failure to support working parents which has placed extra strain on family life and created a situation where one in five households have no earners; believes Government has a responsibility to ensure employment is compatible with stable family life and can work in partnership with employers to this end; congratulates the employers, who, in the absence of Government support, have introduced working practices which allow parents to strike the right balance between work and home; endorses the range of positive proposals Labour has put forward to support working parents, such as a national minimum wage, individual learning accounts and targets to achieve nursery places for every three and four year old whose parents want it; and looks forward to seeing a Labour Government implement these proposals and give British families and companies the support they seek.—(Tessa Jowell);

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 Government's successful economic and deregulation policies which have created more job opportunities and its voluntary approach to encouraging employers to adopt family-friendly policies which make it easier for individuals to combine work and family life; and agrees that this is not an area for legislation', instead thereof.—(Cheryl Gillan.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Jane Kennedy: 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Richard Ottaway: 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):—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 Government's successful economic and deregulation policies which have created more job opportunities and its voluntary approach to encouraging employers to adopt family-friendly policies which make it easier for individuals to combine work and family life; and agrees that this is not an area for legislation.

14 Pensions,—Resolved, That the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Mixed Benefit Contracted-out Schemes) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 18th June, be approved.—(Mr Oliver Heald.)
15 Pensions, —Resolved. That the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Pensions Compensation Board Limit on Borrowing) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 18th June, be approved. —(Mr Oliver Heald.)

16 Pensions, —Resolved. That the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 26th June, be approved. —(Mr Oliver Heald.)

17 Pensions, —A Motion was made, and the Question being put, pursuant to Order [1st July], That the Occupational Pension Schemes (Member-nominated Trustees and Directors) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1216), dated 2nd May 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th May, be revoked —(Mr Chris Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Eric Martlew: 254.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Richard Ottaway: 271.

So the Question was negatived.

18 Income Tax, —A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Argentina) Order 1996 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 12th June —(Mr Michael Bates): 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 Income Tax, —A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mongolia) Order 1996 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 12th June —(Mr Michael Bates): 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.

20 Income Tax, —A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Venezuela) Order 1996 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 12th June —(Mr Michael Bates): 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.

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

Wednesday 10th July 1996

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.18 am]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Education, —(1) City of Bristol College (Government) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1765), dated 8th July 1996,

(2) City of Bristol College (Incorporation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1762), dated 8th July 1996,

(3) Monkwearmouth College, Sunderland and Wearside College, Sunderland (Dissolution) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1764), dated 8th July 1996,
(4) Richmond Adult and Community College (Attribution of Surpluses and Deficits) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1766), dated 8th July 1996,

(5) Salford College of Technology Higher Education Corporation (Dissolution) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1763), dated 8th July 1996,


[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

3 Education (Scotland),—Grants for Pre-school Education (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1783), dated 5th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


6 Industrial Tribunals,—(1) Industrial Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1757), and

(2) Industrial Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1758), dated 8th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

7 National Health Service,—(1) Heathlands Mental Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1704), dated 2nd July 1996,

(2) Horton General Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1771), dated 8th July 1996,

(3) Kent and Canterbury Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1701), dated 2nd July 1996,

(4) Lewisham Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1713), dated 2nd July 1996,


(6) Mid Essex Hospital Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1709), dated 2nd July 1996,

(7) Mid-Sussex National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1711), dated 2nd July 1996,

(8) North Downs Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1707), dated 2nd July 1996,

(9) Nottingham Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1714), dated 2nd July 1996,

(10) Oxford Radcliffe Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1773), dated 8th July 1996,


(12) Oxfordshire Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1775), dated 8th July 1996,

(13) Oxfordshire Learning Disability National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1776), dated 8th July 1996,

(14) Oxfordshire Mental Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1774), dated 8th July 1996,

(15) Radcliffe Infirmary National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1770), dated 8th July 1996,

(17) St. Helier National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1702), dated 2nd July 1996, and

(18) Wandsworth Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1703), dated 2nd July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

8 Road Traffic.—Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1751), dated 4th July 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

9 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events.—Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1706), dated 27th June 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

10 Telegraphs.—Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1772), dated 8th July 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

Other Papers:

11 Disability Discrimination.—Report of the National Disability Council for 1995-96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 564] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

12 Education.—(1) Accounts of the Funding Agency for Schools for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 580] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Accounts of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 581] [Clerk of the House].

13 Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland).—(1) Accounts of Scottish Enterprise for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 579] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Report of Scottish Enterprise for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

14 Local Government Finance.—Accounts of the Audit Commission for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 578] [Clerk of the House].

15 Public Expenditure.—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure 1995-96: Provisional Outturn [by Command] [Cm. 3318] [Mr William Waldegrave].

16 Railways.—Report of the Rail Regulator for 1995-96 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

17 Welsh Health Common Services Authority.—Welsh Office Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the sale of the Welsh Health Common Services Authority Estatecare Group [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hague].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation.—(1) Eighteenth Report from the Deregulation Committee [The draft Deregulation (Insurance Companies Act 1982) Order 1996]; to be printed [No. 587]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Deregulation Committee on 9th July; to be printed [No. 588] [Mr Barry Field].

2 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee on 9th July; to be printed [No. 566-ii] [Mrs Marion Roe].

3 National Heritage.—(1) First Special Report from the National Heritage Committee [The National Lottery: Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96, on the National Lottery]; to be printed [No. 586]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 9th July; to be printed [No. 476-v] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

4 Statutory Instruments.—(1) Twenty-sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xxvi]; and
(2) First Special Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments [Report on Proceedings 1986–1996], to be printed [No. 582]

[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the Damages Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 6431/96 and 6431/96 COR1, relating to the Financial Perspective, and European Community Document No. COM (96) 300, relating to the European Communities Preliminary Draft Budget for 1997, in place of Mr Barry Jones.

[No. 132.]

Wednesday 10th July 1996.

The House met at half-past Nine 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 Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Bill [Lords],—The City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

3 Belfast Charitable Society Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the Belfast Charitable Society Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee. Bill to be read the third time.

4 City of Westminster Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 16th July.

5 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

6 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords],—Mr Terry Rooney reported from the Committee on the Bodmin Moor Commons 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.

7 Selection (see Appendix II).

8 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

9 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Frank Cook reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Functions Relating to Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

10 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir David Knox reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

11 European Standing Committee A,—Sir James Hill reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:
That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 6813/96, Towards a new maritime strategy, and endorses the Government's approach to it.

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

12 European Standing Committee B.—Sir James Molyneaux reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. COM (96) 300, the preliminary draft budget of the European Communities for 1997, 6431/96 and 6431/96 COR 1, the proposal for an adjustment of the Financial Perspective; and supports the Government's efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

14 Energy Conservation (Fifteen-Year Programme) Bill.—Mr Alan Simpson, supported by Mr Cynog Dafis, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Mr Harry Greenway, Alice Mahon, Mr John Austin-Walker, Mr Llew Smith, Maria Fyfe, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Ken Livingstone and Helen Jackson, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to draw up and carry out a fifteen-year programme of energy conservation measures and related activities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 173].

15 School Transport (Parental Choice).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to increase parental choice in respect of transport to school provided by local authorities: And that Mr Patrick Nicholls, Sir Peter Emery, Sir John Hannam, Mr Anthony Steen and Mr Rupert Allason do prepare and bring it in.

16 School Transport (Parental Choice) Bill.—Mr Patrick Nicholls accordingly presented a Bill to increase parental choice in respect of transport to school provided by local authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 172].

17 Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order namely, New Clauses relating to Part I, amendments relating to Clause No. 1, amendments relating to Schedule No. 1, amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 2 to 19, amendments relating to Schedule No. 2, amendments relating to Clause No. 20, amendments relating to Schedule No. 3, amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 21 and 22, New Schedules relating to Part I, New Clauses relating to Part II, amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 28 to 31, amendments relating to Schedule No. 4, New Schedules relating to Part III, New Clauses relating to Part IV, amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 33 to 37, amendments relating to Schedules Nos. 5 and 6, New Schedules relating to Part IV, New Clauses relating to Part II, amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 23 to 27, New Schedules relating to Part II, amendments relating to Clause No. 32, amendments relating to the Title.—(Mr Derek Conway.)

Amendments (Nos. 11 to 17) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, to leave out from the beginning of line 21 to the end of line 31 in page 13.—(Mrs Helen Liddell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bridget Prentice, Ann Coffey: 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 291.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 32, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2A) No arrangements shall be made under subsection (1) above in respect of grants payable under this Act unless and until the Secretary of State has laid before Parliament an evaluation of the operation over a period of 12 months of any grant for nursery education in the area of any local authority made during the financial years 1996–97 and 1997–98.'—(Mrs Helen Liddell.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Bridget Prentice, Ann Coffey: 262.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 288.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, to leave out lines 16 to 28.—(Mrs Helen Liddell.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 256.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Roger Knapman: 291.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 22, at the end to insert the words 'but before making such regulations he shall consult such organisations as appear to him to be representative of local authorities and teachers.'.—(Mr Andrew Welsh.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alex Salmond, Roseanna Cunningham: 30.
Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Roger Knapman: 276.

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, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Michael Bates: 278.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 255.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

18 Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 18, after the word 'deer', to insert the words—

'(aa) have regard to the desirability of preserving freedom of access to the countryside.'.—(Mr John McFall.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 24, to leave out from the word 'Commission' to the end of line 38.—(Mr John McFall.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr John Cummings: 164.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Derek Conway: 257.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, to leave out lines 35 to 38.—(Roseanna Cunningham.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Welsh, Roseanna Cunningham: 24.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Dr Liam Fox: 254.

Amendments (Nos. 4 to 8) made to the Bill.
A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, 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.
19 Members’ Salaries (Expression of Opinion).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provision should be made with respect to the salaries of Members of this House—

(1) In respect of service in the period starting with 1st July 1996 and ending with 31st March 1997 the yearly rates of salaries payable to Members in accordance with the Resolution of this House of 3rd November 1993 should be increased by three per cent.

(2) For each year starting with 1st April, from 1997 onwards, the yearly rates should be increased by the average percentage by which the mid-points of the senior Civil Service pay bands having effect from 1st April of that year have increased compared with the previous 1st April.

(3) The mid-point of a Senior Civil Service pay band is the point half way between the maximum and the minimum—(Mr Tony Newby);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Michael Bates: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Home Robertson, Mr Peter Bottomley: 317.

So the Question was negatived.

20 Parliamentary Pay and Allowances,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Review Body on Senior Salaries’ Report on Parliamentary pay and allowances presented to Parliament on 4th July (Command Paper 3330), and calls on the Government to take any necessary action to enable implementation of the recommendations—(Mr Richard Ottaway);

An Amendment (t) was proposed to the Question, in line 4, after the word ‘Government’, to insert the words ‘to provide that, in the case of Members of this House whose service in the House ceases after 1st July 1996, they shall be treated for pension purposes as having had a yearly rate of salary of £43,000 and’.—(Mr Alfred Morris.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alfred Morris, Mr Peter Bottomley: 302.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Sebastian Coe: 123.

So the Question was agreed to.

Another Amendment (u) was made to the Question, in line 5, after the word ‘the’, to insert the word ‘other’.—(Mr Alfred Morris.)

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr John Home Robertson: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Sebastian Coe: 154.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Review Body on Senior Salaries’ Report on Parliamentary pay and allowances presented to Parliament on 4th July (Command Paper 3330), and calls on the Government to provide that, in the case of Members of this House whose service in the House ceases after 1st July 1996, they shall be treated for pension purposes as having had a yearly rate of salary of £43,000, and to take any necessary action to enable implementation of the other recommendations.

21 Members’ Salaries (No. 2).—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Members’ Salaries (No. 2);

Resolved, That the following provision shall be made with respect to the salaries of Members of this House—

(1) In respect of service in the period starting with 1st July 1996 and ending with 31st March 1997, the salary of a Member shall be at a yearly rate of £43,000.

(2) For each year starting with 1st April, from 1997 onwards, the yearly rate shall be increased by the average percentage by which the mid-points of the Senior Civil Service pay bands having effect from 1st April of that year have increased compared with the previous 1st April.

(3) The mid-point of a Senior Civil Service pay band is the point half way between the maximum and the minimum.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)
22 Parliament.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1996 (No. 2), which was laid before this House on 8th July, be approved—(Mr Richard Ottaway);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr John Home Robertson: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr John Austin-Walker: 49.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1996 (No. 2), which was laid before this House on 8th July, be approved.

23 Car Mileage Allowance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provision should be made with respect to the rates of the car mileage allowance payable to Members in respect of journeys—

(a) by Members, or

(b) by spouses or persons in respect of whom the secretarial and research allowance is payable—

(1) In respect of journeys commenced in the year starting with 1st April 1997, the allowance shall be payable to any Member at the higher rate up to a total of 20,000 miles and at the lower rate thereafter.

(2) The higher rate is 47.2 pence per mile increased by the percentage (if any) by which the retail prices index for March 1997 has increased compared with the index for March 1996.

(3) The lower rate is 21.7 pence per mile increased by the percentage (if any) by which the retail prices index for March 1997 has increased compared with the index for March 1996.

(4) For each subsequent year starting with 1st April, the rates shall be increased by the percentage (if any) by which the retail prices index for the previous March has increased compared with the index for the March before that.

(5) The rates shall be calculated to the nearest tenth of a penny (with exactly one twentieth being rounded up).

(6) Arrangements shall be made by the Fees Office for ensuring that claims are supported by appropriate particulars.

(7) In this Resolution “the retail price index” means the general index of retail prices (for all items) published by the Office for National Statistics (or any index or figures published by that Office in place of that index)—(Mr Richard Ottaway);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr John Home Robertson: 376.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Nicholas Winterton: 39.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provision should be made with respect to the rates of the car mileage allowance payable to Members in respect of journeys—

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24 Office Costs Allowance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provision should be made with respect to the limit on the Office Costs Allowance—

(1) The limit for any quarter in the year starting with 1st April 1997 should be £11,591 increased by the percentage (if any) by which the retail prices index for March 1997 has increased compared with the index for March 1996.

(2) For any quarter in each subsequent year starting with 1st April the limit should be the limit for a quarter in the previous year increased by the percentage (if any) by which the retail prices index for the previous March has increased compared with the index for the March before that.

(3) The limit in relation to Mr David Blunkett should be 2.57 times that determined in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2).

(4) The limit in relation to Mr Bernie Grant should be 1.33 times that determined in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2).

(5) The limit should be calculated to the nearest pound (with exactly 50 pence being rounded up).

(6) In this Resolution—

(a) “quarter” means a period of three months starting with 1st April, 1st July, 1st October or 1st January; and

(b) “the retail prices index” means the general index of retail prices (for all items) published by the Office for National Statistics (or any index or figures published by that Office in place of that index).—(Mr Michael Bases);

An Amendment (rr) was proposed to the Question, in line 4, to leave out ‘1997’ and insert ‘1996’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Maria Fyfe, Mr John Austin-Walker: 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Gyles Brandreth: 189.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provision should be made with respect to the limit on the Office Costs Allowance—

(1) The limit for any quarter in the year starting with 1st April 1996 should be £11,591 increased by the percentage (if any) by which the retail prices index for March 1997 has increased compared with the index for March 1996.

(2) For any quarter in each subsequent year starting with 1st April the limit should be the limit for a quarter in the previous year increased by the percentage (if any) by which the retail prices index for the previous March has increased compared with the index for the March before that.

(3) The limit in relation to Mr David Blunkett should be 2.57 times that determined in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2).

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(a) “quarter” means a period of three months starting with 1st April, 1st July, 1st October or 1st January; and

(b) “the retail prices index” means the general index of retail prices (for all items) published by the Office for National Statistics (or any index or figures published by that Office in place of that index).
25 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from persons living in the vicinity of the freight railway system proposed by Central Railway for action to reject the proposal was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

26 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.-(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.38 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—Social Security (Disability Living Allowance) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1767), dated 8th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

2 Transport,—Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1786), dated 9th July 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Other Papers:

3 Export Credits Guarantee Department,—Return, made under section 6 of the Export and Investment Guarantees Act 1991, of Commitments and Statutory Limits as at 31st March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

4 Law Commission (Scotland),—Report of the Scottish Law Commission (No. 154) on Multi-Party Actions [by Command] [Cm. 3291] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

5 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Accounts of the Land Authority for Wales for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 548] [Clerk of the House].

6 Miscellaneous (No. 18, 1996),—Amendment to the Basel Convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal, concluded at Basel on 22nd March 1989 and adopted at Geneva on 22nd September 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3322] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 National Lottery,—Accounts of the Scottish Sports Council National Lottery Fund for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 590] [Clerk of the House].

8 New Towns,—Reports and Accounts for 1995-96 of—

(1) the Cumbernauld Development Corporation,
(2) the Irvine Development Corporation, and
(3) the Livingston Development Corporation
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

9 Treaty Series (No. 61, 1996),—Notes exchanged at Nicosia on 9th May 1994 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus amending the Convention on Social Security signed at Nicosia on 18th December 1982 [by Command] [Cm. 3285] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Treaty Series (No. 63, 1996),—Notes exchanged at Berne on 4th and 9th October 1995 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Federal Council concerning the proposed export by British Nuclear Fuels Plc to the Nordostschweizerische Kraftwerke AG of Dottingen, Switzerland, of 12 mixed oxide fuel assemblies for the purpose of electricity generation [by Command] [Cm. 3294] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

11 Uruguay (No. 1, 1996),—Agreement, done at London on 21st October 1991, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay for the promotion and protection of investment [by Command] [Cm. 3293] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

12 Welsh Institutions of Higher Education,—Welsh Office Minute concerning liabilities consequent on the integration of colleges of health into institutions of higher education [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hague].
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 Damages Bill (Lords), viz.: Mr Donald Anderson, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr David Congdon, Jean Corston, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr John Hutton, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr David Lidington, Mr Peter Luff, Mr John Marshall, Mr Bill Michie, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Roy Thomason and Mr Don Touhig.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Value Added Tax (Anti-avoidance (Heating)) Order 1996, viz.: Mr Stuart Bell, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Jamie Cann, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Judith Church, Mr James Couchman, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Michael Fabricant, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Sir David Madel, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Rod Richards, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Walter Sweeney, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Mark Wolfson.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Amendment Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Matthew Banks, Mr Robert Banks, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Michael Clapham, Ms Angela Eagle, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr David Hinchcliffe, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr David Hunt, Mr Ian McCartney, Alice Mahon, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Tim Smith, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Paddy Tipping and Mr Don Touhig.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft European Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1996, viz.: Mrs Irene Adams, Mr David Amess, Mr Michael Bates, Sir Richard Body, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Nairn Joseph Deva, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Maria Fyfe, Mr John Home Robertson, Sir Jim Lester, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr John McFall, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Martin O'Neill, Mr William Powell, Mr Alex Salmon, Mr Richard Tracey and Sir Gerard Vaughan.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Driving Licences (Community Driving Licence) Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Clive Betts, Mr David Chidgey, Mr Anthony Coombs, Jean Corston, Mr Paul Flynn, Sir Peter Fry, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mr Michael Jopling, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr David Marshall, Sir Michael Marshall, Mr Steve Norris, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Peter Snape, Mr Jon Trickett, Mr Peter Viggers and Mr Charles Wardle.

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Statement of Changes in the Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 329), viz.: Ms Diane Abbot, Mr David Alton, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Bob Dunn, Mr Andrew Foulds, Mr Roger Goddard, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Warren Hawksley, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Max Madden, Mr David Martin, Sir David Mitchell, Mr Andrew Rowe, Dr Robert Spink, Mr David Tredinnick, Dr Ian Twinn and Ann Widdecombe.

7 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Landfill Tax (Contaminated Land) Order 1996 and the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr Dudley Fishburn, Dr Liam Fox, Mr George Gardiner, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Helen Jackson, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Gordon Prentice, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Mark Robinson, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Jon Trickett, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mr Ray Whitney.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Accommodation and Works,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Works Committee on 10th July; to be printed [No. 591-i] [Sir Raymond Powell].

2 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee on 10th July; to be printed [Nos. 597-i and 40-xiv]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee
   [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

3 Defence,—(1) Sixth Report from the Defence Committee [Future of The Married Quarters 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. 424]; and
   (2) Sixth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Replies to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96, on British Forces in Bosnia and to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96, on the Western European Union]; to be printed [No. 592]
   [Mr Michael Colvin].

4 Environment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 10th July; to be printed [No. 437-vii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 European Legislation,—Twenty-fifth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xxv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 10th July; to be printed [No. 596-i] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

7 Procedure,—(1) Fifth Report from the Select Committee on Procedure [Nomenclature of Standing Committees], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 595]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 10th July; to be printed [No. 560-ii]
   [Sir Peter Emery].

8 Public Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 10th July; to be printed [No. 313-ix] [Mr Giles Radice].

9 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee on 10th July; to be printed [No. 326-iii] [Mr Frank Field].

10 Trade and Industry,—Fifth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Business Links], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 302] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

11 Transport,—(1) Fourth Report from the Transport Committee [Railway 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. 301]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 10th July; to be printed [No. 598-i]
   [Mr Paul Channon].

12 Treasury,—Seventh Report from the Treasury Committee [The Future of the London Stock Exchange], 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. 237] [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 Value Added Tax (Anti-avoidance (Heating)) Order 1996 to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;
(2) the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Amendment Regulations 1996 to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(3) the draft European Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1996 to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(4) the draft Driving Licences (Community Driving Licence) Regulations 1996 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation;

(5) the Statement of Changes in the Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 329) to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(6) the Landfill Tax (Contaminated Land) Order 1996 and the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

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 Standing Committee A in respect of the Damages Bill [Lords];

(2) Mr Donald Anderson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Value Added Tax (Anti-avoidance (Heating)) Order 1996;

(3) Sir James Hill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Amendment Regulations 1996;

(4) Mr Patrick Thomson Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft European Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1996;

(5) Sir David Knox Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Driving Licences (Community Driving Licence) Regulations 1996;

(6) Sir James Hill Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Statement of Changes in the Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 329);

(7) Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Landfill Tax (Contaminated Land) Order 1996 and the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996;

(8) Mr Allan Stewart and Mr Norman Hogg Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Meeting of the Committee in Westminster on Tuesday 16th July; and

(9) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 4198/96, relating to Wild Animals: trapping methods.


[No. 133.]

Thursday 11th July 1996.

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 Energy Conservation Bill, with Amendments, to which
   the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Energy Conservation Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Energy Conservation Bill to be
   considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 174].

5 Stalking (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Stalking (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and
   ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 176].

6 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do
   now adjourn—(Mr Gyles Brandreth);
   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 Richard Ottaway.)
   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 or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Copyright.—Draft Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
   Lang].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—Education (Student Loans) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1812), dated 11th
   July 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

3 Education (Scotland).—(1) Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations
   1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1808), dated 9th July 1996,
   (2) St Mary’s Music School (Aided Places) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996,
   No. 1807), dated 9th July 1996, and
   (3) Students’ Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1754), dated 2nd
   July 1996
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

4 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Mandatory Ship Reporting) Regulations 1996
   (S.I., 1996, No. 1749), dated 5th July 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

5 National Health Service.—(1) North Hampshire Hospitals National Health Service Trust
   (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1739), and
   (2) Pathfinder National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996
   (S.I., 1996, No. 1740),
   dated 4th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

6 Plant Health.—Plant Health Fees (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1784), dated
   2nd July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

7 Police.—(1) Police and Magistrates’ Courts Act 1994 (Commencement No. 10 and Savings)
   (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1646),
   (2) Police Appeals Tribunals (Scotland) Rules 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1644),
   (3) Police (Conduct) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1642),
   (4) Police (Conduct) (Senior Officers) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No.
   1643), and
   (5) Police (Efficiency) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1643),
   dated 19th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

8 Sex Discrimination.—Sex Discrimination (Geoffrey Simpson Bequest Modification) Order
   1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1745), dated 26th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].
9 Social Security,—Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1759), dated 8th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

10 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Defence Accounts Agency,
(2) the Military Survey Defence Agency, and
(3) the Pay and Personnel Agency
for 1995-96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 501, 474 and 502] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

11 Defence (Royal Air Force).—Amendment List No. 24 to the Major Revision 1985 to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

12 Development of Tourism,—(1) Accounts of the British Tourist Authority for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 607] [Clerk of the House];
(2) Accounts of the English Tourist Board for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 601] [Clerk of the House];
(3) Accounts of the Scottish Tourist Board for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 603] [Clerk of the House]; and
(4) Report and Accounts of the Scottish Tourist Board for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

13 Education Reform,—Report and Accounts of the Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 600] [Clerk of the House].

14 Environment,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Environment Committee, Session 1995-96, on Rural England: the Rural White Paper [by Command] [Cm. 3343] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

15 Firearms,—Report of the Firearms Consultative Committee for 1995-96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 511] [Mr Secretary Howard].

16 Gaming,—Report and Accounts of the Gaming Board for Great Britain for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 577] [Mr Secretary Howard].

17 Health Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of NHS Estates for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 468] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

18 Housing,—Report and Accounts of Housing for Wales for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

19 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the Museums and Galleries Commission for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 602] [Clerk of the House].

20 Northern Ireland,—Report of the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights for 1995-96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 467] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

21 Prisons (Scotland),—Report of the Parole Board for Scotland for 1995 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 481] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

22 Scottish Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Registers of Scotland Executive Agency for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 484] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

23 Transport Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Driving Standards Agency for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 512] [Secretary Sir George Young].

24 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Mint Trading Fund for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 496] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Science and Technology,—Fourth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [The Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [Nos. 249-I and II] [Sir Giles Shaw].

[No. 134.]

Friday 12th July 1996.

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,—A Public Petition from residents of Ealing North against the recommendation of the Select Committee on Transport for the further expansion of Northolt Airport was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

4 Noise Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Noise Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 were agreed to.

5 Energy Conservation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Energy Conservation Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 4 were agreed to.

6 Public Interest Disclosure Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Public Interest Disclosure Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.

7 Wildlife Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Wildlife Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

9 Cyprus (Commission of Enquiry into Missing Persons) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cyprus (Commission of Enquiry into Missing Persons) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 15th July.

10 Bull Bars (Prohibition) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 29th March, That the Bull Bars (Prohibition) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 15th July.

11 Elected Head of State (Referendums) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elected Head of State (Referendums) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 15th July.

12 Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 23rd July.
13 Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

14 Representation of the People (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 23rd July.

15 Disabled Persons and Carers (Short-term Breaks) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Disabled Persons and Carers (Short-term Breaks) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 24th July.

16 Party Wall etc. Bill [Lords].—The Party Wall etc. 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 (Sir Sydney Chapman):—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 22 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.

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

Mr David Mellor, 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 David Mellor, 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.

17 Public Order (Amendment) Bill.—The Public Order (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 (Estelle Morris):—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 Nicholas Brown 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.

18 Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) (No. 2) 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 Tim Renton):—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 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, without Amendment.

19 Stalking (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stalking (No. 2) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 15th July.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 15th July.

[Adjourned at 3.14 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Environment.—Draft Statutory Guidance, given by the Secretary of State for Scotland under section 31 of the Environment Act 1995 with respect to the aims and objectives of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and its contribution towards achieving sustainable development [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:

2 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—

   (1) ADAS, and
   (2) Central Science Laboratory,
   for 1995-96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 533 and 514] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

3 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Bills Agency for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 487] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

4 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Report and Financial Statements of the London Docklands Development Corporation for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 9th July 1996 on borrowing by Crawley Horsham National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

6 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Office of HM Paymaster General for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 517] [Mr David Heathcoat-Amory].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Standards and Privileges,—Third Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [The Code of Conduct and the Guide to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members] together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 604] [Mr Tony Newton].
Monday 15th July 1996.

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 Damages Bill [Lords].—Sir David Knox reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Damages Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 621].

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Railway Heritage Bill, without Amendment.

   The Lords have agreed to the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

   The Lords have agreed to the Henry Johnson, Sons and Co., Limited Bill, without Amendment.

6 Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 177].

7 Magistrates’ Courts (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Alex Carlile presented a Bill to make provision with regard to the power to imprison for fine default: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 14th October and to be printed [Bill 175].

8 Asylum and Immigration Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Asylum and Immigration Bill.

   Lords Amendment No. 1.

   An Amendment ((d)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 44, after the word ‘claim’, to insert ‘(a).’—(Mr Jack Straw.)

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

   Another Amendment ((e)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 46, at the end, to insert the words ‘; or

   (b) if the person making it claims to fear persecution in a country or territory where the United Nations Committee against Torture or the United Nations Special Rapporteur on torture has published documentary evidence showing an extensive practice of torture of the type and in the circumstances which are referred to in the claim.’—(Mr Jack Straw.)

   Question put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Cummings, Mr Eric Clarke: 259.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Dr Liam Fox: 300.

   So the Question was negatived.

   Another Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 67, at the end, to add the words “torture” includes the inflicting of involuntary abortion or involuntary sterilisation, and the phrase “has been tortured” shall be construed accordingly.’.—(Mr David Alton.)

   Question put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr David Alton: 266.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Dr Liam Fox: 290.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 5 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 6 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 6 disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 7 and 8 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 9 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 10 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 11 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 12 to 23 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 24.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, after the word 'exclude', to insert the words 'any person who has made a claim for asylum'.(Mr Secretary Lilley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Bates, Mr Richard Ottaway: 295.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr John Cummings: 274.

So the Question was agreed to.

Other Amendments ((b) and (c)) made to the Lords Amendment.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, so amended—(Mr Secretary Lilley);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Bowen Wells: 297.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr John Cummings: 270.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was accordingly agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.
And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Lords Amendments stood adjourned.

9 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, consideration of Lords Amendments to the Asylum and Immigration Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

10 Asylum and Immigration Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Asylum and Immigration Bill.
Lords Amendments Nos. 25 to 27 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 28.
Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the Lords Amendment.
The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.
Lords Amendments Nos. 29 to 36 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 32.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 9 and 11.—(Mr Simon Burns.)
Ordered, That Mr Simon Burns, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr David Lidington, Mr Jack Straw and Ann Widdecombe be members of the Committee.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

11 Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 20th June, be approved.—(Cheryl Gillan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Roger Knapman: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Jane Kennedy, Bridget Prentice: 230.

Resolved, That the draft Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 20th June, be approved.

12 Contracting Out,—Resolved, That the draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Tax Billing, Collection and Enforcement Functions) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved.—(Sir Paul Beresford.)

13 Contracting Out,—Resolved, That the draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Investment Functions) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 25th June, be approved.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

14 Asylum and Immigration Bill,—Ann Widdecombe reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 9 and 11 to the Asylum and Immigration Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason accordingly, which it had directed her to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 9 made by the Lords in page 6, line 2, and Amendment No. 11 in page 6, line 12, for the following Reason:

Because they do not address such problems as may be faced by domestic workers from overseas.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

15 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Hammersmith and Fulham and elsewhere seeking rejection of the proposal by Central Railway for a freight railway system and investigation of alternative proposals 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 Simon Burns);

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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 sixteen minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.16 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Pensions,—War Pensions Committees (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1790), dated 8th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

5 Aliens' Employment,—Cabinet Office Minute, dated 8th July 1996, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity under the Crown during 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr David Willetts].

6 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for 1995-96 [by Command] [Mr Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

7 Crofters,—Report of the Crofters Commission for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

8 Defence,—Lists of exceptions to—
   (1) the Air Force Regulations,
   (2) the Army Regulations, and
   (3) the Navy Regulations,
   as to pensions for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

9 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Postal and Courier Services Agency for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 436] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

10 Development of Tourism,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the British Tourist Authority, and
   (2) the English Tourist Board
   for 1995-96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

11 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall,—Revenue and Capital Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Michael Jack].

12 Environment Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of Ordnance Survey for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 507] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

13 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Central Office of Information for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 518] [Clerk of the House].

14 House of Commons Commission,—(1) Accounts of the House of Commons Refreshment Department for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and
   (2) Report of the House of Commons Commission for 1995-96 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 613 and 612] [The Speaker].

15 Housing,—Report and Accounts of North Hull Housing Action Trust for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

16 Local Government,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Local Government Commission for England, and
   (2) the London Pensions Fund Authority
   for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

17 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the National Maritime Museum for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 618] [Clerk of the House].

18 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on British Rail Maintenance Limited: Sale of Maintenance Depots [by Act]; to be printed [No. 583] [Clerk of the House].
19 National Heritage,—Accounts of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 616] [Clerk of the House].

20 National Lottery,—Accounts of the National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 617] [Clerk of the House].

21 Northern Ireland Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 455] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].


23 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Insolvency Service for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 486] [Mr Secretary Lang.]

24 Transport,—Report and Accounts of British Waterways for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

25 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Central Statistical Office for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 524] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

1 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Mr Andrew Rowe (nominated in respect of the Statement of Changes in the Immigration Rules); and had appointed in substitution Mr David Lidington.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—(1) Thirty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Customs and Excise: Checking Claims for Repayment of VAT]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 181];

(2) Thirty-fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Management of Sickness Absence in HM Land Registry]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 307];

(3) Thirty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Customs and Excise: Account Matters]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 291];

(4) Thirty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Vehicle Excise Duty: Evasion and Enforcement]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 375];

(5) Thirty-seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Home Office Support for Voluntary Organisations]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 376];

(6) Thirty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Lord Chancellor’s Department and the Court Service: Handling Small Claims in the County Courts]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 410];

(7) Thirty-ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [National Audit Office Estimates 1996-97]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 176];

(8) Fortieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Northern Ireland Audit Office Estimates 1996-97]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 177]; and
(9) Forty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Evaluating the Applications to Run the National Lottery]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 96]  
[Mr Robert Sheldon].

2 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 15th July; to be printed [No. 598-ii] [Mr Paul Channon].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 15th July; to be printed [No. 614-i] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Belfast Charitable Society Bill [Lords].—The Belfast Charitable Society Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

2 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords]; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Donald Anderson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Value Added Tax (Anti-Avoidance (Heating)) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1661).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir James Hill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Amendment Regulations 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Patrick Thompson reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Belfast Charitable Society Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

9 Protection and Education of Children,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the regulation of short-notice and temporary teachers—(Margaret Hodge);

And the Question 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, Rachel Squire, Mr Michael Connarty: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Shaw, Mr Peter Atkinson: 39.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Margaret Hodge, Mrs Anne Campbell, Tessa Jowell, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Estelle Morris, Mr Edward O’Hara, Joan
Walley, Ann Coffey, Mr John Garrett and Ms Janet Anderson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

10 Protection and Education of Children Bill.—Margaret Hodge accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the regulation of short-notice and temporary teachers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday 15th October and to be printed [Bill 178].

11 Opposition Day [19th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangements of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Ministry of Defence Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that the Government proposes to sell all Ministry of Defence married quarters in England and Wales, including those occupied by service families as well as empty properties, to developers; further notes that this will leave service tenants dependent on a declining number of properties leased back for 25 years; notes that most of the properties can be exchanged by the developer with a neutral arbitrator, rather than the tenants or the Ministry of Defence, deciding whether or not exchanges are permitted; notes that the arbitrator will have to base his decision on set criteria which are vaguely worded, so that developers with expert legal advice will be able progressively to cream off the best estates; notes that steep rises in rents and the downward ratchet on the number of homes leased back, embodied in the proposed scheme, will progressively reduce and break up married quarter estates; notes that, especially at a time of overstretch, and poor recruiting and retention, these estates play a vital role in maintaining the morale of service families and the maintenance of the regimental system; and calls on the Government to dispose of surplus estates, to provide homes for civilian families but, before selling any estate with service tenants, to consult the tenants on the estate, to report to Parliament on the outcome of the consultation and to table an affirmative resolution in both Houses—(Dr David Clark);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘supports the Government in its determination to improve the quality and management of service housing; notes that the proposed sale of the married quarters estate in England and Wales will release £100 million of new funding to upgrade married quarters throughout the United Kingdom, and enable the Ministry of Defence to dispose more efficiently of surplus properties; notes that the sale will have no bearing on the charges service personnel pay for their quarters; recognises that the interests of the services and service families have been properly protected; and accepts the judgment of the Government and the Chiefs of Staff that the sale offers the right basis for real improvements in service housing which are long overdue’, instead thereof.(Mr Secretary Portillo.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Ms Janet Anderson: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Michael Bates: 307.

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 supports the Government in its determination to improve the quality and management of service housing; notes that the proposed sale of the married quarters estate in England and Wales will release £100 million of new funding to upgrade married quarters throughout the United Kingdom, and enable the Ministry of Defence to dispose more efficiently of surplus properties; notes that the sale will have no bearing on the charges service personnel pay for their quarters; recognises that the interests of the services and service families have been properly protected; and accepts the judgment of the Government and the Chiefs of Staff that the sale offers the right basis for real improvements in service housing which are long overdue.

Energy Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that British Energy has been privatised for just £1.4 billion, well below the Government’s early estimates and proof that the sale was a bad deal for the taxpayer which was carried through in defiance of basic common sense; notes that there is no sign of a strategy from the Government upon the ad hoc restructuring of the electricity industry in which companies and billions of pounds have changed hands but consumers have become an afterthought; further notes that, as more coal pits close, there is no sign
of a strategy on the effect of the renegotiation of the coal contracts in 1998 or of the take-
or-pay gas contracts problem and no sign of leadership on the introduction of
competition into the domestic gas and electricity supply industries in 1998, risking chaos
and a crisis of public confidence in competition; and calls on the Government to establish
a framework to promote efficient energy industries delivering a fair deal for consumers—
(Mr John Battle);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word
‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘congratulates the Government on
its privatisation of the former state energy sector; notes that its market-based energy
policies have led to lower prices and better services for consumers; and looks forward to
the further benefits to consumers which will flow from the opening up of the gas and
electricity markets in 1998’, instead thereof.—(Mr Tim Eggar.)

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

Jane Kennedy rose in her place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Hain: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Liam Fox: 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 congratulates the Government on its privatisation of the
former state energy sector; notes that its market-based energy policies have led to lower
prices and better services for consumers; and looks forward to the further benefits to
consumers which will flow from the opening up of the gas and electricity markets in 1998.

12 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 Damages
Bill [Lords] and the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords] may be
proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin):—It was
agreed to.

13 Damages Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Damages
Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

14 Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords], as 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, with Amendments.

15 European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Tunisia) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin):—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 Delegated Legislation), That the draft Explosives (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

17 Fees and Charges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

18 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Local Authorities (Charges for Overseas Assistance and Public Path Orders) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 20th June, be approved—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

19 Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) (Miscellaneous Changes) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

20 Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

21 Family Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

22 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Selby for a bypass for the town of Selby was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

23 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of Neath for the safeguarding of publicly funded nursery education, and
(2) residents of Haddenham and elsewhere against the proposal of Central Railway for a freight railway
were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

24 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Bates)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.51 p.m.

APPENDIX I
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 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
2 Fire Services.—(1) Draft Bedfordshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1996,
(2) draft Buckinghamshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1996,
(3) draft Derbyshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1996,
(4) draft Dorset Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1996,
(5) draft Durham Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1996,
(6) draft East Sussex Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1996,
(7) draft Hampshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1996,
(8) draft Leicestershire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1996,
(9) draft Staffordshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1996, and
(10) draft Wiltshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1996
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

3 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Report and Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and Horserace Totalisator Board for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

4 Data Protection,—Report and Accounts of the Data Protection Registrar for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 574] [Mr Secretary Howard].

5 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 611] [Clerk of the House].

6 Development of Rural Wales,—Accounts of the Development Board for Rural Wales for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 624] [Clerk of the House].

7 Dunblane Inquiry,—Scottish Office Minute, dated 16th July 1996, concerning a contingent liability with regard to the indemnification, by the Secretary of State for Scotland, for the Honourable Lord Cullen in respect of any claim arising out of any statement made or opinion expressed by him in the course of the inquiry into the incident at Dunblane Primary School in March 1996 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

8 Environmental Protection,—Accounts of the Countryside Council for Wales for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 623] [Clerk of the House].

9 Further and Higher Education,—Accounts of the Further and Higher Education Funding Councils for Wales for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 630] [Clerk of the House].

10 Further and Higher Education (Scotland),—Accounts of the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 622] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Motability [by Act]; to be printed [No. 552] [Clerk of the House].

12 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Secretary of State for Health on 12th July 1996 on borrowing by—
(1) Havering Hospitals NHS Trust,
(2) Oxford Radcliffe Hospital NHS Trust, and
(3) Royal Berkshire and Battle Hospitals NHS Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

13 National Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 622] [Clerk of the House].

14 Radiological Protection,—Accounts of the National Radiological Protection Board for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 634] [Clerk of the House].

15 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
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(5) the War Pensions Agency

for 1995-96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 489, 466, 433, 443 and 451] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Paper withdrawn:

16 Social Security,—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Amendment Regulations 1996 [laid 27th June].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Employment Sub-Committee on 16th July; to be printed [No. 626-i] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 16th July; to be printed [No. 370-v] [Mr David Howell].

3 Scottish Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Future for Scottish Agriculture], 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. 629-I]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Scottish Affairs Committee

[Mr William McKelvey].

4 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Twenty-seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xxvii]; and

(2) Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-iv]

[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on Tuesday 16th July; to be printed [No. 614-ii] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Sir James Hill Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 7833/96, relating to Common Fisheries Policy: Multi-Annual Guidance Programme (MAGP IV), six unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and European Community Document No. 7701/96, relating to Common Fisheries Policy: Satellite-Based Vessel Monitoring Systems.

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Wednesday 17th July 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn,—(Mr Michael Bates);

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Selection (see Appendix II).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix III).
5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir David Knox reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Driving Licences (Community Driving Licence) Regulations 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 European Standing Committee A,—Sir James Molyneaux reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 4198/96, relating to methods of trapping wild animals; shares the Government's concern that the Commission's proposals represent a significant weakening of the existing Council regulation agreed unanimously in 1991; and supports the Government's view that the Community must make it clear to fur-exporting countries through Community legislation that it maintains a strong commitment to end the use of leghold traps worldwide.

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 Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

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

Education Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Education Act 1944 and certain other enactments relating to education, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

School Inspections Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate provisions of the Education (Schools) Act 1992 and Part V of the Education Act 1993, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Housing Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Housing Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 184].

9 Education Bill [Lords].—The Education Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 180].

10 School Inspections Bill [Lords].—The School Inspections Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 183].

11 Town and Country Planning (Revocation of Old Permissions) Bill,—Mr Dafydd Wigley presented a Bill to require completion notices to be served in the case of old planning permissions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 14th October and to be printed [Bill 181].

12 Witness Protection,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to help the witnesses and victims of anti-social behaviour give evidence against criminal neighbours: And that Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr James Pawsey, Ms Janet Anderson, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Brian Jenkins, Ms Liz Lynne, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Michael Connarty and Mr Bill Olner do prepare and bring it in.

13 Witness Protection Bill,—Mr Jim Cunningham accordingly presented a Bill to help the witnesses and victims of anti-social behaviour give evidence against criminal neighbours: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday 23rd July and to be printed [Bill 182].

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 strengthening, prosperity rising, inflation falling to within the Government's target of 2\(^\frac{1}{2}\) per cent. or less, and a further decline in Government borrowing; notes that the United Kingdom has a lower unemployment rate, a higher proportion of its people in work and a lower burden of tax and public spending than any other major European country; and recognises that the favourable economic outlook reflects the success of the Government's policies to promote a modern, deregulated, dynamic and more competitive 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 that the Summer Economic Forecast reports that despite the United Kingdom's position in the economic cycle, construction and manufacturing are flat, investment is yet again below forecast and despite all promises of balanced budgets, the PSBR has been once again revised substantially upwards, a revision the Government have failed to explain; notes also that ordinary families will by this year have paid an extra £2,000 in taxes since the last General Election, recalls that the United Kingdom has over the past 17 years an average rate of non-oil GDP growth of only 1.7 per cent., has the worst record on job generation of any major European economy and has fallen from 13th to 18th place in the world prosperity league; deplors the levels of long-term and youth unemployment, widespread job insecurity and the repeated attempts being made to introduce privatisation into the health service and welfare state; and instead of a return to Tory stop-go economics, calls for policies dedicated to higher levels of sustainable growth consistent with low inflation, higher levels of productive investment and a fairer Britain in which the welfare state helps people from benefits into jobs', instead thereof.(Mr Gordon Brown.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr John Cummings: 262.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Derek Conway, Mr Simon Burns: 297.

And the Question was negatived.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the publication of the Government's latest forecast, which shows growth strengthening, prosperity rising, inflation falling to within the Government's target of 2.5 per cent. or less, and a further decline in Government borrowing; notes that the United Kingdom has a lower unemployment rate, a higher proportion of its people in work and a lower burden of tax and public spending than any other major European country; and recognises that the favourable economic outlook reflects the success of the Government's policies to promote a modern, deregulated, dynamic and more competitive economy.

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, consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin):—It was agreed to.

16 Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment (Mrs Secretary Shephard);—

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr Roger Knapman: 275.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Ms Janet Anderson: 251.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 6 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 2.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

Ordered, That Mr David Blunkett, Mr Anthony Coombs, Mr Richard Ottaway, Estelle Morris and Mr Robin Squire be members of the Committee.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

17 Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill.—Mr Robin Squire reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 2 to the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained
Schools Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason accordingly, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 2 made by the Lords in page 1, line 14, for the following Reason:

Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendment.

18 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Halifax and Calder Valley against vouchers for nursery education in Calderdale;

(2) residents in the vicinity of the freight railway system proposed by Central Rail against the proposal; and

(3) residents of East London for a memorial in a park setting to commemorate the suffering of East End civilians in World War II

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

19 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Southampton against vouchers for nursery education was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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20 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 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-eight minutes to One o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.32 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Financial Services.—Draft Open-Ended Investment Companies (Investment Companies with Variable Capital) Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—Education (School Teachers' Pay and Conditions) (No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1816), dated 11th July 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

3 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (Trunk Roads) (No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1814), dated 10th July 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

4 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—(1) Crown Court (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 281), dated 10th July 1996,

(2) Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 282), dated 10th July 1996, and


Other Papers:

5 Agriculture Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Meat Hygiene Service for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 545] [Mr Douglas Hogg].
6 Broadcasting.—Report and Accounts of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission for 1996 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 479] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

7 Courts and Legal Services.—Report of the Court Service for 1995–96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 492] [Mr Gary Streeter].


9 European Communities (No. 12, 1996).—Protocol, done at Mauritius on 4th November 1995, to the Fourth ACP-EC Convention of Lomé consequent on the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union [by Command] [Cm. 3284] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

10 Health Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Medicines Control Agency for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 526] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

11 Home Office Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Forensic Science Service for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 551] [Mr Secretary Howard].

12 Housing (Scotland).—Accounts of Scottish Homes for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 641] [Clerk of the House].

13 Local Government.—Financial Statements of the South Bank Centre for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

14 Local Government, Planning and Land.—Report and Accounts of the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

15 Local Government (Scotland).—Accounts of the Accounts Commission for Scotland 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 642] [Clerk of the House].

16 Medicines.—Reports of the Advisory Board on the Registration of Homeopathic Products, the British Pharmacopoeia Commission, the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the Medicines Commission and the Veterinary Products Committee for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

17 Miscellaneous (No. 17, 1996).—Amendments, adopted at London on 23rd November 1995, to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 [by Command] [Cm. 3310] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

18 National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Wales on 9th July 1996 on borrowing by Llandough Hospital and Community NHS Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

19 National Heritage Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Royal Parks Agency for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 453] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

20 National Lottery.—(1) Account of the Arts Council of England Lottery Distribution for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 639] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Report of the Director General of the National Lottery for 1995–96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 540] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

21 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Sixth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1995–96, Selected Cases 1996 — Volume 3: Access to Official Information [by Act]; to be printed [No. 593] [Clerk of the House].

22 Prisons (Scotland).—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Prison Service for 1995–96, with Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 508] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

23 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Fifteenth to Seventeenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1995–96 [by Command] [Cm. 3327] [Mr Michael Jack].
24 Public Works Loans.—Report of the Public Works Loan Board for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mrs Angela Knight].

25 Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland).—Report of the Registrar General for Scotland for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

26 Social Security.—Report by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Social Fund for 1995-96 [by Command] [Cm. 3320] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

27 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of Companies House for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 547] [Clerk of the House].

28 Transport Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Marine Safety Agency for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 541] [Secretary Sir George Young].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Amendment Regulations 1996, viz.: Mr Matthew Banks, Mr Robert Banks, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Gyles Brandreth, Mr Matthew Carrington, Mr Michael Clapham, Ms Angela Eagle, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr David Hunt, Mr Ian McCartney, Alice Mahon, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Tim Smith, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Paddy Tipping and Mr Don Touhig.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Seventh Report from the Defence Committee [Statement on the Defence Estimates 1996], 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. 215]; and

(2) Eighth Report from the Defence Committee [Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding], 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. 189]

[Mr Michael Colvin].

2 Education and Employment,—(1) First Report from the Education and Employment Committee [The Employment Implications of the Industrial Dispute in the Port of Liverpool], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 413];

(2) Second Report from the Education and Employment Committee [The Work of the Department for Education and Employment]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 396];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Employment Committee on 17th July; to be printed [No. 627]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Education and Employment Committee; to be printed [No. 657].

[Sir Malcolm Thornton].

3 Environment,—(1) Fifth Report from the Environment Committee [DoE Estimates 1996-97 and Annual Report 1996]; to be printed [No. 382]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Committee on 17th July; to be printed [No. 437-ix]

[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
4 European Legislation,—(1) Twenty-sixth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xxvii]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on European Legislation on 17th July 1996; to be printed [No. 646-i]

[Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on 17th July; to be printed [No. 560-iii] [Sir Peter Emery].

6 Public Service,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Service Committee on 17th July; to be printed [No. 313-x] [Mr Giles Radice].

7 Science and Technology,—Fifth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [The Prior Options Reviews of Public Sector Research Establishments]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 643] [Sir Giles Shaw].

8 Trade and Industry,—(1) Sixth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Petrol Retailing], 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. 527];

(2) Seventh Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Former Mineshafts], 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. 493]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Trade and Industry Committee

[Mr Martin O'Neill].

9 Transport,—(1) Fifth Report from the Transport Committee [The Adequacy and Enforcement of Regulations Governing Heavy Goods Vehicles, Buses and Coaches], 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. 356];

(2) Third Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Observations on the Second Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96 (UK Airport Capacity)]; to be printed [No. 644]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 17th July; to be printed [No. 598-iii]

[Mr Paul Channon].

10 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 17th July; to be printed [No. 150-v] [Mr Gareth Wardell].

MEMORANDA

1 Constitution of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees), the Speaker allocated the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Amendment Regulations 1996 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

2 Chairmen of Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the Speaker appointed Mr Donald Anderson Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Amendment Regulations 1996.

3 European Standing Committees,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), European Community Document No. 7312/96, relating to Former Yugoslavia: aid for reconstruction and rehabilitation, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 12th July 1996, relating to the Merger Regulation, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.
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 9th 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) (Argentina) Order 1996, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mongolia) Order 1996 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Venezuela) Order 1996 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

2 King's College London Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the King's College London Bill [Lords] be read the third time on Tuesday 23rd July.

3 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Westminster Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 23rd July.

4 Export of Defence Equipment and Dual-Use Goods to Iraq and Related Prosecutions,—Resolved, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there will be laid before this House a Return of the Appendices to the Report of an Inquiry by the Right Honourable Sir Richard Scott into the Export of Defence Equipment and Dual-Use Goods to Iraq and Related Prosecutions, which was laid before the House on 15th February.

(Mr Anthony Nelson.)

5 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

6 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Barry Field reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Bills of Exchange) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 20th May, the proposal should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act 1951 (Repeal)) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 13th May, a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House.

7 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

8 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir James Hill reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Statement of Changes to the Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 329), referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Landfill Tax (Contaminated Land) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1529) and the Landfill Tax Regulations (S.I., 1996, No. 1527), referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Armed Forces Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Broadcasting Bill [Lords], without Amendment; they have agreed to certain other Amendments made by this House, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and they have agreed to another of the Amendments made by
this House, with a consequential Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of
this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Allied Irish Banks Bill, without Amendment.

11 Broadcasting Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments and Lords
consequential Amendment to the Broadcasting Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow
and to be printed [Bill 179].

12 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:

- Prisoners' Earnings Act 1996
- Marriage Ceremony (Prescribed Words) Act 1996
- Security Service Act 1996
- Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 1996
- Noise Act 1996
- Energy Conservation Act 1996
- Civil Aviation (Amendment) Act 1996
- Party Wall etc. Act 1996
- Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) Act 1996
- Railway Heritage Act 1996
- Education (Scotland) Act 1996
- Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 1996
- City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Act 1996
- Belfast Charitable Society Act 1996.

13 Estimates [3rd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [18th June] to
consider the estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 52
(Consideration of estimates).

Estimates, 1996-97 (Class I, Vote 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That a further sum not exceeding £6,228,158,000 be granted to Her Majesty
out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which will come in course
of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1997 for expenditure by the Ministry
of Defence: personnel costs, etc of the armed forces and their reserves and cadet forces,
etc; personnel costs, etc of Defence Ministers and of certain civilian staff employed by the
Ministry of Defence; movements, certain stores, supplies and services; certain spares and
maintenance; plant and machinery; charter of ships; certain research; lands and buildings;
works services; certain contingent liabilities; certain services provided by other
Government departments; some sundry services, subscriptions, grants and other
payments, including those abroad, including assistance to foreign and Commonwealth
governments for defence-related purposes; and set-up costs, loans and funding to trading
funds—(Mr James Arbuthnot);

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, 1996-97 (Class VI, Vote 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That a further, revised sum not exceeding £3,083,844,000 be granted to Her
Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which will come
in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1997 for expenditure by the
Department of the Environment on Housing Revenue Account Subsidy; slum clearance,
repairs and other improvements to private housing; payments to the Housing
Corporation; the transfer of local authority estates to new landlords; accommodation for
the homeless and special needs accommodation; housing management and mobility; rent
officers and Rent Assessment Panels; grants for the provision of gypsy sites; grants to
home improvement agencies; asylum seekers' special housing grant; for research projects,
including European Community programmes; publicity; and for sundry other housing
and construction services and projects—(Mr David Curry);
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 1996-97 (Class I, Vote 1 and Class VI, Vote 1).

Class I, Vote 1

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £6,228,158,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1997 for expenditure by the Ministry of Defence on: personnel costs, etc of the armed forces and their reserves and cadet forces, etc; personnel costs, etc of Defence Ministers and of certain civilian staff employed by the Ministry of Defence; movements, certain stores, supplies and services; certain spares and maintenance; plant and machinery; charter of ships; certain research; lands and buildings; works services; certain contingent liabilities; certain services provided by other Government departments; some sundry services, subscriptions, grants and other payments, including those abroad, including assistance to foreign and Commonwealth governments for defence-related purposes; and set-up costs, loans and funding to trading funds.

Class VI, Vote 1

Resolved, That a further, revised sum not exceeding £3,083,844,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1997 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on Housing Revenue Account Subsidy; slum clearance, repairs and other improvements to private housing; payments to the Housing Corporation; the transfer of local authority estates to new landlords; accommodation for the homeless and special needs accommodation; housing management and mobility; rent officers and Rent Assessment Panels; grants for the provision of gypsy sites; grants to home improvement agencies; asylum seekers' special housing grant; for research projects, including European Community programmes; publicity; and for sundry other housing and construction services and projects.

14 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.).

Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1996-97

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £105,763,862,000 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 1997, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 261, 262, 263 and 427.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the three foregoing Resolutions and the five Resolutions of 27th June relating to Estimates 1996-97: 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.

15 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 1997; 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 170].

16 Contracting Out,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracting Out (Functions relating to Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 18th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

17 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 25th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

18 Value Added Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Value Added Tax (Anti-avoidance (Heating)) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1661), dated 26th June 1996, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.
19 Road Traffic,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Driving Licences (Community Driving Licence) Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 1st July, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

20 Deregulation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Insurance Companies Act 1982) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 24th June, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

21 Deregulation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14A (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Slaughterhouses Act 1974 and Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Act 1980) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 12th February, be approved—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

22 Preliminary Draft Budget for 1997,—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. COM (96) 300, the preliminary draft budget of the European Communities for 1997, 6431/96 and 6431/96 COR 1, the proposal for an adjustment of the Financial Perspective; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

23 Maritime 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. 6813/96, towards a new maritime strategy, and endorses the Government’s approach to it—(Mr Simon Burns):—It was agreed to.

24 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents in the vicinity of the freight railway proposed by Central Rail against the proposal was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Customs and Excise,—(1) Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Application to Customs and Excise) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1860), and


2 Disabled Persons,—Disability Discrimination (Services and Premises) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1836), dated 15th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


5 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Navigational Warnings) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1813), dated 11th July 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Other Papers:

6 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Pesticides Safety Directorate for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 485] [Mr Douglas Hogg].
7 Broadcasting,—Account of additional payments to the Radio Authority by radio programme licensees and of the sums paid into the Consolidated Fund for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 652] [Clerk of the House].

8 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Defence Animal Centre, and
   (2) the Service Children’s Schools (North West Europe)
for 1995–96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 570 and 525] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

9 Environment Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 488] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

10 Environmental Protection,—Report and Accounts of the Countryside Council for Wales for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

11 Export of Defence Equipment and Dual-Use Goods to Iraq and Related Prosecutions,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day for a Return of the Appendices to the Report of the Inquiry into the Export of Defence Equipment and Dual-Use Goods to Iraq and Related Prosecutions, by the Right Honourable Sir Richard Scott, laid before this House on 15th February 1996; to be published, together with a Foreword by Sir Richard Scott and a list of errata pursuant to the Addresses to Her Majesty this day and of 15th February 1996 [Mr Secretary Lang].

12 Foreign Compensation,—Accounts of—
   (1) the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Tsarist Assets) Compensation Fund and
       the People’s Republic of China Compensation Fund for 1993–94, and
   (2) the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Tsarist Assets) Compensation Fund and
       the People’s Republic of China Compensation Fund for the period 1st April 1994 to 11th
       July 1994,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
[Nos. 653 and 654] [Clerk of the House].

13 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Land Registry for 1995–96, with
the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 537] [Clerk of the House].

14 Housing,—Report and Accounts of the Castle Vale Housing Action Trust for 1995–96 [by
Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

15 Housing Associations,—Housing Corporation Review for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
Gummer].

16 Local Government Finance,—Report and Accounts of the Audit Commission for 1995–96
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

17 Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration
Commission for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General
thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 635] [Clerk of the House].

18 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the Imperial War Museum for 1994–95, with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 651]
[Clerk of the House].

19 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of
Transport: Freight Facilities Grants in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 632] [Clerk
of the House].

20 National Heritage Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of Historic Royal Palaces for
1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [No. 510] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

21 National Lottery,—Accounts of the Scottish Arts Council National Lottery Distribution
Fund for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by
Act]; to be printed [No. 650] [Clerk of the House].
22 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for 1994–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 649] [Clerk of the House].

23 Scottish Land Court,—Report as to the proceedings of the Scottish Land Court for 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3324] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

24 Scottish Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Office Pensions Agency for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 561] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—Nineteenth Report from the Deregulation Committee, [Proposal For the Deregulation (Bills of Exchange) Order 1996: Proposal for The Deregulation (Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act 1951 (Repeal)) Order 1996]; to be printed [No. 647] [Mr Barry Field].

2 European Legislation,—(1) Twenty-seventh Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation [The Scrutiny of European Business]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 51-xxvii]; and

   (2) Twenty-eighth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation [The Role of National Parliaments in the European Union]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 51-xxviii]
   [Mr Jimmy Hood].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 18th July; to be printed [No. 370-vi and -vii] [Mr David Howell].

4 National Heritage,—(1) Second Special Report from the National Heritage Committee [Funding of the performing and visual arts: Responses of the Government and the Arts Council of England to the First Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96]; to be printed [No. 648]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on 18th July; to be printed [No. 476-vi]
   [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

[No. 139.]
Friday 19th July 1996.

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 Roger Knapman);

   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 Wednesday 24th July—

   (1) notwithstanding Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House), the second Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the adjournment of the House shall lapse one and a half hours after it has been made;

   (2) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Tony Newton relating to the draft Code of Conduct of Members not later than two hours after their commencement, such Questions including the Questions on any amendments to that Motion which she may have selected, which may then be moved; and

   the said Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)
4 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd July.

[Adjourned at 2.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (Funding for Teacher Training) Designation Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1832), dated 10th July 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

Other Papers:

3 Development of Tourism,—Accounts of the Wales Tourist Board for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 662] [Clerk of the House].

4 Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland),—Accounts of Highlands and Islands Enterprise for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 663] [Clerk of the House].


6 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Report and Accounts of the Land Authority for Wales for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

7 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed mergers between UniChem plc/Lloyds Chemists plc and GEHE AG/Lloyds Chemists plc [by Command] [Cm. 3344] [Mr Secretary Lang].

8 National Heritage (Scotland),—Report of the National Museums of Scotland for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

9 National Lottery,—(1) Account of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution,

   (2) Account of the Arts Council of Wales Lottery Distribution,

   (3) Account of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution, and

   (4) Accounts of the Sports Council for Wales Lottery Distribution for 1995-96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 661, 664, 666 and 660] [Clerk of the House].

10 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Patent Office for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 628] [Clerk of the House].

11 Welsh Development Agency,—Accounts of the Welsh Development Agency for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 659] [Clerk of the House].

MEMORANDUM

European Standing Committees,—European Community Document No. 8371/96, relating to Conservation of Fishery Resources: Technical Measures, 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 8th July, which was referred to the Committee on 10th July.
Monday 22nd July 1996.

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 Amendments made by this House to the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
   - The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Damages Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
   - Deer (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the legislation relating to deer in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
   - The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Asylum and Immigration Bill, without Amendment; they do not insist on those of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed; and they have agreed to the Amendment made to the Bill in lieu of one of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed, without Amendment.
   - The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill, to which this House has disagreed.
   - The Lords have agreed to the Social Security (Overpayments) Bill, without Amendment.
4. Deer (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Deer (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 185].
5. Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill;
   - A Motion was made, 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.
   - The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
   - 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 Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Wednesday, do adjourn till Monday 14th October (Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.
7. Housing Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Housing Bill.
   - Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 101 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 20, 21 and 25.
   - Lords Amendment No. 102.
     - A Motion was made, and the Question being put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 22 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Wednesday, do adjourn till Monday 14th October (Mr Bowen Wells):—It was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 114.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr Gyles Brandreth);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Richard Ottaway: 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Eric Martlew: 227.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Amendments (b) and (c) were made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 114 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 115 to 285 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 275.

Lords Amendment No. 286 was disagreed to.

Amendment (a) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 286 disagreed to, in page 144, line 43, by leaving out from the first word 'order' to the end of line 45 and inserting the words 'subject to this limit, that the fees payable in respect of any one application or reference by the court together with any proceedings before the tribunal arising out of that application or reference shall not exceed £500 or such other amount as may be specified by order of the Secretary of State', instead thereof.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

Another Amendment (b) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 286 disagreed to, in page 145, line 1, by leaving out the words 'which, unless the order' and inserting the words—

'( ) No order altering the limit under subsection (3) shall be made unless a draft of the order has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

( ) Any other order under this section, unless it', instead thereof.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

Lords Amendment No. 287.

An Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 288.

Amendment (a) proposed to the Lords Amendment, to leave out the word 'thirty-five' and insert the word 'twenty-one', instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the Lords Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Joe Benton: 119.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 239.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 289 to 329 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 299.

8 Water Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 5939/96, on European Community water policy, and 8600/94, on ecological quality of water; and endorses the Government's objective of ensuring that the Commission's review of European water policy provides for the proper assessment of water priorities, including the evaluation of costs and benefits of different policy measures—(Mr Derek Conway);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words 'and calls on Her Majesty's Government to invite the Governments of each Member state of the European Community, together with the Governments of adjacent states, to embark on an international study of their respective policies and systems of hydrological regulation, with a view to publishing conclusions on mutually acceptable systems of control, surveillance, specification or standards of water quality.'.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That the Amendment be made:— It was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:— It was agreed to.
9 Office Costs Allowance.—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, paragraph (1) of the Resolution of this House of 10th July 1996 about the Office Costs Allowance should be treated as if the words after ‘£11,591’ had not been included.—(Mr Derek Conway.)

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Bradford against proposals to develop Bierley Hall Hospital as a specialised clinic for people with mental health problems was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents in the vicinity of the freight railway proposed by Central Railway against the proposal was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 8.52 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Transport,—Scottish Transport Group (Pension Schemes) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1900), dated 19th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Other Papers:

6 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 605] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

7 Broadcasting,—(1) Account of the Independent Television Commission Additional Payments and Financial Penalties by Licensees for 1995–96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 676] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Report and Accounts of the Gaelic Television Committee for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

8 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Chessington Computer Centre, and

(2) the Recruitment and Assessment Services

for 1995–96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 576 and 575] [Mr Roger Freeman].

9 Coal Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Coal Authority for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

10 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Defence Analytical Services Agency,

(2) the Disposal Sales Agency, and

(3) the Duke of York’s Royal Military School

for 1995–96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 538, 461 and 446] [Mr Secretary Portillo].
11 Deregulation,—Proposal under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the Deregulation (Betting Licensing) Order 1996, together with an explanatory memorandum by the Secretary of State for the Home Department [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

12 Education,—Accounts of the Teacher Training Agency for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 672] [Clerk of the House].

13 Education and Employment Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Employment Service for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 483] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

14 Environment,—Report and Accounts of the Environment Agency for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

15 Further and Higher Education,—Account of the Further Education Funding Council for England for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 670] [Clerk of the House].

16 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Vehicle Inspectorate for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 620] [Clerk of the House].

17 Health Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Medical Devices Agency for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 500] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

18 Hospital Endowments,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Hospital Trust for 1995–96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 469] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

19 Housing,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) Liverpool Housing Action Trust,
   (2) Stonebridge Housing Action Trust,
   (3) Tower Hamlets Housing Action Trust, and
   (4) Waltham Forest Housing Action Trust
   for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].


21 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of—
   (1) the National Maritime Museum, and
   (2) the National Museum of Science and Industry
   for 1995–96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 674 and 675] [Clerk of the House].

22 National Audit,—(1) Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (i) Criminal Legal Aid Means Testing in the Magistrates' Courts,
   (ii) Health of the Nation: A Progress Report,
   (iii) HM Customs and Excise: The Seizure of Drug Traffickers' Assets,
   (iv) Improving Health in Wales,
   (v) Scottish Enterprise: Financial Management, and
   (vi) the Work of the Directors General of Telecommunications, Gas Supply, Water Services and Electricity Supply
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 615, 656, 668, 633, 667 and 645] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Eighth Report of the Public Accounts Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 658] [Sir Peter Hordern].


(2) Report and Accounts of the Rate Collection Agency for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon;

(3) Report and Accounts of the Social Security Agency for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon; and

(4) Report and Accounts of the Training and Employment Agency for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 536, 539, 534 and 572] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

25 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—Report of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

26 Post Office.—Report of the Post Office Users' Council for Scotland for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

27 Public Lending Right.—Accounts of the Public Lending Right Central Fund for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 673] [Clerk of the House].

28 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].

29 Superannuation.—(1) Civil Service Compensation (Amendment) Scheme 1996 (No. 3), and (2) Principal Civil Service Pension (Amendment) Scheme 1996 (No. 2)
  [by Act] [Mr David Willetts].

30 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the National Weights and Measures Laboratory, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 533] [Mr Secretary Lang].

31 Water Resources.—Report and Accounts of the National Rivers Authority for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Environment,.—(1) Sixth Report from the Environment Committee [Water Conservation and Supply: Interim Report], 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. 437-I]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Committee [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

[No. 141.]

Tuesday 23rd July 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Westminster Bill [Lords].—The City of Westminster Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

2 King's College London Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the King's College London Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 15th October.

3 Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention.
to suspend further proceedings not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all Fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid;

That, if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the next Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the present Session;

That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed) and shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as have been made by the Committee in the present Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

That no further Fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings on the Bill in respect of which Fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

4 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

5 London Local Authorities 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 London Local Authorities 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 Selection (see Appendix II).

7 Select Committees (see Appendix III).

8 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Donald Anderson reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Amendment Regulations 1996.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 European Standing Committee A,—Sir James Hill reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 7833/96, relating to management guidelines for the fourth generation of Multi-Annual Guidance Programmes, 7827/96 on restructuring the Community fisheries sector, and 7701/96, relating to the establishment of a satellite-based vessel monitoring system; and the unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 8th July 1996 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources; on 6th July 1996 on a fisheries agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania; on 8th July 1996 on a fisheries agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Angola; on 8th July 1996 on a fisheries agreement between the European Community and Sao Tome e Principe; and on 9th July 1996 on progress of the Multi-Annual Guidance Programme for the fishing fleet at the end of 1995; and supports the Government’s resolve to achieve improvements in the Common Fisheries Policy, in particular in relation to the conservation and rational exploitation of the resources on which UK fishermen depend, and the Government’s commitment to seeking Treaty changes at the Inter-Governmental Conference in order to address the issue of quota hopping.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Housing Bill, to which this House has disagreed; they have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House in lieu of those Amendments; and they have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendment made by this House to one of their Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the City of Westminster Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
Right to Work Bill.—Sir Ralph Howell, supported by Mr Frank Field, Mr David Alton, Sir Wyn Roberts, Mr David Howell, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Sir Rhodes Boyson, Mr Michael Alison, Ms Angela Eagle, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr Hugh Dykes and Mr Bob Dunn presented a Bill to establish the right to work and to impose a duty on the Secretary of State to offer work instead of 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 on Tuesday 15th October and to be printed [Bill 186].

Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 59 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee), That the matter of the 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th and 39th reports from the Examiner of Statutory Rules, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Sebastian Coe)—It was agreed to.

Waste Prevention.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in 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 that Mr Gary Waller, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Elliot Morley, Diana Maddock, Mr Cynog Dafis, Sir John Hunt, Helen Jackson, Sir David Knox, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Matthew Taylor and Mr Barry Sheerman do prepare to bring it in.

Waste Prevention Bill,—Mr Gary Waller accordingly 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 15th October and to be printed [Bill 187].

Opposition Day [20th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 13 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Future of the Welfare State,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House asserts its renewed commitment to a strong welfare state to provide a platform of opportunity and security for all citizens during those times of their lives when they need it; expresses alarm at recent indications that Her Majesty's Government is considering the privatisation of parts of the welfare system; deplores the Government's stewardship of the welfare state, which has left it more expensive for the nation but more brutal for those who rely on it; believes that the way to reduce welfare expenditure is to help people to move from benefit to work, not to remove or reduce their benefits; and fears that the future of the nation's welfare state is not safe in this Government's hands—(Mr Chris Smith); An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the substantial progress made by Her Majesty's Government in ensuring that the welfare state continues to be affordable by focusing help on those with genuine need or entitlement; agrees that Her Majesty's Government should continue to seek positive and imaginative ways of ensuring that the welfare state continues to be both effective and affordable; supports Her Majesty's Government in striving to make the administration of the welfare state as effective and efficient as possible; notes that the Labour leadership is now criticized even by its own supporters for being vague and intellectual on welfare issues; condemns the Labour Party's readiness to criticise people who do think radically about social security; deplores the Labour Party's knee-jerk opposition to the improvement of the benefit delivery system; and opposes the Labour Party's expensive and irresponsible plans for a new means-tested system Pension Entitlement and a flexible decade of retirement', 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 Peter Hain, Mr Jon Owen Jones: 235.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Richard Ottaway: 275.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50 (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 progress made by Her Majesty's Government in ensuring that the welfare state continues to be affordable by focusing help on those with genuine need or entitlement; agrees that Her Majesty's Government should
continue to seek positive and imaginative ways of ensuring that the welfare state continues to be both effective and affordable; supports Her Majesty's Government in striving to make the administration of the welfare state as effective and efficient as possible; notes that the Labour leadership is now criticized even by its own supporters for being vague and ineffectual on welfare issues; condemns the Labour Party's readiness to criticize people who do think radically about social security; deplores the Labour Party's knee-jerk opposition to the improvement of the benefit delivery system; and opposes the Labour Party's expensive and irresponsible plans for a new means-tested system Pension Entitlement and a flexible decade of retirement.

Role of the Voluntary Sector in British Society,—Resolved, That this House welcomes and applauds the massive contribution made by the Voluntary Sector to the lives of individuals and communities throughout Britain and believes that it is the responsibility of Government to nurture the sector while respecting the independence of charities and voluntary organisations.—(Mr Alun Michael.)

16 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 consideration of Lords Amendments to certain Commons Amendments, and of a Lords consequential Amendment to the Broadcasting Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Gyles Brandreth)—It was agreed to.

17 Broadcasting Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments, and a Lords consequential Amendment, to the Broadcasting Bill [Lords]. Lords Amendments Nos. 101A, 166A and B, 177A, 185A to G and 282A were agreed to.

18 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Ealing against the proposal of Central Railway for a freight railway was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

19 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Leigh (Kent) against the proposal of Central Railway for a freight railway;
(2) residents of Edenbridge against the proposal of Central Railway for a freight railway; and
(3) residents of Wrexham for the avoidance of actions jeopardising the future of local chemists

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

20 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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service,—Nottingham Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) (No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1842), dated 16th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


3 Sea Fisheries,—Inshore Fishing (Monofilament Gill Nets) (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1907), dated 15th July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

4 Trade Marks,—Community Trade Mark Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1908), dated 23rd July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

5 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Intervention Board, and
(2) the Veterinary Laboratories Agency
for 1995–96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 589 and 619] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

6 Asylum and Immigration,—Report of the Independent Monitor of Entry Clearance Refusals
for 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

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 1995–96 [by
Act]; to be printed [No. 594] [Mr Secretary Howard].

8 Building Societies,—Account of the Building Societies Commission for 1995–96, with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 682]
[Clerk of the House].

9 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Civil Service College for
1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
be printed [No. 585] [Mr Roger Freeman].

10 Civil Aviation,—Report and Accounts of Highlands and Islands Airports Limited for
1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

11 Coal Industry Nationalisation,—Report and Accounts of the British Coal Corporation for
1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

12 Development of Tourism,—Report of the Wales Tourist Board for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr
Secretary Hague].

13 Environment Executive Agencies,—(1) Financial Statement of the Building Research
Establishment, and
(2) Report and Accounts of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre
for 1995–96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 610 and 448] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

14 Friendly Societies,—(1) Account of the Friendly Societies Commission for 1995–96, with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 681]
[Clerk of the House]; and.
(2) Report of the Friendly Societies Commission for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mrs Angela
Knight].

15 Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minute, dated 23rd July 1996, concerning a further
financial objective for 1996–97 desirable of achievement by the Chessington Computer
Centre [by Act] [Mr William Waldegrave].

16 Health Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the NHS Pensions Agency for
1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
be printed [No. 544] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

17 Industrial Development,—Industrial Development Act 1982: Report by the Secretaries of
State for Trade and Industry, Scotland and Wales for 1995–96 [by Act]; to be printed
[No. 599] [Mr Secretary Lang].

18 Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development,—Report and Financial Statements of
English Partnerships for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

19 Legal Aid (Scotland),—Report of the Scottish Legal Aid Board for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr
Secretary Forsyth].

20 Local Government, Planning and Land,—(1) Financial Statements of Leeds Development
Corporation for the periods—
(i) 1st April to 16th June 1995, and
(ii) 17th June to 30th June 1995;
(2) Reports and Accounts of—
   (i) Birmingham Heartlands Development Corporation,
   (ii) Black Country Development Corporation,
   (iii) Central Manchester Development Corporation,
   (iv) Merseyside Development Corporation,
   (v) Plymouth Development Corporation,
   (vi) Sheffield Development Corporation,
   (vii) Teesside Development Corporation, and
   (viii) Tyne and Wear Development Corporation
   for 1995–96; and
(3) Report and Accounts of Trafford Park Development Corporation for 1995–96,
   together with Land and Property Holdings as at 1st April 1996
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

21 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the National Portrait Gallery for 1995–96, with the
   Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 686]
   [Clerk of the House].

22 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 1995, and
   (2) Payments to the National Lottery Distribution Fund
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 677 and 678] [Clerk of the House].

23 National Lottery,—Account of the Millennium Commission for 1995–96, with the Report of
   the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 683] [Clerk of the House].

24 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [30th
   April] from residents of North London and elsewhere against the introduction of the
   scrambling of television pictures in Cyprus by the Sight and Sound Vision Corporation
   [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

25 Scottish Office Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) Historic Scotland,
   (2) the Scottish Agricultural Science Agency,
   (3) the Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency, and
   (4) the Student Awards Agency for Scotland
   for 1995–96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
   to be printed [Nos. 608, 562, 520 and 606] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

26 Social Security,—Paper, entitled Improving decision making and appeals in Social Security:
   Consultation July to October 1996 [by Command] [Cm. 3328] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

27 Transport Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, and
   (2) the Vehicle Certification Agency
   for 1995–96, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
   to be printed [Nos. 609 and 571] [Secretary Sir George Young].

28 Treasury Solicitor Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Government Property
   [by Act]; to be printed [No. 445] [Mr Attorney General].

29 Welsh Language,—Accounts of the Welsh Language Board for 1995–96, with the Report of
   the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 680] [Clerk of the House].

30 Wildlife and Countryside,—Accounts of the Countryside Commission for 1995–96, with the
   Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 684]
   [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Sir Fergus Montgomery reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Sir John Wheeler to serve as an additional Member on the Northern Ireland Grand Committee for the remainder of this Session.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—First Report from the Agriculture Committee [The UK Dairy Industry and the CAP Dairy Regime], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 40] [Sir Jerry Wiggin].

2 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Public Expenditure: Spending Plans of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Overseas Development Administration 1996-97 to 1998-99], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 370]; and

(2) Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Intergovernmental Conference], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 306] [Mr Peter Shore].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xxviii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Treasury,—(1) Eighth Report from the Treasury Committee [The Prognosis for Stage Three of Economic and Monetary Union], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 283];

(2) Fifth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Observations on the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96, on Resource Accounting and Budgeting in Government: The Financial Reporting Advisory Board]; to be printed [No. 685]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 23rd July; to be printed [No. 411-v] [Sir Thomas Arnold].

MEMORANDUM

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

(1) Sir James Molyneaux Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th and 39th reports from the Examiner of Statutory Rules; and

(2) Mr Norman Hogg Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry, relating to the Merger Regulation.

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.
Wednesday 24th July 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Timothy Wood);
and it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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 Statutory Instruments (Production and Sale) Bill, without Amendment.

Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords].—The Lords communicate that they have considered the Message from the Commons [yesterday] relating to the Bodmin Moor Commons Bill [Lords]; and that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the Bill, viz.:

That the promoters of the Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in this Session in order to proceed with the Bill in the next Session of Parliament, notice of their intention to do so having been deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than 12 noon to-morrow;

That the Bill shall 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 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 the Bill in the next Session of Parliament be pro forma in regard to every stage through which the Bill has passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages;

That the Private Business Standing Orders apply to the Bill in the next Session only in regard to any stage through which the Bill has not passed during the present Session.

5 Regulation of the Wheelclamping Industry Bill,—Diana Maddock, supported by Mr David Atkinson, Glenda Jackson, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Gary Waller, Mr Bruce George, Mr Alex Carlile, Mr Peter Thurnham, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr David Rendel, Mr Paul Flynn and Mr Matthew Taylor, presented a Bill to make provision for the licensing of private wheelclamp operators by local authorities; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday 16th October and to be printed [Bill 188].

6 Union Flag.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate and promote the flying of the Union Flag; to enable Government construction projects to be identified with the Union Flag; and to promote the union of the United Kingdom—(Mr Michael Fabricant);

And the Question 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 negatived.

7 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Worker's Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Amendment Regulations 1996, which were laid before this House on 16th July, be approved—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin): It was agreed to.

8 Wild Animals (Trapping Methods).—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. 4198/96, relating to methods of trapping wild animals; shares the Government's concern that the
Commission’s proposals represent a significant weakening of the existing Council regulation agreed unanimously in 1991; and supports the Government’s view that the Community must make it clear to fur-exporting countries through Community legislation that it maintains a strong commitment to end the use of leghold traps worldwide—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

9 Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 7833/96, relating to management guidelines for the fourth generation of Multi-Annual Guidance Programmes, 7827/96 on restructuring the Community fisheries sector, and 7701/96, relating to the establishment of a satellite-based vessel monitoring system; and the unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 8th July 1996 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources; on 6th July 1996 on a fisheries agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania; on 8th July 1996 on a fisheries agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania; on 8th July 1996 on a fisheries agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania; and on 9th July 1996 on progress of the Multi-Annual Guidance Programme for the fishing fleet at the end of 1995; and supports the Government’s resolve to achieve improvements in the Common Fisheries Policy, in particular in relation to the conservation and rational exploitation of the resources on which United Kingdom fishermen depend, and the Government’s commitment to seeking Treaty changes at the Inter-Governmental Conference in order to address the issue of quota hopping—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words ‘and calls on Her Majesty’s Government to recognise and draw to the attention of other Member States of the European Community that the genesis and evolution of the current Common Fisheries Policy is flawed by past misrepresentation, coercion by qualified majority vote, inequity between Member States, and impracticality in operation, and is thus incapable of achieving the objectives of conservation of fisheries and the marine environment that can yield sustainable catches and consequent stability of income and employment in fishing communities; and thus believes that these objectives can only be achieved by a new policy created and sustained by mutual agreement between those Member States possessing internationally recognised fishery interests working in co-operation to achieve these universally desirable ends.’.—(Mr Nigel Spearing.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 102 (European Standing Committees), That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Harry Barnes, Dr Norman A. Godman: 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Richard Ottaway: 164.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be not committed—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), 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.

11 School Inspections Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Inspections Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation Bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be not committed—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), 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 Deer (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deer (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be not committed—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin)—It was agreed to.
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Consolidation bills), 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 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin);
Mr A. J. Beith rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Ms Liz Lynne: 22.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Bowen Wells: 188.
So the Question was negatived.
It being after one and a half hours after the Motion was made, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to Order [19th July].

14 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:
Appropriation Act 1996
Armed Forces Act 1996
Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996
Damages Act 1996
Asylum and Immigration Act 1996
Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Act 1996
Social Security (Overpayments) Act 1996
Housing Act 1996
Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996
Statutory Instruments (Production and Sale) Act 1996
Broadcasting Act 1996
Education Act 1996
School Inspections Act 1996
Deer (Scotland) Act 1996
Allied Irish Banks Act 1996
City of Westminster Act 1996.

15 Code of Conduct.—Resolved, That this House approves the Third Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, House of Commons Paper No. 604, and in particular—
(a) approves the Code of Conduct prepared pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 19th July 1995,

(b) approves the Guide to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members, the modifications to the rules of the House contained therein, and the guidelines to the application of the Resolution of the House of 6th November 1995, (Conduct of Members) contained in paragraph 58 of the Guide, and

(c) authorises the Committee on Standards and Privileges to make such minor amendments to the Guide to the Rules as appear to it to be justified by experience or necessarily reflect decisions of the House; and to report such amended versions of the Guide to the House.—(Mr Tony Newton.)

Code of Conduct and Guide to the Rules to be printed [No. 688].

16 Central Railway Order.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House pursuant to section 9(4) of the Transport and Works Act 1992, approves the following proposals, contained in an application for an Order submitted under section 6 of that Act by Central Railway plc on 20th May 1996 and entitled The Central Railway Order, for the construction and operation of a railway between Leicester and the Channel Tunnel via Rugby on a dismantled railway alignment to link with the existing Chiltern line through Buckinghamshire to near Olympia in London, from where a new railway would be constructed in a tunnel under the Thames to Streatham, where it would run beside the existing Brighton line to south of Coulsdon, then under the North Downs close to the M23 and then beside the existing railway to Tonbridge, Ashford and Folkestone; and for the construction and use of freight terminal sites at the M1/M6 junction and next to the M25 and M40 in Buckinghamshire—(Mr John Watts);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Foster, Mr Robert G. Hughes: 7.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Bill Etherington: 172.

So the Question was negatived.

17 Finance and Services.—Ordered, That Mr Greg Knight be discharged from the Finance and Services Committee and Mr Andrew MacKay be added to the Committee.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

18 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of North Lincolnshire for a review of the basis upon which standard spending assessment is calculated; and

(2) residents of Manchester against the proposed relocation of the North West Traffic Area Office

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

19 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gyles Brandreth.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes to Ten o'clock, adjourned till Monday 14th October, pursuant to Resolution [22nd July].

[Adjourned at 9.43 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Building and Buildings,—Building (Approved Inspectors etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996, No. 1906), dated 22nd July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

3 Insolvency,—(1) Insolvent Companies (Reports on Conduct of Directors) Rules 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1909), and

(2) Insolvent Companies (Reports on Conduct of Directors) (Scotland) Rules 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1910),

dated 22nd July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

5 Trade Marks,—Trade Marks (Fees) Rules 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1942), dated 23rd July 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Other Papers:

6 Atomic Energy Authority,—Review of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


8 Construction Industry Training Board,—Report and Accounts of the Construction Industry Training Board for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

9 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Queen Victoria School for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 459] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

10 Employment Protection,—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, under section 148 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, on limits on guarantee payments and limit on a week’s pay [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 European Communities,—Paper, entitled European Community Finances: Statement on the 1996 EC Budget and measures to counter fraud and financial mismanagement [by Command] [Cm. 3350] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

12 Farmland and Rural Development,—Review by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State for Wales and Scotland, under section 2 of the Farmland and Rural Development Act 1988, of the Farm Woodland Premium Scheme [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

13 Home Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Passport Agency for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 563] [Mr Secretary Howard].

14 Miscellaneous (No. 16, 1996),—Proposed Amendment, adopted by the Standing Committee at its 30th Meeting in Geneva on 4th February 1992, of Article 1, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Control and Marking of Articles of Precious Metals, done at Vienna on 15th November 1972 [by Command] [Cm. 3351] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

15 Museums and Galleries,—Reports of—
   (1) the National Gallery, and
   (2) the National Portrait Gallery
for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].


17 Northern Ireland Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Compensation Agency for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 631] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

18 Overseas Pensions,—The Indian Family Pensions (Transferred) (United Kingdom) (Amendment) Scheme 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

19 Railways,—Report of the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising for 1995–96 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

20 Superannuation,—Compensation (HM Prison Service) Scheme 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

21 Trade and Industry,—Paper, entitled Strategic Export Controls: a consultative document [by Command] [Cm. 3349] [Mr Secretary Lang].

22 Treaty Series (No. 62, 1996),—Europe Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 4th October 1993, establishing an Association between the European Communities and their
Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, including Exchanges of Letters with Declarations and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 3281] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

23 Treaty Series (No. 72, 1996),—Agreement, done at Moscow on 15th February 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Russian Federation on co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture [by Command] [Cm. 3333] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

24 Treaty Series (No. 115, 1995),—Index to the Treaty Series 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 3347] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

25 Welsh Development Agency,—Report and Accounts of the Welsh Development Agency for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

26 Welsh Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of Cadw Welsh Historic Monuments for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 557] [Mr Secretary Hague].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs,—(1) Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Possession of Handguns], 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]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee

[Sir Ivan Lawrence].

2 Public Service,—(1) Second Report from the Public Service Committee [Ministerial Accountability and Responsibility]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 313]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Public Service Committee

[Mr Giles Radice].

3 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 24th July; to be printed [No. 687-i] [Sir Giles Shaw].

4 Standards and Privileges,—(1) Fourth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Roy Thomason], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 635];

(2) Fifth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Marjorie Mowlam], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 636];

(3) Sixth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr William Cash], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 637]; and

(4) Seventh Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 679]

[Mr Tony Newton].

5 Transport,—Sixth Report from the Transport Committee [The Proposed Alliance between British Airways and American Airlines], 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. 598] [Mr Paul Channon].

6 Welsh Affairs,—Third Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Training of Ambulance Paramedics], 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. 91] [Mr Gareth Wardell].
Monday 14th October 1996.

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 Terry Patchett, Esquire, Member for Barnsley East. I am sure that honourable Members of all parties will join me in mourning the loss of a colleague and in extending our sympathy to the family and friends of the honourable Gentleman.

2 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

3 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

4 Defence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1996 contained in Cm. 3223—(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 Statement on the Defence Estimates 1996; condemns the instability caused to Britain's armed forces by Government mismanagement; recognises that the UK defence industry is a strategic national asset in both defence and economic terms; notes that the shortfall in the strength of the British Army numbers 4000 personnel; is concerned that the resulting overstretch is undermining the morale and operational effectiveness of the armed forces; condemns the manner in which the defence forces and defence industry are being run down in an ad hoc and piecemeal way; recognises that the armed forces and defence industry require a long-term strategic overview which can only be achieved through the establishment of a strategic defence review; condemns the continued financial waste and mismanagement by Ministers; urges the Government to take action to address the world landmine crisis and to ban the export, import and transfer of all forms of anti-personnel landmine; urges a positive approach to the comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty negotiations, and congratulates the work carried out by British forces in the defence of Britain and her interest in helping to maintain international stability in peacekeeping operations throughout the world', 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 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from citizens of Dundee for legislation to ban the private ownership of handguns were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Coatbridge against dumping of waste at Tilgarth 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—(Mr Peter Ainsworth);

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 twenty-eight minutes to Eleven o'clock, 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):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [Cm. 3365] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Other Papers:

2 Aid and Trade Provision,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 20th August 1996, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon Aid and Trade Provision Soft Loans and tax indemnities given to banks, for the China Guangzhou Metro Ventilation System Project and the Indonesia Advancement of SI Science and Technology Project [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

3 British Council,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 1st August 1996, concerning a contingent liability consequent on the indemnification of works of art lent to the British Council for new exhibitions to be held in certain overseas locations during the second half of 1996-97 [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

4 Citizen's Charter,—Paper, entitled The Citizen's Charter: Five Years On [Cm. 3370] [The Prime Minister].

5 European Communities (No. 15, 1996),—Inter-regional Framework Co-operation Agreement, done at Madrid on 15th December 1995, between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Southern Common Market and its Party States of the other part, with exchange of letters [Cm. 3342] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

6 France (No. 1, 1996),—Agreement on Maritime Delimitation, done at London on 27th June 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning Montserrat and Guadeloupe [Cm. 3359] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

7 France (No. 2, 1996),—Agreement on Maritime Delimitation, done at London on 27th June 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning Anguilla, on the one hand, and Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy, on the other [Cm. 3360] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

8 Health and Social Services (Northern Ireland),—Summary of Health and Personal Social Services and Northern Ireland Health Promotion Agency Accounts for 1993-94, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [Cm. 3325] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

9 Home Affairs,—Government replies to Reports from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1995-96—
   (1) First and Second, on Murder: The Mandatory Life Sentence, and
   (2) Fourth, on Identity Cards
   [Cm. 3346 and 3362] [Mr Secretary Howard].

10 Immigration,—Paper, entitled Control of Immigration: Statistics, United Kingdom 1995 [Cm. 3353] [Mr Secretary Howard].

11 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Privity of Contract: Contracts for the Benefit of Third Parties [Cm. 3329] [Mr Gary Streeter].

12 Metropolitan Police,—(1) Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1995-96, and
   (2) Report of the Metropolitan Police Committee for 1995-96
   [Mr Secretary Howard].


14 Miscellaneous (No. 20, 1996),—Protocol, done at Montreal on 29th September 1995, relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago, 7th December 1944) [Cm. 3340] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].
15 Miscellaneous (No. 21, 1996),—Protocol, done at Montreal on 29th September 1995, on the authentic quinquilingual text of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago 1944) [Cm. 3341] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

16 Miscellaneous (No. 22, 1996),—Document, agreed at Vienna on 31st May 1996, among the states parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe of 19th November 1990 [Cm. 3361] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

17 Miscellaneous (No. 23, 1996),—Convention, adopted at New York on 9th December 1994, on the safety of United Nations and associated personnel [Cm. 3363] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

18 Monopolies and Mergers,—Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on NV Verenigde Bedrijven Nutricia and enterprises belonging to Milupa AG [Cm. 3356] [Mr Secretary Lang].

19 Northern Ireland,—Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of Northern Ireland for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [Cm. 3357] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

20 Police,—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for 1995-96 [Cm. 3313] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

21 Prisons,—Prison Statistics for England and Wales for 1995 [Cm. 3355] [Mr Secretary Howard].

22 Prisons (Scotland),—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland for 1995-96 [Cm. 3314] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

23 Public Accounts,—(1) Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the 26th and 27th Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts Session 1995-96 [Cm. 3373] [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew]; and

(2) Treasury Minute on the Eighteenth to Twenty-fifth and Twenty-eighth to Thirtieth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1995-96 [Cm. 3379] [Mr Michael Jack]; and

(3) Treasury Minute on the Thirty-first to Thirty-eighth and Forty-first Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1995-96 [Cm. 3384] [Mr Michael Jack].

24 Royal Naval Reserve,—Report, dated 16th September 1996, of the call out into actual service of two officers of the Royal Naval Reserve [Mr Secretary Portillo].

25 Social Security,—(1) Paper, entitled The Treatment of Pension Rights on Divorce [Cm. 3345]; and

(2) Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee under section 174(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, together with a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security, on the Income-Related Benefits and Jobseeker's Allowance (Personal Allowances for Children and Young Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 [Cm. 3393] [Mr Secretary Lilley].


28 Telecommunications,—Amendments to the Agreement and the Operating Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT) [Cm. 3367] [Mr Secretary Lang].

29 Transport,—Department of Transport Minute, dated 23rd August 1996, concerning a contingent liability consequent on borrowing by the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust Fund [Secretary Sir George Young].

30 Treaty Series (No. 64, 1996),—Notes exchanged at Lomé on 20th September and 25th October 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Togo concerning certain commercial debts (United Kingdom/Togo Debt Agreement No. 10 (1995)) [Cm. 3312] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

32 Treaty Series (No. 66, 1996),—Agreement, done at London on 10th February 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ukraine concerning air services [Cm. 3331] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

33 Treaty Series (No. 67, 1996),—Annex I to the Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions of 12th August 1949, relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I) (Annex I, Regulations concerning Identification, as amended on 30th November 1993) [Cm. 3332] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

34 Treaty Series (No. 68, 1996),—Agreement, done at London on 23rd April 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Mongolia on co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture [Cm. 3333] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

35 Treaty Series (No. 69, 1996),—First Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, Etc., for 1996 [Cm. 3364] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

36 Treaty Series (No. 70, 1996),—Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, Etc., for 1996 [Cm. 3383] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

37 Treaty Series (No. 71, 1996),—Notes exchanged 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 [Cm. 3334] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

38 Treaty Series (No. 73, 1996),—Protocol, done at London on 7th September 1995, amending the Convention between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on estates of deceased persons and inheritances and on gifts, signed at The Hague on 11th December 1979 [Cm. 3336] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

39 Treaty Series (No. 74, 1996),—Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 11th April 1984, amending the Annex to the Statute of the European School laying down the Regulations for the European Baccalaureate [Cm. 3337] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

40 Treaty Series (No. 76, 1996),—Trademark Law Treaty and Regulations, done at Geneva on 27th October 1994 [Cm. 3348] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

41 Treaty Series (No. 77, 1996),—Notes exchanged at Algiers on 18th February 1996, 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 certain commercial debts (the United Kingdom/Algeria Debt Agreement No. 2 (1995)) [Cm. 3352] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

42 Treaty Series (No. 78, 1996),—Headquarters Agreement, done at London on 30th May 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992 [Cm. 3354] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

43 Treaty Series (No. 79, 1996),—Agreement, done at Mexico City on 26th February 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning mutual assistance in the investigation, restraint and confiscation of the proceeds of crime other than drug trafficking [Cm. 3358] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

44 Turkmenistan (No. 1, 1996),—Agreement, done at Ashgabad on 9th February 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Turkmenistan concerning air services [Cm. 3338] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

45 United States (No. 2, 1996),—Supplementary Agreement, done at London on 6th June 1996, amending the Agreement on Social Security between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America with Supplementary Administrative Agreement [Cm. 3374] [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:

25th July 1996


(2) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Cairngorms Straths) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1963),


(6) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Shetland Islands) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1965),

(7) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Stewartry) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1967), and

dated 22nd July 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


50 National Health Service,—North Tees Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1858), dated 17th July 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

51 Social Security,—Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1889), dated 19th July 1996 [Mr Secretary Lilley].


26th July 1996


29th July 1996


56 Family Law,—Divorce etc (Pensions) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1901), dated 18th July 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

57 Housing,—Housing Accommodation and Homelessness (Persons subject to Immigration Control) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1982), dated 29th July 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer].

30th July 1996


31st July 1996


1st August 1996


2nd August 1996

64 Education.—(1) Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2035), and

(2) Education (Grants) (Music, Ballet and Choir Schools) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2036),
dated 31st July 1996 [Mrs Secretary Shephard].


68 Police.—(1) Royal Ulster Constabulary (Discipline and Disciplinary Appeals) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 343), and

(2) Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Part-time) (Discipline and Disciplinary Appeals) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 344),
dated 31st July 1996 [Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew].

5th August 1996


71 Post Office.—Postal Privilege (Suspension) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2045), dated 5th August 1996 [Mr Secretary Lang].


73 Water.—Control of Pollution (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2044), dated 3rd August 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer].

6th August 1996

74 Education.—(1) Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1640), dated 29th July 1996 [Mrs Secretary Shephard]; and

75 National Health Service.—National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2051), dated 5th August 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

76 Northern Ireland,—(1) Education (Student Loans) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1918), and
(2) Personal Social Services (Direct Payments) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1923),
dated 23rd July 1996 [Mr Tony Newton].

77 Road Traffic.—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1997), dated 23rd July 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young].

7th August 1996

78 Education,—(1) Education (Grant-maintained and Grant-maintained Special Schools) (Finance) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1911), dated 5th August 1996, and
[Mr Secretary Hague].

79 Health and Safety,—(1) Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Application to Environmentally Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2075), dated 7th August 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young]; and


81 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2064), dated 22nd July 1996, and
[Secretary Sir George Young].


8th August 1996

83 Immigration,—Immigration (Transit Visa) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2065), dated 5th August 1996 [Mr Secretary Howard].

84 National Health Service,—(1) Manchester Children’s Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2033), and
(2) Salford Royal Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2032),
dated 2nd August 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

85 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hampshire, City of Winchester) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2017), dated 1st August 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young].

9th August 1996

86 Education,—(1) Brunel College of Arts and Technology and South Bristol College (Dissolution) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2084), dated 6th August 1996 [Mrs Secretary Shephard];
(2) Education (Grant-maintained Schools) (Initial Governing Instruments) (Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2049), dated 31st July 1996 [Mrs Secretary Shephard];


(8) Education (School Inspection) (Wales) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1934), dated 31st July 1996 [Mr Secretary Hague]; and


(88) Fire Services,—(1) Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2096), dated 8th August 1996 [Mr Secretary Howard]; and

(2) Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2091), dated 6th August 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


(2) Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (Driver Training) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2094),

(3) Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2095),

(4) Carriage of Dangerous Goods (Classification, Packaging and Labelling) and Use of Transportable Pressure Receptacles Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2092),

(5) Carriage of Explosives by Road Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2093), and

(6) Packaging, Labelling and Carriage of Radioactive Material by Rail Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2090), dated 8th August 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young].

(91) Highways,—Dartford-Thurrock Crossing (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2047), dated 5th August 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young].


(93) National Health Service,—National Health Service (Functions of Health Authorities in England) (General Dental Services Incentive Schemes) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2069), dated 7th August 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

(94) National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2060), dated 5th August 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

(95) Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2085), dated 8th August 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young].

12th August 1996

(96) Agriculture,—(1) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Blackdown Hills) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2106),

(2) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Cotswold Hills) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2107),

(3) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Dartmoor) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2110),

(4) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Essex Coast) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2108),

(5) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Shropshire Hills) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2109), and


13th August 1996


14th August 1996


16th August 1996


19th August 1996

104 Immigration,—Immigration (Restricted Right of Appeal Against Deportation) (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2145), dated 16th August 1996 [Mr Secretary Howard].

21st August 1996


22nd August 1996


23rd August 1996

(2) Medicines (Exemptions from Licences) (Revocation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2195), and

27th August 1996

110 European Communities,—EC Competition Law (Articles 88 and 89) Enforcement Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2199), dated 23rd August 1996 [Mr Secretary Lang].


113 Pensions,—(1) Local Government Pension Scheme (Crown Prosecution Service) (Transfer of Pension Rights) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2180), dated 20th August 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer]; and


29th August 1996


116 Road Traffic,—Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Temporary Use in Great Britain) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2185), dated 22nd August 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young].

30th August 1996

117 Landlord and Tenant,—Assured and Protected Tenancies (Lettings to Students) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2198), dated 22nd August 1996 [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

2nd September 1996


119 Education,—Education (Transfer of Functions Relating to Grant-maintained Schools) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2247), dated 2nd September 1996 [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

120 Education (Scotland),—(1) Scottish Qualifications Authority (Establishment) (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2248), and

(2) Scottish Qualifications Authority (Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2249),

dated 22nd August 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

3rd September 1996

121 Agriculture,—Bovine Products (Despatch to other Member States) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2265), dated 3rd September 1996 [Mr Douglas Hogg].

4th September 1996

122 Housing,—Housing (Change of Landlord) (Payment of Disposal Cost by Instalments) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2228), dated 28th August 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5th September 1996

123 National Health Service,—(1) Bridgend and District National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2260), dated 23rd August 1996 [Mr Secretary Hague];

(2) National Health Service (Transitional Functions of Health Authorities) (Administration Arrangements) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2285), dated 4th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell]; and


6th September 1996

125 Education,—Education (Grant-maintained Special Schools) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2303), dated 3rd September 1996 [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

9th September 1996


127 Landlord and Tenant,—Rent Assessment Committee (England and Wales) (Leasehold Valuation Tribunal) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2305), dated 6th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer].

128 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 411), and
(2) Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 410),
dated 2nd September 1996 [Mr Gary Streeter].


10th September 1996


132 Education,—(1) Teachers' Superannuation (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2269), and
(2) Teachers' Superannuation (Provision of Information and Administrative Expenses etc.) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2282),
dated 29th August 1996 [Mrs Secretary Shephard].

133 Housing,—(1) Housing Act 1996 (Consequential Provisions) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2325), dated 9th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer]; and
(2) Social Landlords (Permissible Additional Purposes or Objects) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2256), dated 6th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Hague].


(2) Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2330), dated 9th September 1996,
(3) Road Traffic (Special Parking Area) (City of Westminster) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2284), dated 2nd September 1996, and
(4) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2329), dated 9th September 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young].

11th September 1996

136 Channel Tunnel,—Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2283), dated 2nd September 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young].

137 National Health Service,—Special Trustees for the Middlesex Hospital (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2263), dated 2nd September 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


140 Landlord and Tenant,—Tenants’ Rights of First Refusal (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2371), dated 12th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer].

141 National Health Service (Scotland),—(1) National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2353), and (2) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2354), dated 9th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


144 National Health Service,—(1) North Hampshire, Loddon Community National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2384), and (2) Teddington Memorial Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2385), dated 11th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


147 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2309), (2) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2308), and (3) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2307), dated 2nd September 1996 [Mr Gary Streeter].


149 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2391), dated 12th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


(4) Social Security (Credits and Contributions) (Jobseeker’s Allowance Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2367), dated 11th September 1996, and


[Mr Secretary Lilley].

17th September 1996

151 Council Tax,—Community Charge and Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) (Jobseeker’s Allowance) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2405), dated 16th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer].

152 National Health Service,—(1) Community Health Services, Southern Derbyshire National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2359), and
(2) Solihull Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2360), dated 10th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

18th September 1996


19th September 1996


156 Medicines,—Medicines (Data Sheet) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2420), dated 18th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


20th September 1996

158 National Health Service,—National Health Service Pension Scheme (Provision of Information and Administrative Expenses etc.) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2424), dated 18th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


23rd September 1996

160 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2444), dated 19th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

161 Road Traffic,—A1 (Old Craighall Roundabout to East of Haddington) Special Road Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2448), dated 17th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

162 Social Security,—Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2407), dated 16th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

24th September 1996

163 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Consolidation and Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2447), dated 19th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

164 Social Security,—(1) Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2432), and

25th September 1996


166 Food,—Dairy Products (Hygiene) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2465), dated 23rd September 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


168 Merchant Shipping,—(1) Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) (Amendment) Rules 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2419), and

(2) Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2418), dated 16th September 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young].

26th September 1996


27th September 1996


171 Family Law,—Social Security (Adjudication) and Child Support Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2450), dated 23rd September 1996 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

30th September 1996

172 Education (Scotland).—Teachers (Compensation for Premature Retirement and Redundancy) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2317), dated 29th August 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


174 National Health Service,—(1) Optimum Health Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2462),

(2) Plymouth Community Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2463), dated 23rd September 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

1st October 1996

175 Children and Young Persons,—Northbrook Instrument of Management (Variation) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2467), dated 24th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

2nd October 1996


3rd October 1996


4th October 1996

183 Social Security.—(1) Child Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2530), dated 3rd October 1996, and
   (2) Social Security (Jobseeker’s Allowance and Payments on Account) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2519), dated 2nd October 1996 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

7th October 1996


8th October 1996


187 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Capital Finance) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2539), dated 7th October 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer].

188 Social Security.—Social Security and Child Support (Jobseeker’s Allowance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2538), dated 7th October 1996 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

9th October 1996


10th October 1996


193 Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2540), dated 1st October 1996 [Secretary Sir George Young].

194 Health and Safety.—Gas Safety (Installation and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2541), dated 3rd October 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer].

195 Insolvency.—(1) Insolvent Companies (Disqualification of Unfit Directors) Proceedings (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 471), and

26th October 1996


197 Immigration.—(1) Immigration (Excluding Classes from Certain Classes) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 486), and

23rd November 1996

198 Criminal Law (Scotland).—Omnibus (Miscellaneous) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2576), dated 14th October 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


27th November 1996

196 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Aid and Assistance (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 483), and
   (2) Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R.(N.I.), 1996, No. 482),
dated 8th October 1996 [Mr Gary Streeter].


11th October 1996


204 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—(1) Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2555), and
   (2) Legal Aid in Contempt of Court Proceedings (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2550),
dated 3rd October 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

205 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (The Julie Rose Stadium) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2534), dated 3rd October 1996 [Mr Secretary Gummer].

206 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2574), dated 10th October 1996 [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

207 National Health Service (Scotland),—National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2556), dated 8th October 1996 [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

208 Social Security,—(1) Income-related Benefits and Jobseeker's Allowance (Personal Allowances for Children and Young Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2545), and
   (2) Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2544),
dated 7th October 1996 [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Other Papers:

15th August 1996


3rd September 1996

210 Public Health,—Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish and Plants) (Partial Revocation No. 4) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1957), dated 29th August 1996 [Mr Secretary Hague].
12th September 1996

211 Public Health,—Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish and Plants) (Partial Revocation No. 5) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2355), dated 11th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Hague].

17th September 1996

212 Coroners,—Cornwall (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2403), dated 8th September 1996 [Mr Secretary Howard].

25th September 1996


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 14th October 1996:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

214 Immigration,—Draft Asylum (Designated Countries of Destination and Designated Safe Third Countries) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

215 Building and Buildings,—Building Standards (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2251), dated 22nd August 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


220 Social Security,—(1) Jobseeker's Allowance (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2567), and
(2) Social Security (Back to Work Bonus) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2570)
dated 10th October 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

221 Transport,—Railtrack Group PLC (Target Investment Limit) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2551), dated 8th October 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

Other Papers:

222 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies,—Cabinet Office Minutes, dated 14th October 1996, concerning contingent liabilities consequent upon the privatisation of—
(1) Chessington Computer Centre,
(2) Her Majesty's Stationery Office (HMSO), and
(3) Recruitment and Assessment Services (RAS)
[by Command] [Mr Roger Freeman].

223 Census,—Census Monitor for New Parliamentary Constituencies in Scotland for 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

224 Civil Aviation Authority,—Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority for 1995-96 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

225 College Charter,—Petition, draft Charter and Statutes relating to the incorporation by Royal Charter of St. Edmund's College, Cambridge [by Act] [Mr Tony Newton].

226 County Courts,—Civil Courts (Amendment No. 3) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2579), dated 10th October 1996 [by Act] [Mr Gary Streeter].
227 Criminal Statistics,—Paper, entitled Statistical Bulletin: Recorded Crimes and Offences Involving Firearms, Scotland 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

228 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 14th October 1996, concerning the alteration of a contingent liability consequent on a contract with the Services Sound and Vision Corporation for the provision of broadcasting services [by Command] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

229 Defence (Royal Air Force),—Order amending Royal Air Force pensions and allowances payable in respect of disability [by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

230 Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of Highlands and Islands Enterprise for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

231 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Offences of Dishonesty: Money Transfers [by Act]; to be printed [No. 690] [Mr Gary Streeter].

232 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance,—Account of the Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) for 1994-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 700] [Clerk of the House].


234 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the National Museum of Wales for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 692] [Clerk of the House].

235 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) South and West Regional Health Authority: Disposal of SWift, and
   (2) The Department of Trade and Industry Redundancy Payments Service: Management and Recovery of Debt [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 694 and 695] [Clerk of the House].

236 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantee, given by the Secretary of State for Health—
   (1) on 7th October 1996 on borrowing by Nuffield Orthopaedic National Health Service Trust, and
   (2) on 10th October 1996 on borrowing by—
      (i) Lifecare National Health Service Trust, and
      (ii) Milton Keynes General Hospitals National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].


238 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Report and Financial Statements of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].


240 Parliamentary Commissioner,—Seventh Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1995-96, on Selected Cases 1996: Volume 4 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 696] [Clerk of the House].

241 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Wales on the Petition [16th July] from residents of Neath for the safeguarding of publicly funded nursery education [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

242 Railways,—Reports of—
   (1) the Central Rail Users' Consultative Committee, and
   (2) the Rail Users' Consultative Committee for Scotland for 1995-96 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].
243 Registration Service.—Mortality Statistics and Review of the Registrar General on deaths by cause, sex and age in England and Wales for 1993 (revised) and 1994 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

244 Reserve Forces.—Statements by—

(1) the Minister of State for the Armed Forces under section 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 on the call-out of—

(i) members of the Territorial Army and Army Reserve,
(ii) personnel of the Air Force Reserve, and
(iii) personnel of the Air Force Reserve, and

(2) 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,
(ii) an officer of the Royal Naval Reserve, and
(iii) members of the Territorial Army

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Portillo].

245 Severn Bridges.—Report and Accounts of Severn River Crossing PLC for 1995 [by Act] [Secretary Sir George Young].

246 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:

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish and Plants) (Partial Revocation No. 4) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 1957)

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish and Plants) (Partial Revocation No. 5) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2355)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

247 Transport (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of—

(1) Caledonian MacBrayne Limited, and
(2) David MacBrayne Limited

for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

248 United Kingdom Ecolabelling Board,—Accounts of the United Kingdom Ecolabelling Board for 1995-96 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Health,—(1) Third Report from the Health Committee [Long-Term Care: Future Provision and Funding], 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 [ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (Select committees (adjournment of the House))][No. 59]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 698]

[Mrs Marion Roe].

MEMORANDUM

European Standing Committees,—European Community Document No. 9961/96, relating to The Merger Regulation, has been referred to European Standing Committee B in place of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 12th July, which was referred on 17th July.
Tuesday 15th October 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 (Notice of third reading) be suspended and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

2 King’s College London Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the King’s College London Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 22nd October.

3 Accounts and Papers (see Appendix I).

4 Select Committees (see Appendix II).

5 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Sir James Molyneaux reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the proposal for the draft regional strategy for health and social well-being 1997-2002, referred to it on 13th March, and the matter of the 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th and 39th reports from the Examiner of Statutory Rules, referred to it on 23rd July, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 702].

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. 9961/96 relating to the merger regulation; and supports the Government’s intention to look closely at the rationale of any proposal for significant further transfer of merger control to the European Commission, but not to rule out the possibility of a limited transfer.

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 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

8 Scottish Grand Committee,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 703].

9 Welsh Grand Committee,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 704].

10 Class Size (Reduction).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the numbers of children taught in classes in schools—(Mr Harry Cohen);

And the Question 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):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Mike Gapes, Mildred Gordon, Helen Jackson, Mr Ken Livingstone, Alice Mahon, Mr Peter L. Pike, Mr Gerry Steinberg and Mr David Winnick do prepare and bring in the Bill.

11 Class Size (Reduction) Bill.—Mr Harry Cohen accordingly presented a Bill to reduce the numbers of children taught in classes in schools: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 189].
12 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 1996 contained in Cm. 3223;

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 1996; condemns the instability caused to Britain's armed forces by Government mismanagement; recognises that the UK defence industry is a strategic national asset in both defence and economic terms; notes that the shortfall in the strength of the British Army numbers 4000 personnel; is concerned that the resulting overstretch is undermining the morale and operational effectiveness of the armed forces; condemns the manner in which the defence forces and defence industry are being run down in an ad hoc and piecemeal way; recognises that the armed forces and defence industry require a long-term strategic overview which can only be achieved through the establishment of a strategic defence review; condemns the continued financial waste and mismanagement by Ministers; urges the Government to take action to address the world landmine crisis and to ban the export, import and transfer of all forms of anti-personnel landmine; urges a positive approach to the comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty negotiations; and congratulates the work carried out by British forces in the defence of Britain and her interests in helping to maintain international stability in peacekeeping operations throughout the world', 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 John Cummings, Mr Thomas McAvoy: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 290.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Resolved, That this House approves the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1996 contained in Cm. 3223.

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 Motion in the name of Secretary Sir George Young relating to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Peter Ainsworth):—It was agreed to.

14 Asylum.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That the draft Asylum (Designated Countries of Destination and Designated Safe Third Countries) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 14th October, be approved—(Ann Widdecombe);

And it being One and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14B (Proceedings under an Act or on European Community documents).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Richard Ottaway: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Eric Clarke: 236.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Asylum (Designated Countries of Destination and Designated Safe Third Countries) Order 1996, which was laid before this House on 14th October, be approved.

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15 Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill.—Ordered, 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 to this House in the next Session in the same terms as those in which the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill stood at the last stage of its proceeding in this House in this Session—

(a) the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first, second and third time; and
(b) the Standing Orders and practice of the House applicable to the Bill, so far as complied with or (in the case of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business)
dispensed with in this Session or in the Session 1994–95, shall be deemed to have been complied with or (as the case may be) dispensed with in the next Session;

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr John Watts).

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

16 Sittings of the House,—Resolved, That this House do meet on Thursday 17th October at half-past Nine o'clock.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin).

17 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin);

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 to One o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.48 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Broadcasting,—Draft Channel 4 (Application of Excess Revenues) Order 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

2 Ecclesiastical Law,—Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 1996 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Bottomley].

3 Family Law,—Draft Child Support Departure Direction and Consequential Amendments Regulations 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lilley].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Acquisition of Land,—Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley (Oakwell Regeneration Area) Compulsory Purchase Order 1994, dated 5th July 1996, together with a certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 2(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

5 Agriculture,—Marketing Development (Limitation) Scheme 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2629), dated 14th October 1996 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].


7 Local Government,—Local Government Changes (Rent Act Registration Areas) Order 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2547), dated 7th October 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Other Papers:

8 Agricultural Marketing,—Report and Accounts of Food From Britain for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].


10 Atomic Energy Authority,—Report and Accounts of British Nuclear Fuels plc for 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

11 Companies,—Report of the Department of Trade and Industry on companies in 1995–96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

12 Criminal Justice,—Report of the Parole Board for the period 1st January 1995 to 31st March 1996 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 506] [Mr Secretary Howard].

13 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Meteorological Office for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 550] [Mr Secretary Portillo].
Deregulation,—Proposal by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 for the draft Deregulation (Casinos) Order 1997, together with an explanatory memorandum [by Act] [Mr Secretary Howard].

Fisheries,—Report and Accounts of the Sea Fish Industry Authority for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

Gas,—Texts of—

(1) the Public Gas Transporter Licence treated as granted under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 to British Gas public limited company, and

(2) the Supplier Licence treated as granted under section 7a (1) (a) and (b) of the Gas Act 1986 to British Gas Trading Limited, and Shipper Licence treated as granted under section 7a (2) of the Gas Act 1986 to British Gas Trading Limited [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments,—Report of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland for 1995-96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 691] [Mr Secretary Forsyth].

Industrial Organisation and Development,— (1) Report and Accounts of the Horticultural Development Council for the period 1st October 1994 to 30th September 1995, and

(2) Report and Accounts of the Milk Development Council for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Hogg].

Local Government,—Report and Accounts of the Residuary Body for Wales for the period 1st February 1995 to 31st March 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

Local Government, Planning and Land,—Financial Statements of the Central Manchester Development Corporation for the period 1st April 1996 to 28th June 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Miscellaneous Financial Provisions,— (1) Report and Accounts of the Northern Development Company for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang];

(2) Report and Accounts of the Rural Development Commission for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer];

(3) Report and Accounts of East Midlands Development Company Limited for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang];

(4) Report and Accounts of INWARD (Agency for Investment into North West England) for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang];

(5) Report and Accounts of London First Centre for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang];

(6) Report and Accounts of Yorkshire and Humberside Development Agency for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang];

(7) Report and Accounts of Devon and Cornwall Development International for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang]; and

(8) Report and Accounts of The West of England Development Agency Limited for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Good Stewardship: National Audit Office Examinations of Value for Money at Grant-Maintained Schools 1995-96 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 697] [Clerk of the House].

National Lottery,—Report of the Arts Council of Wales National Lottery Distribution Activities for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hague].

New Towns,—Report and Accounts of the Commission for the New Towns for 1995-96 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Gummer].

Primary Care,—Paper, entitled Choice and Opportunity, Primary Care: The Future [by Command] [Cm. 3390] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

Transport,—Department of Transport Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the franchise agreements between the franchisees and the Franchising Director for the operation of passenger rail services and those in certain associated direct agreements [by Command] [Secretary Sir George Young].
27 Ukraine (No. 2, 1996).—Agreement, done at Kiev on 18th April 1996, between the
Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
Government of the Ukraine concerning mutual assistance in relation to drug trafficking
[by Command] [Cm. 3375] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the
Education and Employment Committee on 15th October; to be printed [No. 626-ii] [Sir
Malcolm Thornton].

2 National Heritage.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the National Heritage Committee on
15th October; to be printed [No. 476-vii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory
Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No.
34-xxix] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 15th October;
to be printed [No. 706-i] [Mr Paul Channon].

[No. 145.]

Wednesday 16th October 1996.

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

PRAYERS.

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

And it being Two o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed,
without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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 Public Order (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have come to a Resolution in respect of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill,
namely, That if a Bill in the same terms as those in which the Channel Tunnel Rail Link
Bill stood when it was brought to the House of Lords from the House of Commons in
this Session of Parliament is brought to the House of Lords from the House of Commons
in the next Session—

(a) the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time and to have
been reported from the Select Committee with Amendments; and

(b) the Standing Orders of the House of Lords applicable to the Bill, so far as complied
with or dispensed with in this Session or in the Session 1994-95, shall be deemed to have
been complied with or (as the case may be) dispensed with in the next Session.

5 European Standing Committee A,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European
Standing Committee A be printed [No. 705].

6 European Standing Committee B,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European
Standing Committee B be printed [No. 706].

7 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the
Accommodation and Works Committee be printed [No. 715].

8 Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Administration
Committee be printed [No. 716].
9 Agriculture,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Agriculture Committee be printed [No. 717].

10 Broadcasting,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Broadcasting Committee be printed [No. 718].

11 Catering,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Catering Committee be printed [No. 719].

12 Defence,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Defence Committee be printed [No. 720].

13 Education and Employment,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Education and Employment Committee be printed [No. 721].

14 Environment,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environment Committee be printed [No. 722].

15 Finance and Services,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance and Services Committee be printed [No. 723].

16 Foreign Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Foreign Affairs Committee be printed [No. 724].

17 Health,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Health Committee be printed [No. 725].

18 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Home Affairs Committee be printed [No. 726].

19 Information,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Information Committee be printed [No. 727].

20 National Heritage,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the National Heritage Committee be printed [No. 728].

21 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee be printed [No. 729].

22 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration be printed [No. 730].

23 Procedure,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Procedure Committee be printed [No. 731].

24 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Public Accounts be printed [No. 732].

25 Public Service,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Public Service Committee be printed [No. 733].

26 Science and Technology,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Science and Technology Committee be printed [No. 734].

27 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Affairs Committee be printed [No. 735].

28 Social Security,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Social Security Committee be printed [No. 736].

29 Standards and Privileges,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on Standards and Privileges be printed [No. 737].

30 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. 738].

31 Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 739].
32 Trade and Industry,—**Ordered**, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Trade and Industry Committee be printed [No. 740].

33 Transport,—**Ordered**, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Transport Committee be printed [No. 741].

34 Treasury,—**Ordered**, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Treasury Committee be printed [No. 742].

35 Welsh Affairs,—**Ordered**, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Affairs Committee be printed [No. 743].

36 Scottish Parliament,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to introduce a Scottish Parliament in accordance with the scheme proposed by the Scottish Constitutional Convention—*Maria Fyfe*;

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 John Maxton, Mr Norman Hogg: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bill Walker, Mr John Marshall: 46.

So the Question was agreed to.

**Ordered**, That Maria Fyfe, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr David Marshall, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Eric Clarke, Mr Ernie Rose, Mr William McKelvey, Mr Mike Watson, Mr George Foulkes, Mrs Ray Michie, Alice Mahon and Mr Harry Cohen do prepare and bring in the Bill.

37 Scottish Parliament Bill,—Maria Fyfe accordingly presented a Bill to introduce a Scottish Parliament in accordance with the scheme proposed by the Scottish Constitutional Convention: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 190].

38 Privilege,Complaint having been made by Mr Andrew Miller, Member for Ellesmere Port and Neston, of alleged improper pressure brought to bear on the Select Committee on Members' Interests in 1994;

**Ordered**, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee on Standards and Privileges. *(Mr Andrew Miller.)*

39 Public Accounts,—**Resolved**, That this House takes note of the 41st to 47th Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1994-95, of the 1st to 41st Reports of Session 1995-96; and of the Treasury Minutes and Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memoranda on these Reports (Cm. 3166, 3167, 3172, 3189, 3222, 3243, 3279, 3298, 3327, 3373, 3379 and 3384) with particular reference to the following Reports of Session 1995-96:

*First, Child Support Agency (House of Commons Paper No. 31);*

*Sixth, A Review of the Financial Controls over Indirectly Funded Operations of the Metropolitan Police Service (House of Commons Paper No. 109);*


*Thirty-first, Ministry of Defence: Management of Works of Art (House of Commons Paper No. 337);*

*Thirty-eighth, Lord Chancellor’s Department and the Court Service: Handling Small Claims in the County Courts (House of Commons Paper No. 410);* and

*Forty-first, Evaluating the Applications to run the National Lottery and the Director General’s Travel and Hospitality Arrangements (House of Commons Paper No. 96).* —*(Mr Robert Sheldon.)*

40 The Merger Regulation,—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. 9961/96, relating to the merger regulation; and supports the Government’s intention to look closely at the rationale of any proposal for significant further transfer of merger control to the European
Commission, but not to rule out the possibility of a limited transfer—(Mrs Jacqui Lait)—It was agreed to.

41 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Jacqui Lait.)

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

[Adjaorned at 9.41 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection,—Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) (Consolidation) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2635), dated 15th October 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Lang].


3 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Manufactured Overseas Dividends) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1996 (S.I., 1996, No. 2643), dated 16th October 1996,

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9 Health,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Health Committee, Session 1995–96, on Allocation of Resources to Health Authorities [by Command] [Cm. 3394] [Mr Secretary Dorrell].

10 Home Affairs,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1995-96, on Judicial Appointment Procedures [by Command] [Cm. 3387] [Mr Gary Streeter].

11 Local Government (Scotland),—Accounts of—

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12 National Audit,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Award of the First Three Passenger Rail Franchises [by Act]; to be printed [No. 701] [Clerk of the House].


14 Superannuation,—Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1996 (No. 4) [by Act] [Mr Roger Freeman].

15 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Laboratory of the Government Chemist for 1995-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 638] [Mr Secretary Lang].

16 Treaty Series (No. 80, 1996),—Notes exchanged at Kampala on 28th February 1996 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Uganda concerning certain commercial debts (the United Kingdom/Uganda Debt Agreement No. 6 (1995)) [by Command] [Cm. 3377] [Mr Secretary Rifkind].

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1 Agriculture,—(1) Second Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Reply to the First Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96, (The UK Dairy Industry and the CAP Dairy Regime)], with an Appendix; to be printed [No. 708]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee
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2 Defence,—Seventh Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Reply to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96, on Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding]; to be printed [No. 709] [Mr Michael Colvin].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Employment Committee on 16th October; to be printed [No. 657-i] [Sir Malcolm Thornton].

4 European Legislation,—Twenty-ninth Report from the Select Committee on European Legislation; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 51-xxix] [Sir David Knox].

5 Home Affairs,—Second Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Government Observations on the First Report from the Committee, Session 1994-95, on the private security industry]; to be printed [No. 744] [Sir Ivan Lawrence].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Second Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Response by the Government to the First Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96, on The Planning System in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 707] [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 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. 390];

(2) Third Special Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1995-96, on the Report of the Health Service Ombudsman for 1994-95]; to be printed [No. 710]; and

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

1. European Community Document No. 9654/96, relating to the Community's railways, together with No. 10003/95, referred on 22nd November 1995, to European Standing Committee A; and

2. European Community Documents Nos. 5147/96, relating to take over bids, and 9573/96, relating to protection against third country legislation, to European Standing Committee B.

Thursday 17th October 1996.

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:—

Public Order (Amendment) Act 1996
London Local Authorities Act 1996.

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 Excellency the President of France in May and the President of the Republic of South Africa in July. We remember with great pleasure our State Visits to Poland and the Czech Republic in March.

My Government were pleased to receive the President of the United States of America in London and Northern Ireland in November.
My Government have continued to make provision for the defence of the United Kingdom and our allies and for the promotion of international peace and stability. The United Kingdom was among the leading participants in peace support operations.

An Act has been passed to bring the law governing our Reserve Forces up to date, and permitting them to be used more flexibly.

My Government have continued to support the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and assumed the Presidency of the Western European Union between January and June. They welcomed the decisions on European security and defence at the Berlin meeting of the North Atlantic Council.


An Act was passed to implement the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention in the United Kingdom, following which my Government ratified the Convention. They welcomed the opening for signature of a verifiable Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

A leading role was played by my Government in securing the peace agreement for Bosnia and Herzegovina, which was signed in Paris. They held a conference in London which mapped out a strategy for implementing the agreement. In addition to contributing to the diplomatic effort to bring peace and stability to the region, they maintained over 9,000 Service men and women in the former Yugoslavia throughout the year as part of the NATO led military implementation force. My Government also contributed substantially to reconstruction projects to restore basic utilities for the people of Bosnia and rebuild their country. They helped to ensure the holding of elections supervised by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe in furtherance of the Dayton Peace Agreement.

In the European Union, my Government promoted policies aimed at increasing competitiveness and sustainable economic growth. They participated in meetings of the Intergovernmental Conference and in preparations for Economic and Monetary Union. They worked to encourage sound financial management in the European Community. They continued to support strongly the enlargement of the European Union, and welcomed the association agreement with Slovenia. A British team of observers participated at the Russian Presidential elections.

My Government worked for free trade through continuing negotiations within the World Trade Organisation, through the "New Transatlantic Agenda" agreed between the European Union and the United States, and through EU and bilateral contacts with Japan and other trading partners. Support continued for the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia in their transition to democratic market economies, through the Know How Fund and with our European Union partners.

My Government contributed fully to the first Summit of Asian and European nations, held in Bangkok, which marked an important development in relations between the two regions. In the interests of the people of Hong Kong, my Government continued to work towards a successful transfer of sovereignty to China in 1997.

Reducing poverty in the poorest countries remained a priority. My Government's advocacy of multilateral debt relief for the poorest, most indebted nations contributed to new arrangements being adopted by the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Paris Club of bilateral creditors.

Vigorous action continued to be taken to protect the environment, and against terrorism, drugs, money laundering and organised crime, in the United Kingdom and overseas. Legislation was passed to enable the Security Service to act in support of the police and other law enforcement agencies against serious crime. An Act has been passed, giving the police additional powers to combat terrorism.

In Northern Ireland my Government have continued to work towards a political settlement, based on a policy of dialogue with all the parties in Northern Ireland which are committed to peaceful and democratic methods and in co-operation with the Irish Government. They have maintained progress towards the improvement of economic and social conditions.

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 created the conditions for sustained economic growth, rising prosperity and falling unemployment while
maintaining low inflation. Measures have been taken to ensure that the public sector borrowing requirement continues to fall.

My Government showed their commitment to improving the nation's competitiveness through the White Paper "Competitiveness: Creating the Enterprise Centre of Europe." The United Kingdom continues to be the most successful country in the European Union in attracting inward investment. Legislation was passed to improve the system of arbitration for business and other users. Over 400 deregulatory proposals were brought forward.

My Government continued to pursue a programme of privatisation including the successful sale of British Energy and Railtrack. They made progress with public sector reform and involving the private sector in the delivery of public services.

An Act has been passed to provide a framework for the introduction of digital terrestrial broadcasting and to liberalise the regulation of cross-media ownership.

My Government have intensified action to eradicate BSE in the United Kingdom; have introduced vigorous measures in response to the market crisis in beef; and have secured European Union arrangements to support these efforts and a framework for lifting the beef export ban.

The criminal justice system has been strengthened through legislation to improve procedures in criminal cases, including those for prosecution and defence disclosure.

An Act has been passed to streamline the handling of asylum applications, to strengthen enforcement of immigration control and to restrict access to social benefits by people from abroad.

Legislation has been passed to make better provision for housing, taking forward my Government's strategy of continued growth in home ownership, provision of affordable social housing and a sustained revival in private renting; and to improve dispute resolution and payment procedures in the construction industry.

An Act has been passed to expand provision of nursery education and to allow grant maintained schools to borrow to improve their buildings.

Legislation was passed to enable local authorities to make payments to groups of people who want to purchase their own community care.

An Act has been passed which reforms the ground for divorce, introduces mediation into family proceedings and improves the law on domestic violence. Further law reform measures have been enacted.

In Scotland legislation was enacted to reform education and training and to improve the conservation and control of wild deer.

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 now been read we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her Majesty's Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday the twenty-third day of this instant October to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the twenty-third day of this instant October.

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